



Army and Air Force Generals Inspect Corps Today

Brig. Gen. William L. (Jerry) Lee, USAF, commanding general of the Air Force Technical Training at Amarillo will head the team inspecting Air Force ROTC units in the A&M Corps of Cadets.



Maj. Gen. Guy S. Meloy, deputy commander of the Fourth Army, heads the inspection team which surveyed the Army ROTC units today in the annual federal inspection of the Corps of Cadets.

SMU Students Hear Ex-Red Deny Marxism

Editor Praises Socialistic Way

Compiled from Associated Press Wire Reports

DALLAS—Former Daily Worker editor John Gates, who quit the Communist Party, Wednesday told some 3,400 Southern Methodist University Students that he is "not a communist and not a reactionary" but is a "democratic socialist."

Gates, who appeared on a panel with former FBI undercover agent Herbert Philbrick, told the crowd in McFarlin Auditorium that he thinks "socialism is the inevitable way."

He said he believed in some state ownership of production, some plants owned by workers and some private businesses.

Socialists generally believe in state ownership of production obtained through peaceful means.



J. Wayne Stark

MSC Director New Nat'l Prexy Of Student Unions

J. W. Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center, was elected president of the National Association of College Unions at a meeting of the National Association held at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Stark, who was vice-president of the association, had charge of the national programs. He will take over as president immediately.

About 250 student union personnel of the United States and Canada attended the meeting in Michigan. Sessions were held in the Kellogg Center on the campus of the state university.

CHS Invites Ags To Dance Friday

The A&M Consolidated sophomore class will stage an informal dance in the Activity Room at the high school Friday night from 8 to 12.

A special invitation was extended to Aggies to attend the dance, which will feature a floor show with a music theme.

Refreshments will be served. Tickets are 25 cents for couples and 35 cents for stags.

Daniel Speaks On Highway Safety, Law Enforcement

By BILL REED

In our state the annual loss of life, health and property in traffic accidents is greater than the loss sustained in all of our natural disasters combined.

That is what Gov. Price Daniel said as he began his statewide highway safety radio broadcast Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

He pointed out that more people have died on the highways of this

country between 1900 and 1957 than in the eight major wars of the United States since 1775.

"On the average, a person is killed in a traffic accident every 13 minutes. Someone is injured in a traffic accident every 23 seconds," Daniel said, over the more than 150 radio stations who broadcast his message.

Proposed Bill Cuts Taxes For Students

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Students working their way through college will get an additional \$600 income tax exemption under a bill introduced this week by Rep. Don Magnuson (D.-Wash.).

Under present law, a parent providing more than half the support for a child who is a student can claim an exemption for himself.

Magnuson's bill would permit the student to claim the second exemption, if it has not been claimed by the parent.

The measure is to eliminate inequity in our present laws, under which two exemptions can be claimed on behalf of a student whose parent is helping him through school, but only one exemption is available to the self-supporting or married student, said Magnuson.

Accountants Hold Annual Conference

About 175 leading authorities in the field of accounting are due to take an active part in the 11th annual Accounting Conference in the Memorial Student Center, April 28-29.

George P. Hitchings, Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich., will deliver the major talk entitled "Economic Outlook, 1958" at the banquet session April 28 at 7 p. m.

W. Jack Crawford, Humble Oil and Refining Co., Houston, is chairman of the Advisory Council of the Conference; Don Ransom of Convoir, Fort Worth, and Russell H. Kysse of Eaton and Huddle, San Antonio, are vice-chairmen; and William Whittington of the A&M Division of Business Administration is secretary.

Rooms in MSC May be Reserved Starting May 1

Requests for Memorial Student Center guest room reservations for football weekends or any major event weekends during the 1958-59 school year will be accepted from students and former students during the month of May.

Only one room per family can be reserved for each event.

Following the May 31 deadline, a drawing will be held to determine who will receive accommodations. After the drawing notices will be mailed to each person, indicating whether or not their names were drawn.

The requests not drawn will be placed on the waiting list, and those persons making the requests will be notified at least two weeks before the event should a room become available due to cancellation.

A deposit will be required of these persons receiving a reservation. Unless this deposit is received no later than two weeks prior to the event, an automatic cancellation will occur.

'58 Ring Dance Planning Begins

Members of the Ring Dance Committee met Tuesday to make plans for the 1958 Ring Dance on May 17.

At the meeting they set 6 p. m. as the time for the banquet and 8 for the dance. The committee designated the menu for the dinner and made up the guest list.

Another meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 28, in the Office of Student Activities.

On the committee are Theron McLaren and Travis Johnson, general co-chairmen; M. A. (Buddy) Maedgen, program; Bob Surovik, guests; Carl Zeitler, banquet; Bill Libby, decorations; Joe Cantrell, ring ceremony and George Ragsdale, tickets.

News of the World

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A massive rocket with a new, highly secret nose cone blasted off Wednesday night with a tremendous flash of yellow flame seen over most of Florida.

The rocket's mission was to hurl the nose cone 5,500 miles out over the southeast Atlantic, to see whether it could withstand the fantastic friction heat of the earth's atmosphere as it plunged back from some 80 miles in space.

FT. CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP)—Five battle-trained paratroopers jumped to their death in a mass air drop on this windswept military base Wednesday. More than 100 of their companions were hurt.

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector (AP)—Israel ushered in a countrywide celebration of its 10th anniversary of Independence Wednesday night by lighting a memorial beacon on Mt. Herzl. A 10-gun salute signaled general joy-making.

4-cent Postal Rate Set by Conferees

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senate-House conferees Wednesday voted to eliminate a 5-cent stamp for out-of-town letter mail from a postal rate hike bill and to fix the rate at 4 cents.

President Eisenhower and Postmaster General Summerfield had urged Congress to establish the 5-cent rate on intercity letters. The present 3-cent letter rate has been in effect since 1932.

The conferees also voted to include in the bill a 257-million-dollar pay hike for the 500,000 postal employees. This is considerably more than Eisenhower had proposed.

Fellowship Given ME Professor

Theodore A. Noyes, of the Mechanical Engineering Department, recently received a Science Faculty Fellowship from the National Science Foundation which will provide more than \$8,000 for a 12-month period of advanced study.

Noyes, who has been with the Mechanical Engineering department for four years, plans to enter Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, Mass., next September for work on a Doctor of Science degree.

CSC To Continue Honor Code Talks

The Civilian Student Council will meet tonight in the Senate Chamber at 7:30.

Reports will be heard on the proposed honor code, seating plan, Parents' Day, the Student Senate, awards, election committee and the banquet committee.

Daniel said that traffic safety and law enforcement are state and local responsibilities. And since the problem is here, he gave the Texas plan for the following action:

Issues Safety Plan

1. Cooperation of all state officials having traffic safety and law enforcement responsibilities.

"On my recommendation, the Legislature created the Texas Traffic Safety Council," Daniel said. "I assure you of complete cooperation at the State level."

2. Organization of county and city traffic safety councils.

He urged each of the 254 counties of Texas to organize a safety council, if one does not already exist, and begin to plan ways and means for local traffic safety improvement.

Educate People

3. Educational campaign for greater public awareness and cooperation in safe driving and observance of traffic laws.

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FSA to Honor Aggie Seniors At Barbecue

Graduates in May, August and February will feast at the Association of Former Students fifth annual Senior Barbecue May 8 in The Grove at 6:15 p. m.

Association president R. N. Conolly, '37, of Corpus Christi will be main speaker for the event.

Complimentary tickets are available through outfit commanders for Corps seniors, Amon Bailey, Puryear Hall, or dorm representatives for Civilian seniors, the Student Activities office, the Memorial Student Center main desk and the FSA office in the MSC ground floor.

All seniors have been requested to obtain tickets before Friday, May 2.

Beef, lamb and goat meat for the affair will be furnished by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Rufus Peoples, '28, Tehuacana; A. F. Mitchell, '09, Corsicana; W. H. Blanks, '27, San Angelo; and E. M. Freeman, '22, Shreveport.

The barbecue serves a dual purpose—to honor the graduating class and officially welcome them into the association, Conolly said.

Philbrick, whom Gates called a "fake and a phony", countered the former communist editor's remarks with "once a Communist, always a Communist."

"His mind is still imbued with Communist ethics and tactics," Philbrick said.

It was Philbrick's testimony which helped send Gates and 10 others to prison in the 1949 New York Communist trials.

Gates' scheduled appearance had drawn a storm of protest from Dallas civic groups. The University of Texas spiked plans for him to talk on the Austin campus.

SMU's student newspaper, the SMU Campus, which had editorially opposed the invitation, published an edition today with red headlines. A front-page article on Gates also was printed in red.

Gates insisted to the audience of professors and students that his "conviction that socialism is the next step remains unchanged."

The former Daily Worker editor traced the history of the U.S. Communist Party from the time when he joined in 1931 until his resignation last January.

He said the Communist party in the United States is dead today.

He pointed out one of its weaknesses as being that it "could not be consoled without radical transformation and that was not possible."

Gates insisted however that he had "no more faith in capitalism as a final answer for the American people than I had 27 years ago."

The decision by the conferees are subject to approval by the Senate and House. The conferees were appointed to adjust differences between the two branches of Congress on the legislation.

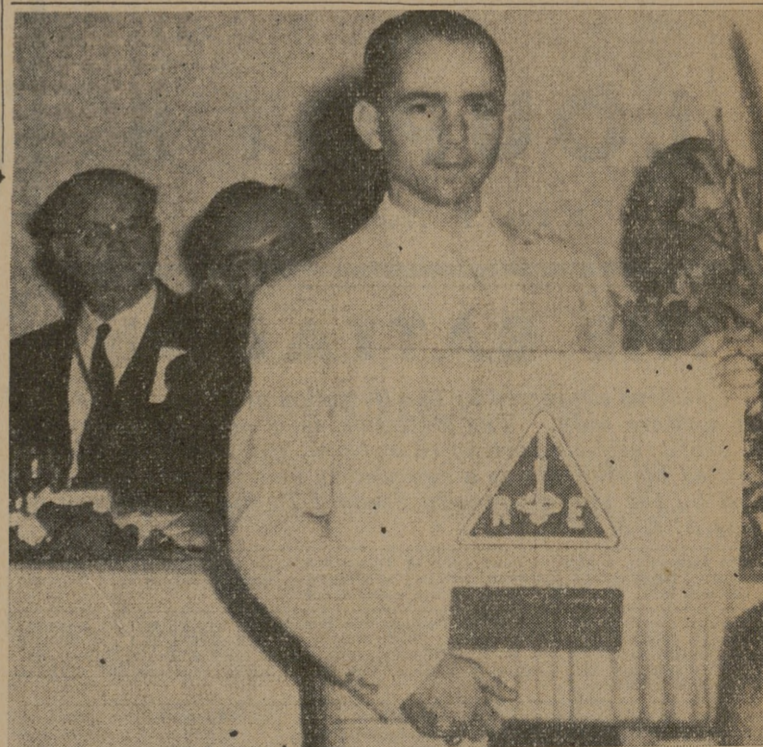
Cox Wins Award In Writing Contest

James R. Cox, senior electrical engineering student, pocketed a \$50 prize and tie for first place in the A&M Student Branch of the Institute of Radio Engineers-American Institute of Electrical Engineers annual student paper competition Tuesday night in Bolt-on Hall.

Representing the Houston IRE section, Alan Wildie, Houston, also presented Rice's Charles S. Burrus \$50 for his first place tie and \$25 to Bruce E. Spence, University of Houston student, for second place.

Cox' paper also placed first in the student paper contest in the 10th annual Southwestern IRE Conference in San Antonio earlier this month.

His paper is now entered in the national contest in Fayetteville, Ark.



James Cox Wins \$50

James R. Cox won a \$50 prize and a tie for first place in an electrical engineering student paper competition Tuesday night. He won the award through the A&M Student Branch of the Institute of Radio Engineers-American Institute of Electrical Engineers.