



THOUSANDS WATCH—Thousands gather on the lawn of the Memorial Student Center for the annual Muster ceremony yesterday. The program was rebroadcast over the Texas Quality Network last night.

General Election Filings Completed

Filing closed yesterday for the general election Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

Those who filed yesterday are as follows:

Class of '55 student senator: Thurman H. Johnson, Hollis H. Bowling, Theo Lindig, J. P. Goode, J. F. Franz, L. B. Laskoskie, Fanny Tatt, Charles E. Bowers, Dusty Canon, Bill Bass.

Buck Isbell, Chuck Newman, Bob Williams, Robert Aleock, Joe Ed King, Gordon E. Tate, Fair Colvin, Joe M. Mejia, J. B. Lilley, Harold Fox.

Class of '56 student senator: Billy Berryhill, Gene Stubblefield, David Parnell, Ernest Biehunko, Clifford Condit, Bob Francis.

Class of '57 student senator: Glynn Chandler, Stephen Scott, James Starr Jr., Jon Cobb.

Non-military student senator: George Allen, Wallace Larson, Alfred Nichols, Jerry Schnepf, Ben Vance, Dave Lane, Carl Livesey.

Battalion corps co - editor: T. Harri Baker.

Student Life committee, non-military: Charles Coenanougher.

Accident Group To Meet Friday

The Accident Prevention committee will meet Friday to discuss recommendations to the president.

The recommendations will cover composition of the committee, plans for continuity in the committee, a full time or part time safety coordinator, methods for utilizing departments in teaching safety, and removal of hazards from the campus.

The meeting will be in the YMCA at 4 p. m.

Members of the committee are Bennie Zinn, chairman, Carl Tishler, Howard Badgett, Welcome Wright, Roy Garrett, Lt. Col. Robert Melcher, A. A. Price, E. B. Middleton, C. M. Simmang, Fred Mitchell, John Hill, and Harri Baker.

'I Was There'

Corregidor Muster Hazardous

By BOB BORISKIE
Battalion Co-Editor

When the 1942 Aggie Muster was held on Corregidor on one of those final days before its surrender to the Japanese, the conditions or incentive for a gathering could not have been worse.

I know, because I was there.

Although I wasn't an Aggie at the time, having gone directly into the Navy after being graduated from high school, I was born and reared among Aggies and already had considerable knowledge of the intense bond of fellowship which magnetically draws them together wherever they meet.

Across the entrance to Manila Bay is a string of three small islands. Corregidor, the larger one, is flanked by Caballo Island and a concrete fortification called Fort

US Planes Flying French Paratroops

By ROGER D. GREENE

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson confirmed today that U. S. air force planes are flying French paratroops from France to Indochina to reinforce the Communist-besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu.

Wilson said the move is being undertaken "at the request of the French government" and is "in line with present United States policy" of providing military aid to America's allies.

He emphasized that the planes will land at airfields outside the combat zone to unload the French troops who will then be dropped into Dien Bien Phu from other planes piloted by French airmen or American fly-for-pay civilian pilots.

Officials here also confirmed that U. S. air force planes will fly additional French reinforcements - possibly including famous Morocco Goum fighters - from North Africa to the Indochina war theater.

Wilson's statement at his news conference came amid a series of other developments indicating a sudden quickening of tension in the critical Far East situation. These included:

1. The Peiping radio charges the United States is stepping up its "military ventures" in Indochina. The broadcast did not elaborate on the nature of the ventures, but warned that Red China "will certainly not refrain from doing something" about what it called "armed aggression."

2. Secretary Wilson announced that President Eisenhower has asked Gen. James Van Fleet, retired former commander of the U. S. 8th Army in Korea, to survey the military aid programs in the Far East—especially in Korea and Formosa.

3. Secretary of State Dulles, arriving in Paris en route to the Geneva Big Four conference which begins next Monday, arranged to confer with French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault on the Indochinese situation.

4. Chairman Wiley (R-Wis) of the Senate Foreign Relations committee and Chairman Ferguson (R-Mich) of the Senate GOP Policy committee, said in separate interviews they see little prospect either of uniting Korea or bringing peace to Indochina at the Geneva conference.

5. Vice President Nixon told newsmen in Chicago that U. S. policy has this purpose: "That American boys will not have to fight in Indochina or anywhere else."

Watches will be presented to the editors of the six publications. Staff members will receive keys.

Speaker Not Set For Press Banquet

A speaker has not been selected yet for the press club banquet and dance May 14, said B. C. (Dutch) Dutcher, president of the Press club's Executive committee.

All students who work on student publications will attend the affair. College officials will also be invited.

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Rue Pinalle Features Combo

Saturday night's Rue Pinalle will feature a floor show and dance music by the Capers Combo from 8:30 till 12:00.

Next to the last Rue Pinalle of this school year, it will be held in the games area of the Memorial Student Center.

Dress is optional for benefit of those attending the informal Air Force ball that night, said Rue Pinalle Manager Bill Kall.

Shivers Emphasizes Peace In Annual Muster Speech

News of the World

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twisters, hail, rain and dust hit sections of West Texas Wednesday as a cool front pushed through. Two tornadoes dipped from a black thundercloud and spun through a farming area north of Fort Stockton, sucking the roof off a house as a farm couple huddled in their living room. Nobody was hurt. There were unconfirmed reports of tornadoes in the air southwest of Midland and near the Terminal community 10 miles west of Midland.

HANOI, Indochina—Vietminh besiegers squeezed Dien Bien Phu's French Union defenders into a shrinking circle of reddish mud about 1 1/4 miles across yesterday. The rebels kept digging ever closer to the barricades in a downpour of rain.

AUSTIN—A 14 per cent drop in draft delinquency in Texas during the first quarter of 1954 was reported by state selective service Director Paul L. Wakefield. Wakefield said 656 men were listed as delinquent as of the end of March.

MOSCOW—The biggest budget in Soviet history went before Parliament for approval yesterday. Finance Minister Arseny G. Zverev said defense appropriations—17.8 per cent of the total—"strengthen the defense capabilities of our state."

GALVESTON—The Greater Galveston Beach association issued a call for volunteers to smear suntan lotion on some 75 bathing beauties at Galveston's Splash day celebration May 1-2. In short order, nearly 100 bachelors and one married man applied. Later, the married man changed his mind because, he said, his wife "might not understand."

'Clever Plans' Would Blunt Group-McCarthy

By RELMAN MORIN

HOUSTON, April 21 (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) asserted today that "devilishly clever plans" are being laid to sabotage the Red-hunting efforts of the Senate Investigating subcommittee which he heads.

He called the Senate hearings which begin tomorrow into his dispute with the army a "television show of Adams versus Cohn."

In a speech delivered at Texas' San Jacinto battleground, where Texas won independence from Mexico 118 years ago today, McCarthy declared:

"Plans are now being cleverly laid—plans to make it impossible for the investigating committee to continue as an effective instrument to expose and fight the Communist conspiracy."

"I know all about the plans. They are clever—devilishly clever—and some good men are being used."

McCarthy said the alleged plot pivots around proposed changes in the rules under which the committee operates.

He appeared before a crowd estimated by police at 9,000, clustered around the towering San Jacinto monument. The size of his audience was smaller than previous optimistic estimates.

Brain Injury Puts Lanktree In Hospital

Hugh Lanktree, junior from Buenos Aires, Argentina, is in the college hospital with a brain concussion.

He received the concussion when he was thrown by a horse at Possum Kingdom lake last weekend.

He will probably be out of the hospital soon, said Dr. J. E. Marsh, college doctor.

Top Wing Soph To Be Approved

Recommendations for outstanding wing sophomore have been submitted to the military department for approval, said William M. Reed, first wing commander.

Two names were submitted, he said, and announcement of the winner will be made Mothers' Day.

Selection and rating of candidates was based on the individual's overall grade point ratio, military science grades, cadet activities and interviews. The students whose names were submitted are also in competition for outstanding corps sophomore.

One thing is certain. It was not a matter of strolling to a hilltop to gather under a mango tree for a bull session.

Only the members of the Muster group could tell what hazards they endured to gather at one spot, and many of them made their last Muster that April day on Corregidor.

Of the 25 who were there, 10 are dead and three others are missing. It wasn't until after I had survived 40 months in a Japanese prison camp and had returned to the United States that I learned of the Muster on Corregidor.

There are many things which occur during a war that are colored completely out of proportion to the true facts. The Aggie Muster on Corregidor was not one of these. I know, because I was there.

Says Agriculture Domestic Problem

Governor Allan Shivers issued a plea for peace yesterday, speaking at the 51st annual Aggie Muster here.

"Most of the world has put its faith in American leadership and in our country's attempts to establish a permanent peace," he said. "Our country must continue to put its faith in God and we renew our efforts to bring about lasting peace on earth."

"I feel certain that most of you men, training here in the methods of war, hate war as most military men do," Shivers said.

Agriculture is the country's biggest domestic problem, according to the governor, especially farm surpluses.

"This situation offers the people of America one of the best opportunities in their history to help themselves by helping others," Shivers said.

He suggested using America's food surpluses to feed starving people in other countries.

"I think we can all agree that well-fed people are less likely to start wars than are people on the brink of starvation," he said.

Shivers said that water was the "number one" problem in the state of Texas.

"Texas usually has plenty of water," he said, "but, all too often, it has too much water in the wrong place at the wrong time and not enough in the right place at the right time."

He said the state needs better storage and distribution facilities for existing water and for the water that now drains off into the Gulf of Mexico.

The governor said he is convinced that the spirit of Aggie land is "more than just the spirit of a great college."

"It is, in reality, the same spirit which has made it possible for our nation to emerge successfully from every war in its glorious history," he said.

Shivers was introduced by President David H. Morgan. Others taking part in the Muster ceremony were Charles Parker, Pat Wood, Fred Mitchell, Vol M. (Monty) Montgomery, the Singing Cadets, the Ross Volunteer firing squad, and the A&M band.

Tyree To Receive Journalism Award

James B. Tyree, senior poultry husbandry major, will receive a \$500 agricultural journalism scholarship, sponsored by the Clayton Fund.

Tyree will take two extra semesters work next year and receive his BS degree in agricultural journalism.

Lester S. Smith, senior agricultural education major, also received one of the \$500 scholarships.

"Anyone who has completed two years of college work and intends to enter agricultural journalism is eligible for the scholarship," said Don D. Burchard, head of the journalism department. They are given on the basis of scholastic records, sincerity of purpose, potentiality in the field, and financial need.

This is the second year the awards have been made. Present holders of the scholarships are Robert Mayo and Calvin Pigg.

Aggies To Judge Boy Scout Camp

Members of the Boy Scout organization class will participate in the camporee to be held at Camp Arrowmoon April 30-May 1.

The Aggie scouters will help the officials of the Bryan and Burleson districts in judging competition between troops in scouting skills.

Transportation for the students has been provided for by Maj. O. H. Franks, Air Force Liaison Officer for Senior Scouting.

Magazine Editors Must Be Certified

Candidates for editor of the Engineer, Commentator and Agriculturist must be certified by the manager of student publications, said Carl Jobe, assistant manager of student publications.

The certification will be based mainly on the length of service on the magazine staff, along with individual ability, he said.

Editors for the magazines will be elected by their school councils in May.

Weather Today

PARTLY CLOUDY
Mostly cloudy today. Tigh temperature yesterday 83. Low this morning 56.



MUSTER SPEECH—Gov. Allan Shivers gives the address at the annual Muster ceremony yesterday. Behind him are Dr. David H. Morgan, president, and the Singing Cadets.