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World News

By The Associated Press

TOKYO—Peiping radio yesterday charged that U. S. participation in the Tachen Islands evacuation was a "pretext to invade the Chinese coastal islands and expand its aggression against China."

WASHINGTON—The House voted 394-4 yesterday to continue the draft four years beyond June 30. It is currently taking about 11,000 young men each month.

MOSCOW—Georgi Malenkov's resignation from the Soviet premiership likely will mean a substantial reshuffle of the whole Soviet government under the eye of Nikita S. Khrushchev, Westerners in Moscow believe. Malenkov stepped down yesterday with a confession of failure to do his job. To succeed him Khrushchev nominated Nikolai Bulganin, defense minister and an army marshal, as the choice of the Communist party.

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower declared yesterday America "must face up to the dangers that still lurk about us" and also must help intensify "the will for freedom" in Soviet satellite countries.

FORT WORTH—A B-36 bomber from Biggs air force base, El Paso, crashed and burned on the runway at Carswell air base last night. There were two killed.

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower outlined yesterday a three-year attack on the nation's school shortage which would throw \$1,100,000,000 of federal money into emergency construction. He said the program would preserve "the responsibility of communities and states in educating our children."

Mass Evacuation Started on Tachen

TAIPEI, Formosa—(AP)—The massive evacuation of the Communist-menaced Tachen Islands began yesterday with Chinese Nationalist Navy ships loading civilians from the rocky beaches of lower Tachen Island.

U. S. Navy warships and planes threw a protective shield around the Tachens, 14 miles from the Red mainland and within gun range of Red Chinese artillery on Yikiangshan Island.

Officers on the U. S. amphibious flagship Estes said American ships had not taken aboard any of the nationalist civilians.

Groundwork for the evacuation was performed Monday by U. S. Navy beachmasters and marines assisted by nationalist troops.

Red artillery on Yikiangshan fired at U. S. 7th Fleet planes Monday but none of the shells came close. Otherwise, the opening phase of the evacuation passed without incident. Peiping radio said U. S. planes flew over Yikiangshan and other islands near the Tachens in "a military provocation gravely encroaching upon China's territory and sovereignty." The broadcast said the U. S. planes left when Communist planes took the air.

Col. Cho Kai, a Chinese Nationalist officer, said the last shelling of the island was Saturday and the last bombing a week ago.

"Several Communist MIGs flew over the island Saturday on an apparent reconnaissance flight but dropped no bombs," he said.

Russell Recovering From Injuries

Dr. Daniel Russell, who was injured last year while on leave for Point 4 program duty in Haiti, is apparently recovered from his injuries.

An excerpt from a letter which Russell sent to Luther Jones, which appeared in the Feb. 8 edition of the Kiwanis club weekly bulletin read as follows:

"I finally got out on a fishing trip yesterday. Three of us caught ninety pounds in an hour and a half. I am feeling just fine now and can see no permanent effect from my accident."



Col. Robert D. Offer Leaving PMS&T Post

Costs \$200,000

Work To Begin On Chapel

Construction on a \$200,000 non-denominational chapel for meditation and prayer will begin sometime this year, according to Ernest Langford, head of the architecture

department. The winning design for the chapel was submitted by Richard Vrooman, assistant professor of architecture. Vrooman was awarded commission as architect for the chapel. He has an AB degree from Oberlin college, Bachelor of Architecture degree from Western Reserve, and Master of Architecture from A&M. He has been with the college four years.

Vrooman's eight panel design will be on display in the Memorial Student Center the later part of the week, Langford said. Two other designs submitted by former students drew prizes of \$500 and \$250. Second place went

Film Group Names Spring Schedule

"Drole De Drame" and "Pinky" will be the next films presented by the Memorial Student Center Film society in the MSC ballroom Friday, according to Cyrus Johnston, chairman.

Tickets are on sale at the main desk of the MSC for \$1.25 for students and \$1.50 for non-residents. They will remain on sale until 5 p.m. Friday.

The society will show several foreign films during the semester. The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 18, "Phantom of the Opera;"
March 4, "The Strange Ones;"
March 20, "Chaplin Festival;"
April 1, "Gigi;"
April 22, "Thirteen Rue Madeleine;"

May 15, "A Run for Your Money," "The Tramp" and "Steps of the Ballet;"

Step Taken Toward Formation Of Foreign Relations Institute

Offer Assigned Fort Bragg Post; Leaves Here Soon

Col. Robert D. Offer, PMS&T here since August, will leave March 1 or April 1 for a new assignment. Offer said yesterday that he has been ordered to a field artillery group at Fort Bragg, N.C., probably to become commander of the group.

He said he did not know who would replace him as top man of A&M's army ROTC department, but he hoped the new man would arrive before he left.

Offer said he did not know the reason for his being transferred so soon after his arrival, but that he did not believe the Formosan crisis was the cause.

"My orders were dated before that situation reached its present condition," he said.

The normal tour of duty for a PMS&T is three years. "But the army wanted me, so I'm going," he said.

When asked what he thought of A&M, his first ROTC assignment, Offer said, "About the best thing to say is that it's quite a place."

"I was surprised in many ways," he said. "A&M is large, and it takes a little time to get used to so many people stomping around."

Offer, a West Point graduate, attended the army's Command and General Staff college for a year just before coming to A&M.

He has also seen service in the Pentagon, with the Military Advisory group at Rome, and with the fifth division in Iceland, Ireland, North Africa, and Italy.

Offer replaced Col. Shelly P. Myers, who left for duty in Europe.

Silver Taps Planned Tonight

Silver Taps will be held tonight at 10:30 for Dan Burgin, freshman business administration major from San Antonio.

Burgin was killed in a car-truck crash 20 miles west of Beeville Feb. 1.

Influenza Leads

Influenza was the leading disease in Brazos county last week with 22 cases reported to the county health unit. Mumps was second with 13 cases, and diarrhea was third with 12 cases. Eleven cases of chickenpox were also reported.

During Meeting

Agriculture Plane To Be Shown Soon

By DON SHEPARD
Battalion News Editor

A new experimental agriculture airplane, the Ag-3, will be demonstrated at the Texas Agricultural Aviation conference and short course on pest control here Feb. 20, 21 and 22, said Fred Weick, director of the Personal Aircraft Research center.

The 135 h.p. plane is designed to carry a spray or dust load of about 800 pounds, and will do all agriculture work such as spraying, dusting, and seeding.

It is one of two airplanes in this

Committee Formed By Student Center

The first step has been taken toward creating at A&M an annual Student Foreign Relations Institute that would be one of the two organizations of its kind in the nation.

The Memorial Student Center has set up a temporary committee to plan for the conference, which would involve from 150 to 200 college students and cost an estimated \$10-15,000 a year to put on.

First problem to be solved is financing the institute, said Bud Whitney, MSC council vice-president and temporary chairman of the committee.

He said the financing would probably be done by getting a grant, and that there is a "good chance" of getting the money.

Aggieland Names Dates For Pictures

Picture schedule for military students has been announced by the Aggieland '55.

The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 9-10, A, B, C, and D infantry; A, B and C armor; Feb. 11-14, A and B engineers, A transportation, A ordnance; Feb. 15-16, A, B, C and D field artillery, A, B and C anti-aircraft artillery; Feb. 17-18, A quartermaster, A signal, A chemical; Feb. 21-22, A and B composite, maroon band, A and B athletics.

Feb. 23-24, white band, squadrons 1 through 3; Feb. 25-28, squadrons 4 through 10; March 1-2, squadrons 11 and 21; March 3-4, squadrons 22 and 25.

Juniors To Meet

The junior class will meet tonight in the Memorial Student Center ballroom at 7:30, according to Allen Greer, junior class president. Plans for the Junior Prom will be discussed, he said.

Whitney mentioned the Jesse Jones foundation and the Ford foundation as possible sources. He said Robert Hutchins, who was formerly connected with the Ford foundation, offered his assistance when he was here as a Great Issues series speaker.

"The purpose of the institute would be to give interested students a chance to express their opinions about world affairs in conference with informed students from other schools," Whitney said.

Held Annually

The institute would be held annually, with students from selected schools invited to send representatives to the four or five-day meeting.

The list would probably be confined to schools west of the Mississippi river, since West Point sponsors a similar conference for eastern schools, Whitney said.

The institute's program would also include speakers prominent in the field of foreign relations and United States foreign policy.

It would probably be held in the late fall of each year, and the temporary committee is already planning for next fall, Whitney said.

Committee Members

Members of the temporary committee include Weldon Walker, Bill Aalsup, Henry Goff, Harold Sellers, John Jenkins, Larry Kennedy, Les Robinson, Bob Bucher, Bob Castor, Cyrus Johnston, Wilson Hardy, and Peter Stromberg.

When definite planning starts, Whitney said, this committee will be broken into sub-committees, and enlarged to 50 or 100 A&M students.

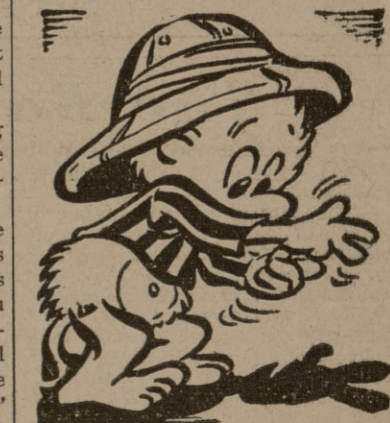
"It will be a big thing, and it will require a lot of work," he said.

Only One Other

The West Point conference, called the Student Conference on United States Affairs, is the only other student conference of this type in the nation. Several cities, including Houston and Dallas, have similar foreign relations groups.

Two representatives from A&M, Whitney and Corps Commander Frank Ford, attended the West Point meeting last fall. Whitney and Johnston attended a meeting of the Houston group a month ago to get ideas for the proposed A&M institute.

Weather Today



CLEAR

The weather outlook for today is clear with little change in temperature. Yesterday's high was 60, low 48. The temperature at 10:15 this morning was 53.



NEW DUSTER—The Ag-3, an experimental spraying and dusting plane designed by Personal Aircraft Research center at Easterwood airport, was flown in yesterday from Lockhaven, Penn. where it was being tested. Standing by the plane are Tom Heffner, pilot, Fred Weick and George Roth, who worked together designing the plane.