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Galveston's Mayor Is Proud

GALVESTON'S mayor is proud of his fellow-citizens.

The 32-year-old Island City leader, Herbert Y. Cartwright, Jr., frankly admitted his pride last Tuesday while answering questions of the House Crime Committee hearing in Austin. That recently formed group was scanning Galveston activities in its proposed look-see into Texas crime.

His honor phrased it this way: "What goes on in Galveston goes on in every community in the state, though maybe not so wide open. The people of Galveston should be commended for not being hypocrites about it."

Causing most consternation to Texas lawmen is Galveston gambling. Sale of mixed drinks and open prostitution also entered into the hearings.

The young mayor was not the only witness to explain frankly to the investigators that Galveston is what it is because it wants to be that way. Other city and council officials expressed similar views, suggesting that

Galveston citizens have merely been exercising local option as regards the illegal practices.

Clergymen were quick to charge that, to the contrary, Galveston folks did not sanction the goings-on—that they were opposed or had failed to comprehend the vice and gambling situation in the resort city.

Mayor Cartwright also charged that the committee had wasted a lot of time and money with the investigation, "because most everyone in Texas has known for a long long time what is going on in Galveston." That statement would be a hard one to find fault with.

The hearings generally were interesting in their uniqueness. No one connected with city and county affairs seemed to think it necessary to hide anything. As for accomplishments, the session seemed to produce a single question.

That question—should you attempt to regulate public morals—has been debated before. Probably no amount of debate could swing advocates of either side to different thinking.

As for the mayor's pride, we're inclined to think it may be a just one. We always have preferred honest rogues to hypocrites.

Diction Lessons For Mr. Truman

"**Y**A WANTA know sompin'?"—this was the President of our United States speaking in a nationwide broadcast.

It has never been fair to attack a man for some short-coming that is not his fault. The diction and general presentation of Mr. Truman's speech, however, hardly falls in that category.

Mr. Truman does not have an exceptional speaking voice—he wasn't blessed with that. Nor is that anything about which to criticize him. But in his Monday speech, the President slurred his words, stumbled on phrases and sentences and had to retrace sentences at least twice.

The faltering display might be excused on the grounds that Mr. Truman, under pressing engagements, cannot be expected to practice all of his speeches to perfection all the time. On that particular speech, though, he had been reported to have spent most of Sunday reviewing. Malik's peace-bid demanded a few last minute changes.

Perhaps it's a small matter. But it could also be an outward indication that Mr. Truman is growing more careless or more befuddled all the time.

Our Brave Fighter—The Army Jeep

YOUR ATTENTION please—says one of the cleverest publicity releases we've seen in a few days—to the Jeep, "the bravest, brawniest, workbrute on the broad expanse of battle."

The article calls attention to the many civilian and military jobs of the versatile little vehicle in use all over the world. It brings to mind an ode on the subject purportedly written by a Texas GI.

Of all the vehicles I've rode
I most remember one
Which bucked and pitched and riders
threwed
Like a hell-fire snortin' dun,
I reckon I have never seed
A critter that did more.
While Pap's at home is haulin' feed,
Jeep helps fight this war.
Now sez these dudes what makes this car,
"How 'bout a big salute?"
I sez they need much worse, by far,
Soft seats in this galoot.



UMTS Lowers Standards; Army May Call 4-F Men

WASHINGTON, June 28—(AP)—In the new Universal Military Training and Service law (UMTS) Congress pegged the armed forces' physical and mental standards at the level of January 1945, the "barrel-scraping" period of World War II.

The Army says its physical standards already are as low as—if not lower than—the January 1945 level. But now that mental standards have been lowered an estimated 150,000 4-Fs will be inducted.

If you were classified 4-F because of a physical defect, chances are you'll stay rejected unless your condition improves. But your local board may order you in for re-exam at any time.

Retest Possible
If you're one of the 290,000 4-Fs who flunked the armed forces qualification test (AFQT), you stand a chance of being ordered back for a retest in a few months.

The 45-minute AFQT is designed to measure a man's ability to learn, not his education. To pass it, a man does need the minimum knowledge of English and arithmetic in grade school.

The new law requires that passing score be set so that only the bottom 10 per cent will fail. It was 13 per cent.

Those who fail AFQT at the induction station are interviewed by an Army officer. If he believes they still are capable of getting through basic training, then they are inducted anyway.

Selective Service estimates between 75,000 and 80,000 4-Fs may be made available for induction immediately, with another 75,000 to 80,000 likely to follow along later.

May Not Reclassify
Draft headquarters says local boards may not start reclassifying AFQT flunkies until new regulations are issued. Boards will not get them before about the second week in July.

Whether all flunkies will be retested, Selective Service has not yet decided. Certainly those who previously scored between 10 and 13 on AFQT will be.

You can find out your score by asking your board to let you see your draft record. The Army sends preinduction exam results back to local boards. You are the only one who can dig into your file unless you give someone else written permission.

Change Needed
Before ordering you up for another preinduction exam your local board must first reclassify you 1-A. So if you have had any change in status since you were classified 4-F that might rate you a deferment, by all means notify your local board.

Maybe you now have an essential job on a farm or in a factory or office. Have your boss write a letter to the board telling about your work and stating whether you can be replaced easily. If you can be, you do not rate an occupational deferment.

Maybe you now have dependents. Send the board any proof of this, like certified copies of your marriage certificate or your child's birth certificate.

Business Teachers Working on Degree

Three professors of the Business Administration Department began work on their doctorate this summer.

Professor R. M. Stevenson took a leave of absence to attend the University of Indiana, where he will receive a Ph. D. He is working in the field of Insurance, and will return to A&M in September, 1952.

Professor David R. Fitch is on leave to attend the University of Oklahoma where he will work on a Ph. D. in the field of Finance, and Professor R. C. Hook resigned to take up marketing at the University of Texas. Hook is also working on a Ph. D.

Tidelands Legislation Gets House Committee Approval

WASHINGTON, June 28—(AP)—Legislation giving the states clear title to oil-rich tidelands cleared its first congressional hurdle today with approval by the House Judiciary Committee.

In Austin, State Attorney General Price Daniel and Land Commissioner Bascom Giles said they were happy about that—but they were worried about the bill's fate in the Senate.

Its next hurdle is approval in the House. The committee sent it out with an 18 to 6 vote.

Gives States Control

It gives the states except Texas control of the submerged lands out for three miles from their coast lines. In Texas' case, the state would have control 10 1/2 miles out because of conditions under which she joined the union.

It recognizes federal control of the lands of the continental shelf which extend about 20 to 100 miles in the Gulf of Mexico beyond the tidelands boundary limits.

It provides that the states should get all the revenues from production of oil and gas in the tidelands within their own state boundaries and 87 1/2 percent of the revenues from leases or royalties on production on the continental shelf.

"I believe that the bill will pass the House by an even greater majority (than in committee)," Daniel said. "I only hope that something can be done to speed action in the Senate."

Giles said that the committee approval was "one hurdle" out of the way, but added: "The big question is what will happen in the Senate."

Both Houses of Congress approved a similar bill four years ago, but President Truman vetoed it. It gave the states title to the offshore lands—but not any of the revenues from the continental shelf.

Rep. Walter (D-Pa) introduced the bill this year.

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Philadelphia Investigation Reveals VA Fraud Attempts

By OLIN E. TEAGUE, Sixth District Representative

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 28 (Sp1)—I spent a dreary two days this week in Philadelphia holding hearings in an investigation of GI Trade Schools and witnessed exposure of some of the "tricks of the trade."

The GI school operators appeared before my committee and told how they rigged phony invoices on a set of meat cutting tools worth \$5.50 and sold them by the hundred to the government for \$15.75. The knives in the meat-cutting set were not nearly as good as the ones I made from cross-cut saws when I was a boy.

Law Evasion
During the past several months of the investigation I have seen every type of evasion of law which can be devised, but this week in Philadelphia we heard the story of an ex-VA clerk which tops them all. This Registration and Research Clerk was receiving a salary for working for VA during the day.

He was hired by a school and received a salary as night clerk, he was enrolled as a student in the school and received a subsistence check from the Government, and was receiving "pay offs" from other veteran students for marking them present when they were absent.

A Philadelphia attorney told the committee how a school bought a Lincoln Cosmopolitan automobile for his use. When pressed for a reason he replied "I guess they just loved me." My committee has reason to believe that the "love" resulted from the lawyer's ability to get unusually favorable contracts with the government.

Committee Examined Case
The committee examined the case of three university professors and a State official who made an initial investment of \$4,000 in a trade school and received \$130,000 in profits and dividends.

These persons claimed that they spent substantial periods of time in "teaching," however investigation disclosed that they were in the school only a few times.

The Federal Government has spent one billion, fifty million dollars to support the veterans educational program in Pennsylvania. Twenty-one school operators have been indicted in the State and 63 legal cases are pending before Grand Juries. Government auditors have recovered \$2 1/2 million of erroneous payments.

VA Expenditures
The Veterans Administration is the second largest governmental agency. Its annual expenditures are exceeded only by the defense department. We all realize that a great deal of good has come from the Veterans educational program, however, waste and racketeering in some phases of the program have been excessive.

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