

Empty Seats in The Old Camp Grounds

LAST NIGHT when the Student Senate met the members were conspicuous by their absence. Out of the 44 members of the senate only 24 showed up at the time the roll was called. This was including the sophomore and junior sitters.

It is a shame when we elect a man to represent us—and then he doesn't even take the trouble to represent us. Such actions make us wonder if we should not have considered a few minutes more before we started voting.

Now several of the men had legitimate excuses—such as out of town practice teaching. But it appears the rest were just not interested in coming to the meetings.

A representative is like a payroll check. It is either there or it isn't. A group of men are not represented if their senator is not there—just like there isn't any money in the pocket if the check isn't in.

In the past we fought hard to get a Student Senate established. It was something we had to prove our ability to handle. This privilege was not just given to us—it should not be the right of any group of representatives to tear down what we have built up over the years.

Without wasting any more words—Senators, why can't you make the meetings 100 per cent?

Isolationism is the idea that you can have great power without responsibility.

Discipline With Justice Earmarks Bowden

TODAY is the last day for a disciplinarian who showed justice can be tempered with understanding. Is it the last day that Parks Bowden serves as assistant commandant.

Since 1948 he has worked with the cadets—he has handled their military problems as well as their personal problems. In solving all of these problems he showed men were to be treated as individuals and not just beings who had dirt under their bed.

At the same time he was not soft. He was capable of being as strict as the next fellow—but at the time he was being strict he gave the impression he was working for the welfare of the individual.

People who met the colonel were impressed by various things. It might have been the cigar that seems to grow in his mouth—along with a perpetual smile. Or it might have been his officerly bearing. But whatever it was, people meet Colonel Bowden and remember him.

He never seems too busy to talk to a man about anything that is troubling the man. At the same time he is talking and helping the other fellow he is taking care of his own duties in a very capable manner.

It all adds up to this—Colonel, we hate to see you go. We wish you good luck in your new job. You have done a swell job here and you are leaving a lot of friends.

When parents tell their children what to think their children grow up to be adults unable to think.

A born trader keeps up with his relatives when buying and promptly forgets them when selling.

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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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CLEANING US OUT



Scandal Spotlight Hits Texan Who Takes Internal Revenue

By TEX EASLEY

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Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The scandals uncovered in the Internal Revenue Bureau have put the spotlight on Texas-born John B. Dunlap, the bureau's new top man, but a second Texan, who holds a key spot in the tax-collecting service, is equally vigorous in defense of the bureau as a whole.

"I want to say I am proud to be with the Bureau of Internal Revenue," says Marguerite Rawalt of Corpus Christi, chief of the brief review section. "It deserves no black eye because of the conduct of some individuals. The average career employee is a conscientious, able and diligent public servant." Her job is to make a final check

on tax appeals before they go to the U. S. tax court. An attorney, she obtained her law degree from George Washington University here in 1933. In private life she is Mrs. Harry Secord. Her husband is a retired Air Force major.

Both Dunlap and Miss Rawalt are career employees. The term is applied to federal employees who have come up through the ranks, often from the lowest civil service rating, to distinguish them from political appointees.

Started As Deputy

Dunlap, who started as a deputy collector in Texas, became commissioner of internal revenue Aug. 1, just in time to face the flood of scandals that have shaken the whole tax-collecting agency. His big job now is to clean out the wrongdoers and restore the integrity of the service.

He contends that the dishonest and inefficient are relatively few in number and are being weeded out as fast as possible.

The 48-year-old Dunlap, a native of Texas, studied business law, taxation and finance at Southern Methodist University and engaged in highway construction work before becoming a deputy internal revenue collector in Dallas in 1934. By World War II he had risen to chief of the Dallas office's field division.

In a news conference after taking the oath of office, he said he would pack up and head back to Texas if he ever was denied a free hand in doing the job as he saw fit.

Miss Rawalt started with the bureau here after getting her law degree.

Her division handles only civil cases. These are cases appealed to

the U. S. tax court by taxpayers who feel that the Internal Revenue Service has not been fair with them. Incidentally, two former Texas members of Congress serve on this 16-man court—Luther Johnson of Corsicana and Eugene Black of Clarksville.

Miss Rawalt has the responsibility of reviewing the cases appealed to the tax court. The cases vary widely, but mostly they involve large corporations and sometimes millions of dollars. If she feels that the taxpayer has a good case, she can send it back to the collection district in which it originated with the request that collectors, involved settle with the taxpayer, thus avoiding court procedure.

One such case she recalls involved 14-year-old newspaper carrier who had charged bicycle maintenance as a business expense. The boy's father, in filing his return at Atlanta, Ga., listed the boy as a dependent, noting that the boy had earned just less than the \$500 limit permitted before he would have ceased to qualify as a dependent. (This limit now is \$600.)

The Atlanta collector's office checked the case and said the bicycle maintenance item couldn't be allowed, that the boy's total earnings then came to \$500.28 and that the father, therefore, could not claim him as a dependent.

Free Juke Box Dance Saturday Night in MSC

A free juke-box dance will be held in the MSC Ballroom Saturday night from 10 until midnight. The MSC Dance Committee is sponsoring the dance. Boyce Holmes and John Devine are in charge of arrangements.

The case eventually came to Miss Rawalt. Recalling it, she told this reporter:

"Can't you imagine the storm it would have brought down on the revenue bureau? And all over 28 cents! Fighting the case further would cost the taxpayers hundreds of dollars."

Weighs Human Element

She sent the case back to the Atlanta office with the word that while it might be technically correct, it should weigh the human factors and drop the matter, permitting the father to claim the son as a dependent.

Miss Rawalt started her career as a secretary to then Gov. Pat Neff while she was taking undergraduate work at the University of Texas in the mid-1920s. Later she did secretarial work in El Paso and accounting work in San Antonio. In 1928 she came to Washington as assistant secretary to Neff who had become a member of the U. S. mediation board. She attended night school at the same time to qualify for her law degree.

Under Guise of Protecting British Take Over Sudan

(Editor's Note—This is the fourth in a series of seven articles by Lasheen, teller of the history of the trouble between Egypt and England.)

By ALY LASHEEN
Egyptian Graduate Student

Under the guise of "protection," British policy in the Sudan seeks to divide the people there.

In fifty years of almost exclusive British administration, education of the Sudanese has not been marked by the progress one would expect in this modern age. Illiteracy is as high as 95 per cent. Industry is non-existent, agriculture backward.

As far as education is concerned, the main object of the Sudan government was to give the Sudanese such scanty instruction as would keep them in a dependent situation and at most entitle them to become office clerks or minor officials.

This was the same policy they followed in Egypt, as can be seen from the following figures: The number of pupils attending schools in 1882, the year of British invasion was 162,237.

38 Years of Occupation

After thirty eight years of British occupation in 1920, the number was only 298,027. But after twenty eight years of Egyptian administration (1922 to 1950) the number skyrocketed to well over a million and a half.

On the other hand, the British authorities, through propaganda and other more direct methods, attempted to silence the mass Sudanese who demand that their unity with Egypt be preserved. In the mosques the traditional weekly prayer for the legitimate Sovereign, was suppressed. Severe censorship has been established to ban all newspapers—whether Egyptian or Sudanese—whose opinion or information is not agreeable to the British administration of the Sudan.

Several Aspects

Great Britain's policy of segregation has assumed several other aspects: raising obstacles of a practical nature to Egyptian immigration which theoretically remains unrestricted; keeping communications between Egypt and the Sudan in a primitive condition; denying Egyptians the post of Grand Cadi, a religious function which symbolizes the spiritual bond between the Egyptian and Sudanese people; denying the Egyptian officials agreed upon in the 1936 treaty the right of entry into the Sudan; gradually waiving Egyptians from the Sudan administration; hindering the cultural relations between Egypt and the Sudan and opposing in one way or other Egypt's efforts in the field of public health; attempting to create a separate Sudanese nationality; issuing official statements to encourage the Sudanese to secede from Egypt.

Split Sudan

On similar lines, the British have their plans to sever the southern part of the Sudan from the northern, a policy which was expressed in the words of the civil secretary to the Sudan administration: "Our policy aims at the establishment of an autonomous regime in the south which could be separate and independent from the north."

The program was actually put into action by such measures as prohibiting free access to the southern provinces; preventing those northern Sudanese, established in the south, from practicing their religion or opening schools; and forbidding intermarriage between northern and southern Sudanese. For political ends

a special consultative council for the north of the Sudan has been created.

Profitable to British

It is noteworthy that in this vast enterprise so profitable to British industry and so liberal to British Civil servants, the British Treasury supports no share in the expenditure of the Sudan.

It is on totally different lines that the Egyptians conceive their relationship to their Sudanese fellow-countrymen. They cannot look at the matter merely as a business concern.

Even after the Egyptian troops had been forced out of the Sudan as a result of the British ultimatum of 1924, the Egyptian government had maintained their financial contribution to the expenditure for the defense of the Sudan.

In the same way, the Egyptian treasury had previously covered all deficits in the Sudanese budget, besides advancing the loans necessary for the development of the Sudan.

Officials newly appointed, only 11 are Egyptians, the other being British.

In our country, we make no dif-

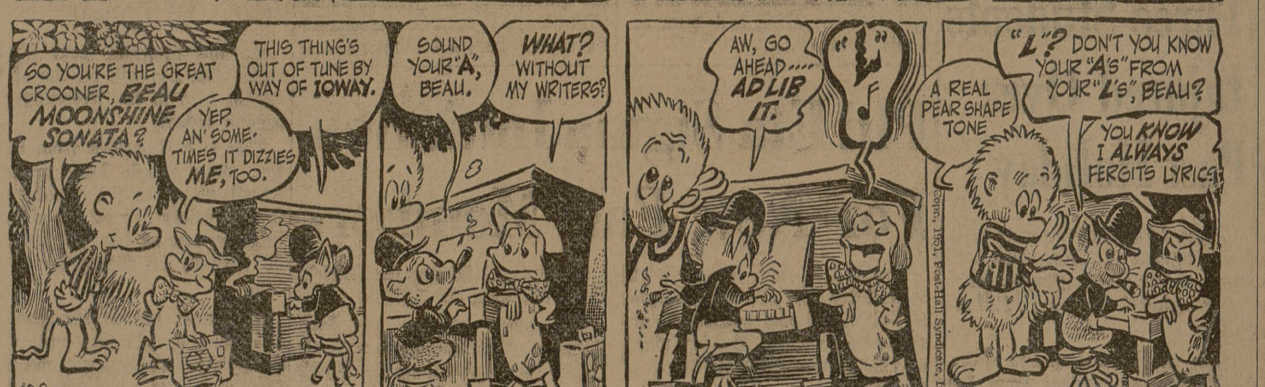
ference between an Egyptian and a Sudanese. A Sudanese can aspire to any of the highest functions of the State, and Egypt has had under-secretaries of state, distinguished civil servants and officers of high military rank who were of Sudanese origin. Hundreds of Sudanese can be found in the Egyptian government's service, while the number of Egyptians in the Sudanese government is very small. Between 1931 and 1941, for example, out of a total number of 123 of-

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