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## Red Signatures Hard to Obtain Under New Law

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Sept. 27 — (AP) — Under the anti-Communist law—it became law Saturday—Communists are supposed to register with the government.

They are supposed to do that within 30 days of the time when the act became law, or 30 days from Sept. 23. But leaders of the Communist party said Saturday night they will refuse to register.

Can they—at the end of the 30 days or in fact any other time—be jailed or fined or punished in any way for refusing to register within 30 days of Sept. 23?

No. They not only cannot be punished for this refusal, but they cannot be arrested or even questioned about it. Is the government then helpless to make the Communists register at all?

No. Under the new law—once the 30 days are up and the Communists haven't registered—there is legal machinery the government can use to make them register. It calls for findings by a new subversive activities control board, reviewable by the courts.

### Forces Registration

But—this doesn't mean the government puts the Communists on trial for refusing to register. It means only that the government uses legal machinery to force them to register.

If at the end of all that the Communists still refused, they could be arrested and tried for refusing. And that would mean a trial and long court fight.

So altogether it may be three or four years before any Communist could be sent to the penitentiary for refusing to register under the act which became law Saturday when Congress overrode President Truman's veto.

All this seems something else, too.

The new law says that Communists and members of Communist front organizations can't work for the government and that Communists can't work in defense plants.

### No Propaganda

It says further that Communists and Communist frontiers can't put out propaganda—by mail, radio or television—without distinctly labeling it as coming from Communists.

And the law says that anyone violating these orders can be jailed and fined. But—

None of this applies until the government has gone through the legal machinery mentioned above. So, until all that is finished—maybe three or four years from now—it won't be possible to punish any Communist who may work for the government, or in a defense plant, or who may put out propaganda without a Communist label.

If you read the law you could see why the Communists would not register under this law.

The law says there is a world-wide conspiracy of Communism to take over every country. It says this conspiracy is directed by a "foreign power," meaning Russia.

### "Action Groups"

This foreign power, the law says, sets up "action organizations" in various countries to help carry out the world-wide conspiracy. And—it says these action organizations are controlled by the foreign power.

In turn, the law goes on, these Communist "action" organizations set up Communist "front" organizations to help carry out their plans.

The difference between a Communist action organization and a Communist front—under the definition given by the new law—is this:

• Action organization—It's secretly planning forceful overthrow of a government, and directed and controlled by the foreign power, Russia.

• Communist front—This is controlled by the action organization, to help carry out its plans, but may have members who are innocent of its real purposes.

### Difference

(So with the new law the basic difference between the two is this: a Communist action organization is made up of Communists; a front outfit is really run by Communists but may have non-Communist members or even members who don't know it's tied up with Communists at all.)

The Communist party in the United States is made up entirely of Communists. But if the party members stepped up and registered as an "action organization" they would be admitting:

• That they were directed and controlled by Moscow.

• That they were really plotting to overthrow this government by force.

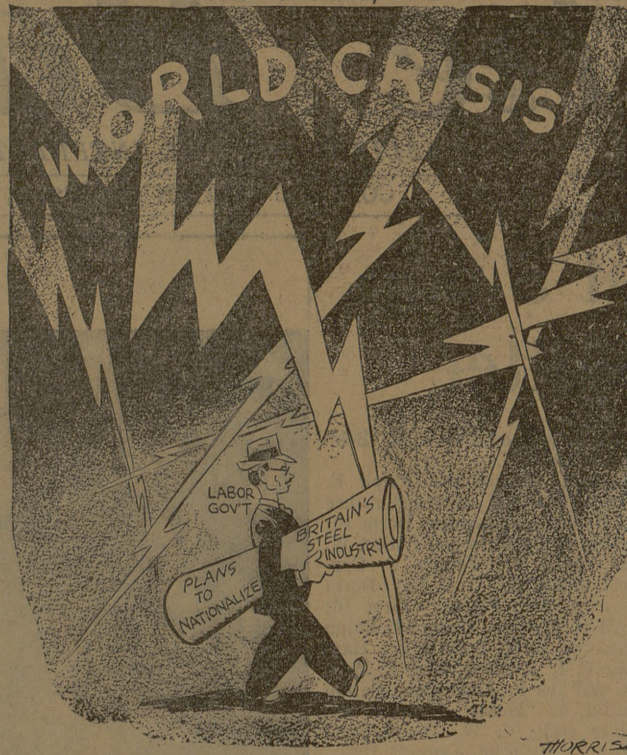
## Southwest Texas Club Sets Initial Meeting

The Southwest Texas Club will hold its first meeting of the year Thursday night, after yell practice in the cabinet room of the YMCA.

An organizational meeting will be held, with election of club officers being the main business of the session.

All students from Zavalla, Dimitt, Uvalde, Frio, Maverick, and LaSalle counties are invited to the meeting.

## STEEL NERVES, TOO



## Interpreting the News . . .

### Officials Consider Effect Of Korean Battle's End

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

With the tide of battle in Korea running definitely in favor of the Allies, officials are beginning to think of the impact of the end of the fighting there on America's new rearmament program.

Will the reaction be in inverse ratio to the acceleration given by the North Korean aggression?

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer has chosen this time to give warning that it would be stupid to let that happen, but adds that defense needs can be met while Americans continue to enjoy the highest standard of living in the world. That may be true only temporarily.

### Military Forces Inadequate

The U. S. is just beginning to implement a preparedness policy which has been forced upon it by developments which long ago served notice that the cold war would not be won by outlays for economic aid alone.

The United States doesn't have enough military force to fulfil the commitments already made, and there is no assurance that circumstances will not require an increase rather than a decrease in present goals.

In addition to its commitments under the Atlantic Pact, under which it seems likely that American troops will eventually be included in a unified European army which will itself be largely American-equipped, the U. S. has agreed with Britain and France to defend Germany. That means more troops.

There is every prospect that when the Korean war is over American troops will be required there indefinitely.

### 14 Graduates Men From 14 States

Students from 14 states were graduated in industrial education here the past year.

The graduate program in industrial education attracted students from Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah.

The majority of those in attendance were industrial teachers who were on leave from their regular assignments to attend the summer session of the regular winter school term.

### Has Article Published

Welcome E. Wright, assistant professor in the Industrial Education Department, is the author of an article on the "Leather Knife Sheath." It was published in the Sept., 1950 issue of the Industrial Arts and Vocational Education magazine.

The article is a third in a series on leather making which has been published by Professor Wright.

## From the City Desk . . .

### Commendation C of C Committee



By Joel Austin

Before anything else is said in this column, we would like to commend the directors of the College Station and Bryan Chambers of Commerce for getting together and forming what is known as the 75th Anniversary Sponsoring Committee.

Little is known by many people in this area concerning the 75th Anniversary Sponsoring Committee, but if their plans succeed, they will add much to A&M's celebration of a momentous occasion.

The group will invite adults and school children living within a 100 mile radius of College Station to be on hand when the college opens its doors to the public in observance of the beginning of its 75th year.

Through this committee, the State Board of Education has declared that students leaving their respective schools to attend the celebration will not be counted absent as required under the recently adopted Gilmer-Aiken law. The board ruled that since tours and speeches of an educational nature had been scheduled by the college, high school students should be given the opportunity to visit here during the day-long event.

This sponsoring committee has taken upon itself the task of inviting people from surrounding towns to be here that day. Through this committee, representatives from various civic organizations in Bryan and College Station have attended meetings of their clubs in other nearby towns to invite those people to attend the celebration.

As previously announced, the main attraction for the day will be a speech by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of Columbia University.

As an added feature, the cadet corps will make its first official appearance of the year as it marches through Kyle Field. The 75th Anniversary Committee has also decided to provide a free meal for all visiting high school children. A&M students will also be served the picnic lunches at noon-time next Wednesday. (This is the latest word we have heard from the committee.)

Nevertheless, we commend these two cities for their efforts in promoting one of the biggest events in A&M history.

## News About the City . . .

• Mayor Earnest Langford told us this week that the city council has been holding up signing a contract with any company for electric power until the A&M Board of Directors meets this weekend to discuss the matter.

As present supplier of city electric power, the college may lower its rates and sign a new contract with the city, Langford said.

If the college's offer is better than those received from other people who have already submitted bids for the job, the mayor said, it will stand a good chance of receiving the contract. But he stressed the fact that final action will be taken on the matter by the city council, with councilmen having the last word as to who receives the contract.

These meeting rooms and services are being made available to many such organizations throughout the city. Since the building opened over a week ago, there has been a steady flow of College Station residents in and out of the building.

As far as we could see, the Kiwanis seemed very pleased with their new meeting place. And the food?—delicious!

• No word has been heard from the Citizen's committee appointed by the mayor some weeks ago to investigate facilities of fire protection and fire prevention in College Station. Chairman L. P. Gabbard said the group would be called together shortly after school convened for the fall semester.

• Raymond Rogers, city manager, seems to be up to his neck with work on streets around town. He says as soon as this work is completed, he will begin construction of the new street signs to be erected at every corner in town.

• Although no grandstands are built around the football field at Waller, Principal L. E. Boze of Consolidated High School expects one, and maybe two, bus loads of local students to accompany the high school footballers as they journey there for a Class B game Friday night. They really have the "spirit" out there!

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