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## News of the World

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**GENEVA, Switzerland**—Possible agreement between the United States and Red China to renounce use of force has been blocked because the United States wants to include Formosa in its area of self-defense, Peiping's special ambassador here said yesterday. Breaking the official secrecy which has surrounded his 24 weeks of negotiations with special U. S. Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson, Wang Ping-nan issued a 2,500-word statement summarizing the Chinese version of their exchanges. There was no statement from Johnson.

chiefs of five Middle Eastern nations agreed here yesterday on unified measures to prevent subversive and Communist elements from infiltrating the region. The five nations which took part in the conference were Iraq, Turkey, Iran, Lebanon and Jordan.

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**BERLIN**—Communist-ruled East Germany's Parliament yesterday voted for a new "people's army." But it will still be the old Russian-organized barracks police with Soviet-type uniforms which was set up six years ago. The Communists claim they need an army to stop an "imperialist invasion" which they charge is being planned in West Germany.

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**BOMBAY, India**—Police fired on rioting mobs again yesterday in Bombay. The death toll in three days of violence climbed to 10. But Prime Minister Nehru refused to yield to rioters' demands that he change his decision setting the city of Bombay apart from rival nearby states that speak different languages.



**Maj. Gen. Mark McClure**  
 To Present Commissions

## Youth Group Adopts Name, Constitution

The College Station Youth Activities Committee changed their official name to the College Station Youth Facilities Council at a called meeting in the City Hall Monday, "because it more accurately describes the functions of the group," according to Bob Cherry, president.

A new constitution was adopted by the Council making the operation more formal. A committee with Mrs. R. E. Patterson as chairman, Dick Hervey and Dr. John Rogers framed the new document which goes into effect immediately.

Purpose of the organization, according to the new constitution, is to "supplement the work of other youth organizations who are directly engaged in activities of youth, but do not have adequate facilities."

The latest project finished by the council was the lighted softball diamond at Lincoln school. The work was done with \$1,000 allotted by the 1954 Community Chest drive. There is a \$140 debt left from this project which will be absorbed from the \$200 given the Council by the 1955 Chest.

Council members present elected Cherry president and Mrs. R. E. Patterson secretary-treasurer.

The new council will consist of representatives from the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, public schools, College Station Recreation Council, College Station Chamber of Commerce and Development Association, the city government and the Community Chest.

## Weather Today

CLEAR

Clear all day is forecasted for College Station. Yesterday's high was 37 degrees with a low of 27 degrees. Temperature at 10:30 this morning was 33 degrees.



**JUST LOOKING**—Appraising an unseen picture in the new art show in the Memorial Student Center are A&M seniors John Liddy, left, and Frank Waddell. The show is the Winter Juried work of the members of the Art Gallery Group, and winners have been announced by Mrs. Emilia Terry, Art Group advisor. The show will be on display until Feb. 1.

## Graduation Exercises Begin Tomorrow at 10

### 241 to Receive Degrees At 6:30 Commencement

Tomorrow is graduation day for about 241 students who will receive various degrees, including 39 advanced degrees. The exercises begin with the Baccalaureate sermon at 10 a.m. in Guion Hall. Dr. Robert I. Kahn, Rabbi, Congregation Emanu El, Houston, will deliver the sermon.

All candidates for degrees are required to attend both this service and the commencement services tomorrow night, unless registered in absentia or officially excused. Attendance will be checked.

The procession will form on the first floor of White Coliseum at 9:30, with roll call at 9:45.

The commencement exercises will be held that night at 6:30 in Guion. Speakers for this program will be Dr. M. T. Harrington, chancellor of the A&M College System. The procession for commencement will form at 6 on the first floor of the coliseum, and roll will be taken at 6:15.

Reserve commission for graduates in the ROTC program will be awarded at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in Guion. Maj. Gen. Mark McClure, deputy commander of the Fourth army, will present commissions.

Ph.D. Candidates are to wear the doctor's cap and gowns in both processions. Candidates for the Master's Degree will wear the Master's caps and gowns.

Civilian students who are candidates for the Bachelor's Degree will wear Bachelor's caps and gowns. All military personnel, including ROTC students, will wear uniforms.

A reminder has been issued to all graduates that all bills owed to the college must be paid at the Fiscal Office by 5 p.m. today. Candidates also should check the bulletin board in the Registrar's Office today or tomorrow to determine whether or not they are academically clear for graduation.

C. E. Tishler, head of the Physical Education Department, is chairman of the Convocations Committee which includes P. M. Goff, R. O. Murray, R. G. Perryman, C. G. (Spike) White and R. L. Whiting. Tomorrow's ceremonies will be the first mid-term graduation in more than ten years. The action to get the program was instituted by January graduates and approved by the Executive Committee of the College last November.

### Social Club Meets

A&M Social Club will meet at 2 p.m. Friday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom, one week and one hour earlier than the usual time.

The ladies of the School of Military Science will act as hostesses for the affair which has the theme of "Let's Play". Bridge, canasta, forty-two and crazy bridge will be among the games played.

### Military Needs To Determine Cadet Service

Military obligation by Army ROTC cadets will be determined by the needs of the military service—not the personal desire of the individual, according to Col. D. P. Anderson, PMS&T.

Some arms and services are short of company grade officers and will order their new officers to longer periods of active duty than other arms or services. But, there is no way to guarantee the newly commissioned officer a six month tour of duty or a two-year active duty call.

"The graduating senior can make his desires known," Col. Anderson said, "but his desire will merely serve as a guide to the officer assignment offices in The Pentagon."

Quotas for the two-year active duty training will be filled first by distinguished military graduates who have applied for and have been accepted for the Regular Army. The remainder to reach prescribed quotas will then be selected to meet branch of service requirements.

About one-third of the 6,000 Army ROTC graduates scheduled to enter active duty training during the first six months of this year will serve normal two-year periods. The balance will be called for six months active duty. A program for June graduates will be announced at a later date.

From the date of commission, reserve officers who spend six months on active duty will be required to serve seven and one-half years in a ready reserve unit while those who complete two years of active duty will be required to join a ready reserve unit for four years.

A one year delay may be granted before the student is called to active duty. Graduating seniors receive their orders before being commissioned. This is the first time the officer-to-be learns his date of active duty and the amount of time he will have to spend in the army.

### Konecny Named Program Leader

F. J. Konecny, executive assistant, Texas Engineering Extension Service, will serve as program chairman for the Trade and Industrial Division of this year's convention of the American Vocational Association, to be held in St. Louis.

He is secretary-treasurer of the Texas Vocational Association.

The convention has been named "The Golden Anniversary Convention."

### Missing A Pin Helps Polio Drive

This week has been designated as Polio Bowl Pin Week by John M. Geiger, manager of the Memorial Student Center bowling alleys. The bowl is in effect all this week.

A pin with a red band around its middle and a red top will be placed in each set of alleys. If the bowler fails to knock the pin down in a complete frame, two balls, he will be asked to contribute five cents to the Polio fund drive.

This bowl pertains to league play and Physical Education classes only. The leagues themselves voted to use this system to collect money for the College Station polio fund.

### Vet Dean Finishes PhD Degree Work

Dr. W. W. Armistead, dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, has received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota. He completed course work and residence requirements at Minnesota in June, 1953.

Research and preparation of his dissertation were accomplished at A&M College. Dr. Armistead's dissertation, "The Intra-peritoneal Use of Skin Autografts in Veterinary Surgery," involved research conducted over a period of two years on six different species of domestic animals. He received his DVM degree from A&M in 1938 and M.Sc. degree from Ohio State University in 1950.

### Livesay Elected

Carl Livesay has been elected president of the Chi chapter of Iota Lambda Sigma. Also in the election, which was held due to the graduation of Bill Powell, former president, Gus Baker was elected vice-president of the chapter.

## Commissioning Ceremonies

## Cadets Hear McClure

Maj. Gen. Mark McClure, deputy Fourth Army commander, will be the main speaker at commissioning ceremonies at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon in Guion Hall. Eighty-six army and air force cadets will receive commissions.

Gen. McClure, a 1922 graduate of the United States Military Academy, is not a newcomer to Texas. Following graduation from West Point, he was assigned with the 12th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston. He returned to Texas in 1942 when he was appointed G3 of the newly activated 95th Infantry Division at Camp Swift, Tex.

In May 1944 he was named artillery commander of the 95th Infantry Division and fought with that division through France and Germany.

He was named Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Harvard University in January 1946. Prior to reporting for duty at Fort Sam Houston, Gen. McClure was

assistant chief of staff of the U. S. Army in Europe.

Army commissions will be presented by Gen. McClure and Col. James A. Gunn III, commanding officer of Bryan Air Force Base, will present air force commissions.

All cadets to receive commissions will be present and seated as designated by 1:15. Cadets being commissioned will wear either a cadet uniform consisting of a green blouse and pink trousers, or the uniform of the service in which

he is being commissioned. The latter uniform will consist of a blouse (not jacket) and trousers.

The distinguished party will reach its position on the stage at approximately 1:30 p.m. Upon their entrance, Cadet Colonel of the Corps Larry Kennedy will call the Corps to attention. Corps Chaplain Robert H. Scott will give the invocation. The oath of office for the new officers will be administered by Maj. Charles H. Brown, senior Armor instructor.

The first two rows of air force officers will proceed to the west side of the stage. Simultaneously, the first two rows of army officers will proceed to the east side of the stage. No officer will enter the stage until his name has been called by Maj. Brown. At this time the cadet named will move onto the stage to a spot about two paces in front of Gen. McClure or Col. Gunn, and salute.

Officers will accept the commission in the left hand so the right hand will be free to accept the hand shake. After the commission has been presented and the officer shakes hands and salutes, he leaves the stage and returns to his seat.

The oath of office for the 59 Army cadets will be held at 7 tonight in the lecture room of the Civil Engineering Building. They will be sworn in by CWO Harry G. McKimm, adjutant of the Army Military Science Department. Uniforms are not required for this ceremony. All cadets to be sworn in should be in the lecture room and seated by 6:50.

### Dorms To Be Open During Holidays

All dormitories will be open during the between semester recess, according to the Housing Office. Students are reminded that at least the first installment fees for the spring semester must be paid before rooms can be reserved.

## Last Day for Paying Room Reservations

Room reservations and spring semester fees can be paid through today to avoid the registration day rush.

The procedure will be followed in reserving rooms and paying fees

is as follows:

Veterans attending school under the World War II GI Bill should secure fee waiver slips from the Veterans Advisor's Office in room 102 of Goodwin Hall, and if they wish to keep the rooms they now occupy, they must present fee waiver slips to the Housing Office in Goodwin Hall.

All other students should pay fees at the Fiscal Office in the Administration Building and register with the Housing Office.

All students must present their fee receipts when reserving rooms.

Students who wish to reserve the rooms they now occupy should register for these rooms before 5 p.m. Beginning tomorrow at 8 a.m. all rooms go on a first-come-first-served basis.

If a student wishes to occupy a room other than the one he now has (including those moving from military dormitories to civilian dormitories and vice versa) he must present written permission from both the Housemaster and the Organizational Commander involved. A student moving from a military to a civilian dormitory, in addition to other signatures, must also have the signature of his Tactical Officer on the room change slip.

As only one day has been allotted for the registration of old students it is imperative that every effort be made to pay fees and reserve rooms prior to registration to avoid confusion.

Day students, including those living in college apartments, can save considerable time by paying fees early. Anyone who will be a day student during the spring semester, including those now day students, must secure a day student permit from the Housing Office before paying fees.

### Meeting Rooms Must Be Reserved

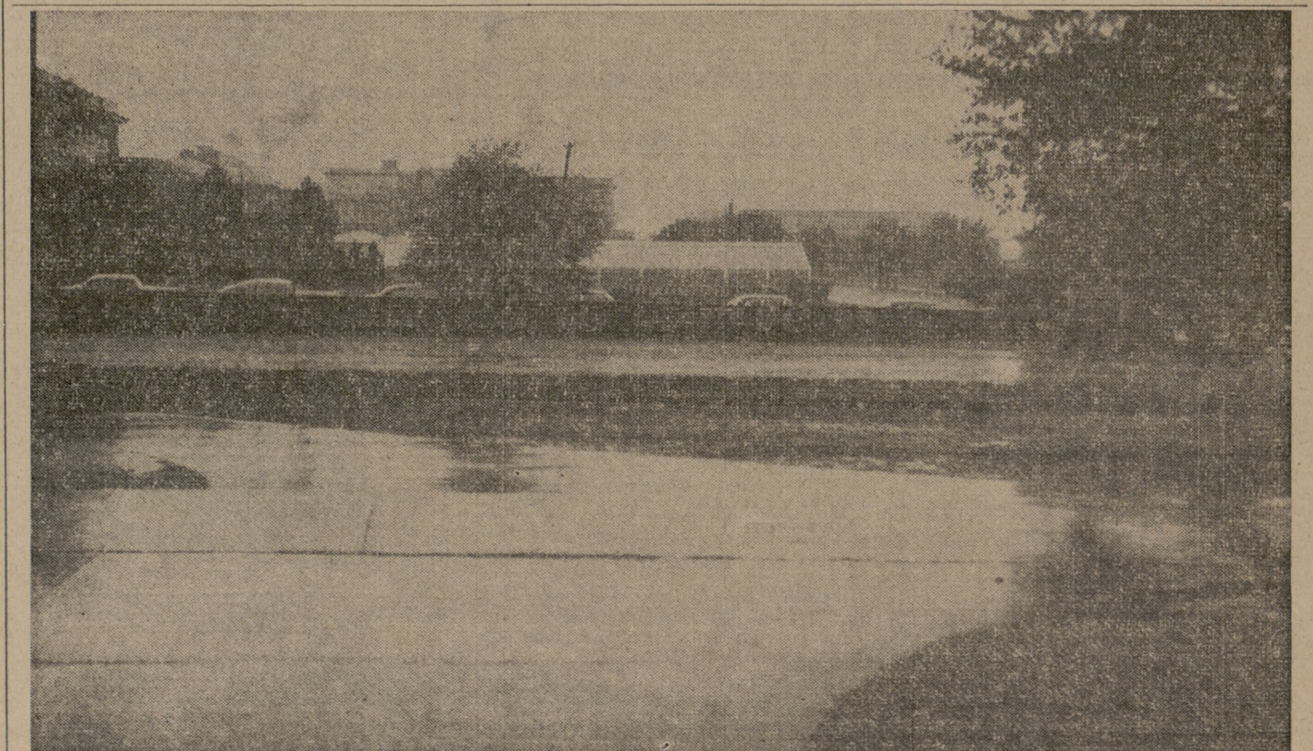
Applications for meeting rooms of student organizations and clubs for next semester will be taken beginning at 8 a.m. tomorrow until all of the rooms are filled. The applications can be filled in the Social and Education Department of the Memorial Student Center, and will be accepted primarily on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If a club or organization used the MSC as a meeting place this semester, there is not much chance they will be able to meet there again next semester.

"We try to let as many clubs as possible have a chance to use the rooms and the only way we can do this is to alternate the organizations," said Mrs. Ann Keel, Social Director of the Student Center.

### Short Course Set

A short course, "Instrumentation Symposium For The Process Industries," will be conducted in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center Jan. 25-27. The conference is sponsored by the Chemical Engineering Department and C. D. Holland is chairman.



**A&M IN THE RAIN**—Looking across part of the A&M campus from the East Corps area provides one with a lovely view of mud and rain. Weather around College Station has been of the type that makes students stay in—cold, colder, and rainy. One report last night said that our area might get some snow, and another report said that temperatures should begin to slowly rise. Neither were local reports—but everyone around here could make one weather prediction: It's freezing even if the sun is shining.