

It Can Happen Here

THERE'S an old saying that goes something like this: "the truth hurts." Evidently, some students are beginning to realize the complete significance of that saying.

The only thing strange about the whole matter is that these few students know their actions were illegal in the recent Dormitory 8 Senate election. But, instead of passing over the entire affair regarding their so-called "election," these choice "guardians of Aggie tradition" have seen fit to publicly acknowledge the illegal procedures used in the election and dare anyone to defy them.

There is also another saying, "You can fool some of the people all the time and you can fool all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

That saying will, we hope, be realized soon by students of A&M, for the students are the ones who have been getting the proverbial wool pulled over their eyes.

Perhaps a senior would be more qualified to represent his fellow students on the student governing body. But, that feeling, although it may be true does not give upperclassmen the right to dictate to lower classmen for whom they shall vote.

Regardless of the station in life which a man may enjoy, he has the absolute right and privilege to run for any office for which he may be qualified. That is the way America operates. And A&M, we believe is still a part of the United States, and a mighty large part.

If the members of the student body condone such illegal elections as the one staged in Dormitory 8, it will be cutting its own throat. When corrupt politicians deceive the people, the matter is serious enough, but when these politicians not only fool the people but openly admit their actions and defy anyone to stand in their way, they have gone just a bit too far.

These individuals, who pose as men trying to preserve A&M's traditions, endorse and sponsor such action. It is time they were stopped and publicly denounced as corrupt would-be dictators of the students' way of life.

People in the countries which were conquered by the Germans during World War II relied on the opinion that "it can't happen here." They found too late that it could happen.

If we are not careful and do not take more interest in student governing affairs we may eventually find ourselves in a position comparable to that faced by many European countries under the Nazi yoke.

It can happen here.

Statehood for Alaska, Hawaii Pushed Aside

Washington, March 3 — (AP)—Statehood legislation for Hawaii and Alaska was shunted into the background today as the Senate voted to consider first the ownership of the Tidelands.

Advocates of bringing Alaska into the Union staved off a return of that bill to committee, but backers of the Hawaii measure were beaten in a stormy rebellion against the Senate leadership.

Senator Smith (R-NJ) pumped new life into the Alaska bill by moving to reconsider the 45-44 vote by which the Senate sent it back to committee for hearings last Wednesday.

McFarland Motion Tabled

The Senate first voted 39-37 to table a motion by majority leader McFarland (D-Ariz) that the Senate consider the submerged oil land bill. The vote would have cleared the way for a motion to take up Hawaiian statehood.

A few delaying parliamentary maneuvers gave time for additional McFarland supporters to reach the floor. A move to reconsider by Senator McKellar (D-Tenn) carried and the Senate reversed itself, voting to consider the oil lands bill

by a 47-32 margin. Both Texas senators voted yes.

The Senate thus will take up a pending resolution to give the Federal government temporary authority to administer oil-rich submerged lands in the Gulf and off California pending a final ruling on whether states or the federal government own them.

The House has passed a bill to give full title to the states, and Senate supporters of that measure have said they would seek similar action in the Senate.

McFarland expressed hope the oil lands measure would be disposed of quickly. He said the Senate had "wasted days" in the furor over Hawaii statehood.

He was challenged by Senator Thye (R-Minn) who said Hawaiian supporters had been motivated by "honest convictions."

During the heated debate Senator Case (R-SD) accused Senator Connally (D-Tex) of having insulted residents of Hawaii during an exchange with Senator Knowland (R-Calif.)

Knowland had asserted that "the citizens of Hawaii are just as much American citizens as are the people of Texas and California."

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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Army Reserves Plan Camp For 6,000 Texas Reservists

Approximately 6,000 members of the Army Organized Reserve in Texas will attend two-week summer camps between June 15 and August 31, Col. C. M. Culp, Chief of the Texas Military District, announced today.

The majority of the reservists will go to Fort Hood, Texas, where the 90th and 75th Infantry Divisions and non-divisional engineer and quartermaster units will conduct their training. Non-divisional artillery, ordnance and transportation units will go to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, anti-aircraft units to Fort Bliss, Texas, aviation engineer units to Walters Air Force Base, Mineral Wells, Texas, and certain specialized units to Camp LeRoy Johnson and Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Colonel Culp said 296 Texas units will go to camp this year. This is the second year of mandatory field training for all members of troop program units and the largest attendance yet experienced is anticipated.

"Annual field training for reservists is one of the most important features of the Army Reserve program. It complements army training carried out during the other 50 weeks of the year and its importance is in the fact that during this two-week period actual field work is accomplished that is not possible at the home station," Col. Culp stated.

Individual and small unit training will be emphasized this year. Unit commanders will assemble, move their commands to the training sites and carry out their training schedules as a part of their own training in command responsibility.

Connally Feuds With Missouri's Senator Kem

Washington, March 3 — (AP)—What the gentlemen from Texas and Missouri told each other in a running senate debate today was not exactly flattering.

It started when Senator Kem (R-Mo.) accused the Foreign Relations Committee headed by Senator Connally (D-Texas) of having "wrought an outrage" by bottling up demands for an investigation of the recent talks between President Truman and British Prime Ministers Attlee and Churchill.

Kem said he "would tremble for the nation" if Connally ran the Senate.

"He can tremble all the time, for all I care," Connally replied.

Kem led off with a demand whether cooperation between Republicans and Democrats "is a one-way street." He said the Democratic-led committee has bottled up his resolution calling for an inquiry into the Truman-Churchill talks, among other things.

"Did you ask the President or Churchill to let you sit in on their private talks?" Connally demanded.

"I decline to answer," Kem snapped.

"And I decline to have anything to do with it," Connally said.

Kem protested at "such talk as we've just heard," and said he "would not be surprised" if the Democrats find little cooperation from Republicans henceforth.

"If he don't get what he wants, he won't cooperate," Connally jibed. "I'm glad to hear he runs that (Republican) side of the aisle."

Kem said he didn't pretend to run the Republicans, and that "I'm glad to know that the ideas of the senator from Texas do not generally prevail" among the Democrats.

Newman Club Picture Scheduled Wednesday

The Newman Club will have their picture taken Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. in front of the MSC. Corps members are asked to wear number one uniform and non-corp members coat and tie, said Harold Gant, president.

He assured members the photographer will be there on time.

Presidential Race Gets Hot; Truman's Policy Is Attacked

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican campaigners tore into the Truman administration's foreign policies Monday night despite President Truman's past warning that they would be "playing with dynamite" if they did so.

The attacks came from former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota and Senator Lodge (R-Mass), national campaign manager for General Eisenhower, in speeches in New Hampshire.

New Hampshire votes March 11 in the nation's first presidential primary election.

Stassen, a GOP presidential aspirant, said in Concord, N.H., that some nations on the fringe of Russia are trying to build resistance against Russia but are getting "very little encouragement from the United States."

Lodge told an audience in Berlin, N.H., that "failure of leadership" by the Truman administration in 1950 started a chain of other failures and created the threat of World War III.

Lodge also promised that when Eisenhower's job in Europe is completed, the general will return to the United States as "a fighting campaigner who will make every Truman bureaucrat and demagogue take out for the high hills."

At San Diego, Calif., Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, who says he will run for the Democratic nomination if Truman doesn't declare that "some reckless Republicans" are hurting the United Nations position in Korean truce talks.

Kerr said Truman has a "bipartisan gain." Taft is seeking the GOP nomination.

Truman warned the Republicans last Nov. 20 they would be "playing with dynamite" if they chal-

lenged his foreign policy as a major issue in the 1952 elections.

Senator Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn), who will oppose Truman in the Democratic phase of the New Hampshire primary, criticized the Truman administration in a speech before the Yale law school forum at New Haven, Conn.

Kefauver said the nation urgent-

Enloe Describes Danforth Trip To Alpha Zeta

Alton Enloe, winner of the Danforth Fellowship Award last year, gave an illustrated narration of his experiences during the month-long Danforth trip at the regular monthly meeting of the Texas Alpha Chapter of Alpha Zeta last night in the MSC.

Enloe told of the educational opportunities afforded by the trip during the two week tour of St. Louis and vicinity.

Several slides were taken from the Ralston Purina farms, sponsors of the Danforth Award, near St. Louis, as well as pictures from the American Youth Foundation Camp on the shores of Lake Michigan where the last two weeks of the trip are spent.

Physical, mental, social, and religious qualities are the four fundamental beliefs stressed equally during the two weeks at camp, Enloe explained. He urged all interested Agricultural juniors to make application for the award which, in his opinion, is almost as valuable to a man as three years at college.

ly needs "new and fresh leadership" and demands something better than "a war every generation."

Senator Russell (D-Ga.), who announced last week, said he will not enter the Maryland primary because he did not learn until the eleventh hour that midnight was the deadline for filing in the Maryland contest.

Stassen extended his bid with the announcement he will enter the Oregon primary on May 16 and will stump the state.

Truman Talks

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sage to listeners in all parts of the world via 37 transmitters. Immediately following the President's English language broadcast, the message was being translated into 45 languages for rebroadcast.

The address highlighted welcoming of the cutter to Washington for an elaborate 45-minute program during which a ship's flag was presented to the commanding officer, Capt. Oscar C. B. Wev, by Donald McQuade, national commander of Catholic war veterans.

"Fighter for Freedom"

Mr. Truman described the 5,800-ton ship with its 80 crewmen and 10 officers as a new "valiant fighter in the cause of freedom" which will "carry a precious cargo—and that cargo is truth."

Designed to increase the reach and power of Voice of America broadcasts, the ship's 150,000-watt medium wave transmitter is described by the State Department as three times as powerful as the largest American transmitter "and can be heard clearly a thousand miles away."

Backward Glances

Memories of Past Years From the Files of The Battalion

20 Years Ago Today

The first Cotton Ball and Pageant in A&M's history was planned for April 1. The celebration was to consist of an educational program, to be climaxed with a gala dance. Sponsors of the event were members of the Astronomy Society.

A&M's Fish basketball team was riding high following a 32-16 victory of the Blinn Junior College Buccaneers. The Bucs had taken the opening game of the series.

An extensive campaign to gain subscriptions for The Longhorn, (predecessor to the present AggieLand) was set in motion by members of the editorial staff of the publication. Longhorns were priced at \$4.50 with a deposit of \$2.50 required before delivery.

10 Years Ago Today

A&M President T. O. Walton formally made application to the War Department for the establishment of an Ordnance branch at the college. A senior Army Ordnance instructor was to be sent to A&M in June providing the application was approved by the government.

Col. Maurice D. Welty, commandant, squelched rumors concerning the possibility of seniors being allowed to graduate before the scheduled date, May 16. The rumors said seniors would receive commissions and degrees later in March.

College Station, along with the rest of Texas and the nation was feeling the seriousness and proximity of the war.

The Texas Department of Public Safety announced that the entire

state would be on the "alert" for possible air raids beginning at midnight, March 7. The "alert" would remain in force until the end of the war.

5 Years Ago Today

Seeking a replacement for Aggie football coach Homer Norton was beginning to be a problem for A&M's athletic department. Several of the nation's outstanding grid mentors had been contacted regarding the position, but one, J. V. "Siki" Sikes, former Aggie great, denied rumors that he had discussed the job with college officials.

Rules for obtaining the Senior Ring were relaxed by the Ring Committee so that men graduating in the summer or in January would be able to receive their rings before the annual Ring Dance.

Naval reservists at A&M discovered that attending regular naval drills could be profitable to their pocketbooks. Seamen first class reservists were paid \$3 for attending the drill periods while commanders or above received as high as \$10 per drill.

1 Year Ago Today

The Student Senate referred to its executive committee a proposal that the Senate president be elected by vote of the entire student body.

Over 150 handicapped children from 11 counties were scheduled to attend the Kiwanis Club Crippled Children's Clinic May 7. Some of the Southwest's leading physicians had indicated they would be on hand to take part in the clinic.

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