

## Board Refuses Plea to Lighten G-A Financing

### Three Valley Counties Threaten Suit Over Share of Burden

Austin, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The State Board of Education rejected the Rio Grande Valley's plea for a lighter school financing burden Wednesday. A court suit was threatened immediately.

By 10-to-5 vote, the board refused the request of Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy counties that the state-wide economic index be reconsidered, in part or in whole.

Orville Cox, McAllen attorney for the Valley school districts, said an appeal would be filed in a Travis County district court.

The index is supposed to determine each of the 254 counties' fair share of the \$45,000,000 (M) in local school funds to be raised each year.

Board Member Emerson Stone of Jacksonville made the motion not to re-open the index adopted in March for the four-year school period beginning Sept. 1.

Valley spokesmen based their plea on the economic disaster precipitated by a severe freeze this past winter. They said the freeze wiped out citrus orchards worth \$200,040,000 (M) and shut down \$30,000,000 worth of industries which rely on the citrus crop for their existence.

W. W. Ballard, Harlingen independent school district business manager, said it would take four or five years to restore the orchards and 10 to 15 years to reach the production level on which the Valley's economic index was based in March.

He said the Valley would not have protested if the economic loss had been only a temporary matter such as the loss of a single year's crop.

Greenwood predicted collapse of the Gilmer-Aiken school program if the board refused to review the index.

The attorney general twice has ruled the board could reconsider the index if it believed its March action to be premature. However, he said any recomputation would have to be on a statewide basis and could not be limited to one or a few counties.

Several board members observed that many counties already have set their tax rates for the coming school year on the basis of the economic index determined in March.

## Annual THDA Meeting Slated For Wednesday

The first annual convention of The Texas Home Demonstration Association to be held on the A&M campus since 1940 will start Aug. 29 with between 2,000 and 3,000 expected to attend. It will end Aug. 31.

The Association was formed in 1926 when the club women were attending a farmer's short course at A&M with their husbands. Rising in membership through the years, the Association now boasts a membership of 42,000 women, according to Maurine Hearn, State Home Demonstration leader.

"United We Stand" will be the theme of the 1951 convention. The three-day program will consist of committee workshops on legislation, recreation, education, marketing and 4-H, and special workshops on county THDA organizations and "The Messenger," the organization's official publication.

Mrs. R. J. Turrentine of Denton, and Dr. T. O. Walton, former president of A&M, will be the featured speakers for the general sessions.

"The Wheel of Progress," written by Mrs. G. W. Ferguson of Bell County, editor of The Messenger, will show in pageant form the 25 years' growth of the organization. Mrs. R. M. Almanred of Munday, who attended the first meeting in 1926, is now the organization's president.

## Room Occupation Deadline Saturday

All students must be moved into their newly assigned rooms by 5 p. m. Saturday, according to Benjie Zinn, assistant dean of men. Those students moving to a dormitory now closed are included, Zinn said.

Dorms now closed will be unlocked during the following hours, for the convenience of those students who must move: 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. today, 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Friday, and 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturday.

## Fall Term Registration Due Saturday in Sbis

Registration for the Fall term gets under way Saturday. The complete procedure will be handled in Sbis hall, beginning at 8 a. m. and ending at 5 p. m.

Signs will aid students in finding the departments they seek. Some departments will probably have smaller signs denoting the place to register for a given course.

All steps in the procedure for registration (listed below) may be taken in Sbis Hall. Procedure is as follows:

1. Get assignment card.
2. Pay fees at cashier's desk.
3. Report to heads of departments for approval of courses.
4. Report to your dean for approval of schedule.
5. Report to chief of housing.
6. Veterans get approval of book requisitions.
7. Turn in assignment cards to Registrar's desk.

### By Security Group

## Light Promised On Currie Story

Washington, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee promised to strip away today the mystery it has made of an episode involving Lauchlin Currie, a top White House advisor during World War II.

At the same time, Gen. Charles A. Willoughby said he would give the House un-American Activities Committee evidence that Soviet spying and subversion in the Far East before the war was a dress rehearsal for Communist plotting that continues in the United States.

Willoughby, for 10 years Gen. Douglas MacArthur's intelligence chief, told a reporter in advance of today's session (9:30 a. m., EST) he would show that the activities of U. S. and foreign Communists in Shanghai amounted to a "dry run" of the Red-front tactics later employed in this country.

"The committees," he said "were in a position to go to their Russian masters and say, 'look how successful this has been in China. Now we are ready to try it in the United States.'"

The Senate subcommittee announced Wednesday it would explore "the complicated episode" involving Currie in questioning Louis Budenz, self-styled former Communist leader (9 a. m., EST), but withheld further information.

Elizabeth Bentley, a confessed former member of a Communist spy ring, testified before the group last week that her spy ring learned from Currie that the U. S. was about to solve the secret of Russia's code for transmitting official messages.

She testified the spy ring also got from Currie other valued information concerning White House policy.

Currie has denied her story. He now is an advisor to the Colombian government.

The subcommittee is investigating the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR). Senator McCarran (D-Nev.), the chairman, has charged IPR was used by Communists to influence U. S. foreign policy. The IPR, a privately financed organization, contends it never swerved from objective research into Far Eastern problems.

Budenz said Wednesday IPR was known in the party at "a captive" organization, taking orders from Communists who, he said, dubbed IPR "the little Red school house."

Budenz named a list of persons he said were Communists with ties to the IPR, among them:

- Owen Lattimore, sometime consultant to the State Department; Benjamin H. Kizer, whom Budenz described as a Spokane, Wash., lawyer and writer; Maxwell S. Stewart, whom he termed an editor of the magazine The Nation and of IPR pamphlets; the late Gen. Evans F. Carlson of the marine corps; and Israel Epstein.

Through his local attorneys, Lattimore issued a statement saying Budenz had "told one new lie" to the effect that "he heard my name mentioned in 1937 as a member of a Communist cell."

"The fantastic nature of this lie is underscored by the fact that I was not even in the United States in 1937, except between Christmas and New Year's," Lattimore said. "I have already testified under oath that I am not and never have been a Communist, and I am prepared to do so again."

## Range Students Due to Travel

Nineteen students are registered for the Range and Forestry Department's Summer travel course, which will get underway here Monday.

Omer E. Sperry and Robert R. Rhodes, instructors in the department, will conduct the course this year.

The group will travel some 3000 miles, by bus, through South and West Texas to study and observe livestock, range conditions, and ranching practices. Visits will be made to experiment stations, private ranches, and public parks.

The study of vegetation will be the chief concern during the three weeks trip.

The current drought will enable the class to see some of West Texas' biggest problems at their worst.

Principal stops on the proposed route of travel are Victoria, Beville, Carrizo Springs, Sonora, Marfa, Big Bend National Park, Big Springs, Lubbock, Spur, and Mineral Wells.

The group will camp at night. They plan to do most of their own cooking. Each man will take his own gear.

They will return to College Station September 15. A written report will be submitted within two weeks for credit in the course.

## Panels Vote Foreign Aid Cut

Washington, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Two Senate committees which have agreed to go along with a billion-dollar cut in foreign aid funds voted by the House today to handle the problem of who would handle the spending.

In paring back President Truman's \$8,500,000,000 request, the House last week voted to put foreign aid spending under a new high-level agency responsible only to the President and Congress.

The two Senate committees—Foreign Relations and Armed Services—working jointly on a Senate bill voted Wednesday to follow the House lead in slashing the program by \$1,000,000,000.

Senator Lodge (R-Mass) said today the group also agreed tentatively to place foreign military spending in the hands of the defense department.

However, Chairman Connally (D-Tex) insisted there was nothing definite on this point. He said committee staff men were to draft such a proposal for a possible decision today.

The joint committee resumed voting behind closed doors at 9 a. m. (EST). Connally told reporters he hopes "we can get through with this bill during the day."

A Senate decision to follow the House lead in putting foreign

# Truce Area 'Bombed', Sa Reds; Peace Talks Halted

## Allies Think Stall To Be Temporary



It isn't all "Hop To!" and "hup, two, three..." for the fish, as you can see from these pictures. The lady on your left is Miss Freddie Woody, whose escort to the Fish Battalion Ball will be Jeff J. Horn, CE from Palestine. In the center is Miss Peggy Lynn Wilson, who will be escorted

by Don Barton, aero engineering student from Texarkana. The third sweetheart candidate is Miss Melody Starks. She will be escorted by BA major Earroll M. Forrester of Amarillo. The dance begins at 8:30 p. m. Friday in the MSC ballroom.

Munsan, Korea, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The Reds broke off Korean armistice talks today. They blamed a "bombing" incident in Kaesong. The Allies called it a frame-up.

Communists said truce negotiations are "off from now on."

But high ranking officers at United Nations command headquarters in Tokyo said the breakdown was considered temporary.

If the Red action foreshadowed resumption of full warfare, U. N. commanders have said they are ready. Allied troops are in the best positions they've ever held in Korea.

The newest snag in attempts to end the shooting resulted from what the Reds said was a U. N.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo called it "an ill-produced and amateurish staged presentation."

The statement said the incident was planned in advance as an excuse for breaking off truce talks because "the Communists were losing out on their demands, and were losing face in Asia."

The same view is shared by American officials in Washington, dispatches indicated. While there was no immediate official comment from top administration sources, the Washington view was that the Red action was deliberate, presumably dictated from Moscow.

The talks, arranged by the highest military commanders on each side, were called off by a Chinese colonel whose first name was not even known by the U. N. command.

Admiral Joy, head of the U. N. truce delegation, and his staff remained at their tent camp in Munsan. They kept a telephone line open to the Communists in Kaesong for any further message from the Reds.

Rain dripped from the tents of their advance camp.

It was the sort of weather the Reds have favored for their offensives.

The so-called bombing incident was the latest of a series of charges by the Reds that the allies violated the Kaesong neutrality agreement. Admiral Joy rejected them all.

Tokyo, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Red China's Peiping radio tonight reported Korean war truce talks "for August 23 have been called off." It made no mention of a permanent breakdown of the armistice conference.

air attack on Kaesong, site of cease-fire talks. They charged a plane Wednesday night bombed, fire-bombed and strafed the area near sleeping quarters of the Communist delegation.

Two U. N. liaison officers immediately investigated. Their findings, Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy reported, suggest:

"The whole incident is a frame-up, staged from first to last."

An information bulletin from

## Fish Ball Friday Will Be Final Event of Summer Session

Final event for the summer freshmen will take place Friday night at 8:30 in the MSC ballroom. It will be their Battalion Ball. A combo from the Aggieband Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

A freshman sweetheart will be announced at the second intermission. At the first intermission the five finalists for the title will be introduced. All finalists will receive a corsage, and the sweetheart will get an extra special gift, the nature of which has not been announced.

Miss Joyce Little, 19, of Dallas; Miss Julia Jones, 16, of Gatesville,

Miss; Miss Freddie Woody, 18, of Palestine; Miss Melody Starks, 18, of Amarillo; and Miss Peggy Wilson, 17, of Texarkana; are the five finalists. Miss Little will be escorted by Roland Jones, ag engineering student from Dallas. Miss Jones will be escorted by Clay Roming, engineer of Childress. (For escorts of others, see accompanying pictures.)

Ronald Laughter, social secretary, is in charge of the dance. Advisors are James Stevenson, Karl Myers, and C. L. Ray.

Program and ticket sales are under John B. Darcy and his committee. Decorations are the responsibility of Donald Royce. John Arnsperger heads the reception committee.

Invitations sell for \$2.50, and may be obtained from representatives in each outfit.

Judges for the sweetheart contest are the battalion commander, and company and squadron commanders.

## Jimmy Jackson Much Improved

Much improvement has been noted in the condition of five-year-old Jimmy Jackson of College Station, said St. Joseph's hospital attendants today.

Jimmy, son of the Rev. and Mrs. James F. Jackson, was wounded Sunday afternoon by discharge of a .22 rifle in the hands of a neighbor boy. Jimmy's condition has been serious since the accident.

Offers of blood for transfusions have been made by Aggies.

## Sept. 17 First Day For Fall Term Classes

Classes for the first semester of the regular session, 1951-52, will begin September 17. September 7 is the opening of the new student week, and in orientation week for freshmen.

Registration for new students will be held September 14; registration for old returning students will be September 15. The last day for making changes in registration is September 22 and September 29 is the last day for enrolling for the Fall semester.

## Fish Handbooks Scheduled For Mailing Today

The 1951-52 YMCA Freshman Handbooks are ready for mailing. According to J. Gordon Gay, associate secretary of the local organization, copies of the handbook are being sent to 1725 men who have made application for enrollment in A&M for the fall semester. Copies are going to future Aggies in most of the 48 states, Holland, and several Central and South American countries.

The Freshman Handbook is published by the YMCA to serve as a guide for freshmen who come to A&M. The YMCA has attempted to include all information that will be helpful to the freshman from the time he first enrolls until he has become acquainted with, and adjusted to, the customs and traditions of the college. Contents range from the college calendar to advice and information about customs, events, and the Cadet Corps.

The book is mailed only to future students who will be coming to the campus as first-year freshmen. Mailing day is today.

Old, returning and transfer students may pick up a copy from the desk in the lobby of the YMCA building.

## Library, MSC Curtail Activities Between Terms

The between-terms period finds the library and the MSC curtailing their activities in some measure.

Library hours between semesters will be as follows: Beginning Friday, open 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. weekdays, 8 a. m. to 12 noon Saturdays, closed on Sundays. Regular hours will be resumed on September 17.

In the MSC, the bowling alleys and the fountain room will be closed from Friday until September 7. The browsing room will be

conduct negotiations with other powers," Sawyer said in a letter to Senator Connally.

The Commerce secretary described the House plan as "un-sound." In the long run, he said, it "will produce an unbearable drain upon the taxpayers."

And he added:

"I see no benefit from deciding that ECA (The Economic Cooperation Administration) shall die promptly but from its ashes shall arise a new ECA . . . with more permanent status, greater prestige, higher salary ranges, and

## Course Conducted By Range Expert

Wesley A. Young, head of the Department of Range and Forestry, has recently returned from conducting a field management course for 24 Texas county agriculture agents and vocational agriculture teachers. This is the fifth year the course has been conducted.

Young was assisted by A. H. Walker, extension range specialist at A&M.

The group studied forage and range conditions throughout West Texas. Particular attention was paid to the effect different classes of livestock have on the range.

## Truman 'Gagged' U. S. Employees--McCarthy

Washington, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) accused President Truman Wednesday night of issuing a gag order making it an offense for any federal employe to "give Congress the truth about Communists who are in our government."

McCarthy also charged that the president's ambassador-at-large, Philip C. Jessup, was formerly editorial director of a Communist-front publication which he said received "thousands of dollars of Communist money."

Broadcasting over the ABC network, the Wisconsin senator said the "incredibly fantastic order" barring federal employes from testifying on loyalty matters to Congress went into effect on August 21, 1948—"Just 17 days after the Hiss case broke."

"Can any of you think of one reason on God's green earth why Mr. Truman has issued this order. . . . Is not this order an admission that they know about and are trying to protect the Communists in government? Otherwise, why forbid the 2,000,000 government employes to tell what they know about Communists?"

McCarthy said he brought up the matter of the order to show "why it is so difficult to produce evidence against Communists and fellow travelers."

Before rising on the air, McCarthy told newsmen his 15-minute talk would be in reply to President Truman's speech of Aug. 14, in which he said Mr. Truman attacked him for his fight against Communists in government.

McCarthy had asked the major radio networks for time to reply.

In his Aug. 14 speech, Mr. Truman had sharply criticized "slander mongers" and "character assassins" without mentioning names.

McCarthy told his radio audience that Mr. Truman had joined in "the smokescreen of smear which is the Communist method of discrediting those of us who are engaging in the difficult and unpleasant task of digging out the dangerous undercover Communist agents in government."

The senator said the 15 minutes he had on the air would not allow him to submit "even a fraction of the proof we have begged the State Department and Mr. Truman to take." He said he will continue in another broadcast Friday night.

But he said he would "give you the evidence" on a typical case, as he put it, and went on to name Ambassador Jessup.

Among other things, McCarthy said he held in his hand a photograph of a document "showing that Mr. Jessup had editorial control of the official publication of an organization named as a front for and doing the work of the Communist party."

McCarthy said Jessup was chairman of the Pacific Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations, now under investigation by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and that among 23 persons on Jessup's staff, 10 have been "named under oath as Communists," three as "espionage agents" and three as "probable Communists."

## Training Course In Turkeys Scheduled

Turkey producers from all over Texas will attend the Turkey Short Course, September 10-14. This short course is sponsored by the Poultry Husbandry Department.

Advance registration is not necessary, but is desirable. Registration fee is \$5.00. Late registration will take place in room 301 Agriculture Building from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. Monday, September 10. Classes will start at 10 a. m. that same day.

The course is for training flock selection and blood collecting agents for the National Turkey Improvement work in Texas. All phases of turkey production will be covered. Those attending this short course are expected to bring their work clothes along. Each morning will be devoted to selecting and breeding turkeys. Classes will be held in the afternoon. Final examinations will be given to those who wish to qualify to do official work under the National Turkey Improvement Plan in Texas. Study material will be given those attending this course.

## Magazine Editor To Address Club

George Haddaway, editor of Flight magazine, will speak Tuesday at an informal meeting of the Brazos Aviation Association. The session will be held at 7:30 p. m. on the lawn of The Oaks, 200 South Congress Ave., Bryan.

A. C. Allen, president of the association, has invited the public to hear Haddaway speak.

The magazine editor at present is on assignment in Washington, concerning the part civil aviation will play in the mobilization program.