

## American, ROK Prisoners Stream Back To Freedom

MUNJOM — (AP) — Smiling but undemonstrative and South Korean war prisoners came back from imprisonment Thursday, passing within a few feet of North Korean soldiers returning voluntarily to the North.

The third day of Operation Big Switch involved a total of 2,400 American, 250 South Korean and 2,400 North Korean prisoners.

The first two big deliveries of Americans were Army, Marine and Air Force personnel and did not include the officers and NCOs.

## Legett Hall To Stay Open During Break

Since the renovation of Bizzell will not be completed by the end of the 2nd Summer Term, it will be necessary to keep Legett Hall open between the Summer Term and the Fall Term instead of Bizzell, Harry Boyer, chief of housing says.

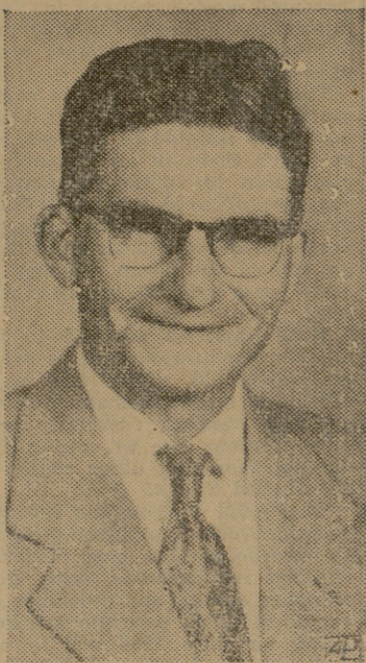
Students who wish to remain on the campus between terms may register for Legett for this period by paying room rent of \$4.30 at the Fiscal Office and presenting the receipt at the Housing Office in Goodwin Hall. This includes students now living in Legett. This registration must be completed by 5 p.m. Friday, August 28th.

## Dismissal of 68 Indictments Ended Support for Laughlin

AUSTIN — (AP) — One of Starr County's Old Party leaders, Joe C. Guerra, testified Wednesday his support of District Judge C. Woodrow Laughlin of Alice ended when the judge dismissed 68 Starr County indictments.

"They represented all the fraud in Starr County," Guerra said.

He was in the witness chair almost the entire day in the hearing of complaints aimed at removing the judge from office. The only other witness was District Judge Arthur A. Klein of Brownsville.



RECOMMENDED—John A. Hamilton, 44 (above), a lawyer of Matador, Tex., was recommended by Heard L. Floore, incoming district attorney for the Northern District of Texas, to fill a vacancy which exists in the U.S. district attorney's office. The recommendation was sent to Attorney General Herbert Brownell, U.S. Attorney General, for final action. Mr. Hamilton has been in legal partnership with his father in Matador. Prior to World War II he served as district attorney for the State 110th Judicial District from 1937 to 1943 when he entered the Navy.

## Vishinsky Says United States Is Acting Like 'Master Race'

### 4-H Members Gather For Leadership Lab

With all the expectancy of treasure hunters about to open a chest full of gold and precious jewels, more than 100 members from 4-H clubs in Texas, officially commenced their annual leadership laboratory at College Station Monday night.

Keyed to explore themselves in a week of studying human relations and development, the youths gathered in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center for the first session. J. D. Prewitt, assistant director for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, presented them the "Extension" key to add to their collection of keys which might open the treasure chest, a symbol of the week's activities.

Ed Nelson, public relations director for the United Gas Pipe Line Company, Shreveport, presented the sponsor's key, and Delbert Taylor and Dorothy Foltyn, chairmen of the state 4-H council, presented the green key of the organization. Each lab member also received a key to wear during the week. Wayne Stark of the Memorial Student Center spoke to the group on the facilities of their meeting place.

### Some Say Speech Was A Warning

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 26—(AP)—Russia's Andrei Vishinsky accused the United States and its allies Wednesday of acting like a "master race" and trying to ram through an ultimatum to the Communists on the makeup of the Korean peace conference.

He also maneuvered to force the U.N. assembly to make a decision on whether Russia would attend as an interested neighbor, which he insisted she is, or as a member of the Communist side tagged as a part of the Red aggressor team.

Vishinsky unleashed a bitter and angry speech in the 60-nation political committee of the assembly. Some delegates saw it as a warning that the Korean peace conference, if it ever meets, is doomed to fail before it starts unless the conditions laid down by Red China's Premier-Foreign Minister Chou En-lai in Peiping and the Soviet delegation here are accepted.

## Cost of Living Index Shows Slight Increase

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The nation's living costs inched up about 2 of 1 per cent last month to set a record for the second straight month.

Higher prices for food, rent, medical care, gasoline and motor oil were cited by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Wednesday as the chief factors in the cost of living increase. The bureau's index has been climbing steadily for five months.

Figures in the new government index gave about one million auto industry workers a 1¢ hourly pay boost.

Living costs reached a peak last November, from which they declined during the winter and began rising again in the spring and early summer.

The mid-June index figure was 114.5 per cent of the 1947-49 average. Wednesday's index, reflecting mid-July prices and establishing another record, was 114.7.

## A&M Prof. to Go To Annual Meet

Dr. R. L. Skrabanek, assistant professor of the department of agricultural economics and sociology, will attend the annual meeting of the American Rural Sociological Society in Stillwater, Oklahoma from September 3, to September 6.

Reams in December of Trevino throwing the county auditor out of the district clerk's office, refusing to let him make an audit and tearing up the notes he had started to make.

Judge Klein testified to his duties on the 79th district bench in impounding and releasing Duval County ballots last year, most details of which have been covered at length in previous testimony.

Sen. William H. Shireman, Corpus Christi, counsel for Laughlin's

opposition, asked Judge Klein if he thought it ethical for a judge personally involved in a case to make his own selection of a judge to try it.

Supreme Court Master D. E. Wood of Georgetown, who is conducting the hearing, sustained objection to the question but allowed Judge Klein to answer for purposes of the court record.

"I would not have done it," Judge (See LAUGHLIN, Page 4)

## 'Les Miserables,' Russian Version . . .

# For Eating Christmas Gingerbread Hans Spent Eight Years In Prison

BERLIN, July 17 (AP)—For one piece of Christmas gingerbread, eight years in prison.

That's the penalty Hans Hering paid. He was nine when it happened. Today, at 17, he's back with his mother after half a lifetime of orphan's homes, Soviet jails and uranium mines.

In his pocket, every time he ventures out, is a detailed map of Berlin. He knows if he ever again gets caught in the Russian sector, he's in trouble. He's had enough to

last him, no matter how long he lives.

The strapping, smiling Hering told his tale as a self-assured youngster who has weathered so many vicissitudes tomorrow holds no fears. It started Dec. 23, 1945, when he attended a Christmas party in Neukoeln, West Berlin. The nine-year-old boy was given two gingerbread packages, one for a younger brother too ill to come to the party.

On the way home, Hans ate both

gingerbreads and started worrying about parental censure. He strolled around, finally went home and looked in the window, but lacked the courage to walk in and take certain punishment.

"I went to East Berlin, not knowing anything else to do except walk around," he said. When the police picked him up he gave them the phony name of Horst Klein. In German that's like saying John Smith.

Soviet police took him to Rheinsberg to an orphans' home. He ran

away, but soon was picked up by Soviet soldiers.

"They cut my hair off and put me in a Russian uniform," he recalls. "I was marched away with about 600 other German children and about 2,500 head of cattle toward East Prussia."

On the way, he spied refugees moving West, slipped out of his column and joined them. His sturdy legs carried him all the way to Saxony, more than 100 miles westward. He wound up in other orphans' homes.

In 1949, then only thirteen, young Hering became an apprentice in the Penig paper works in Rochlitz. He joined the Communist "Free German Youth" (FDJ) and worked his way up to group secretary, culture and literature official.

Then, he said, somebody in the FDJ found him "presumptuous," so he was shifted to the earth works at the Sosa Dam in the uranium fields. By fall, 1950, he had become a surveyor assistant. He again got a good spot in the local FDJ organization and was awarded the youth bronze and silver medals.

In 1951, big and strong though only fifteen, he was selected to join the "peoples police," and appointed deputy FDJ secretary for his police unit.

"I just couldn't stand military training anymore," he said, "and so I pretended I had epilepsy, smashed some office furniture and beat a girl."

For this, he was sent to an asylum at Bradenburg-Goeren but released as cured several weeks later. The police provided a further rest cure at a Baltic coast resort, and then assigned him to the Dresden headquarters, in the spare auto parts depot.

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## Reports Give Hope Jobe Survives War

The last report received by The Battalion concerning Lew Jobe, '52, stated that he was believed to have been killed in Korea. However, P. L. Downs received a letter from Jobe's father and from Lt. Dick Hatch, who was in Jobe's Company, giving rise to the hope that he is still alive and a prisoner of the Chinese.

Lt. Hatch said, "I didn't see him when he was wounded but when I heard, I sent two men to guard him until we could get him back to the aid station."

Since his evacuation Lt. Hatch has contacted all the people who might have seen Jobe and "the last person to see him says he was alive." His condition was such that he could not walk and since neither he nor the two men guarding him have been seen or heard from, the possibilities of his being captured alive are very good.

"An infantry Officer who was with him, said that during the situation, Lew did a superior job and he really praised him," Lt. Hatch said.

## Blackberry Leading in States

The leading blackberry industry is centered in North Carolina. The berry is based upon the compound acidity due to its vigor, growth habit, good and high yields. However, quality is poor in a peculiar type of berry sent in the current because of this sterility, but it has been raised yields considerably.

## Throwing Washers New Student Sport

Washer throwing has become a favorite past time among students living in Law and Puryear Halls. The washer throwing holes are located beneath shady oak trees on the north side of Law Hall. Games are usually in progress during most of the day, especially in the afternoon and sometimes even at night.

The entire game is closely patterned after the familiar game of pitching horse shoes. Four players participate in the game and the object for each team is to throw their washers into or near the holes than the other team. Six washers are used, three for each team and the holes are located about 20 to 25 feet apart.



REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE — Three chief justices (left to right) J. C. Sherburne of Randolph, Vt.; Allyn L. Brown of Norwich, Conn.; and John E. Hickman of Austin, register with Jane Parks, clerk, before attending the opening meeting of the National Conference of Chief Justices in Boston, Mass.