



Early-Day Press

This is an early day press of the type that early issues of The Battalion and its forerunners, The Collegian and The College Journal, were printed on.

4th Battalion Staff In Confused Stage

Albert Zambrano, '60, answers the same question over and over again every day: "Say, Al, aren't you a little mixed up? You have on Air Force patches and 2nd Regiment crest."

Then Zambrano spends the next five or ten minutes trying to explain that he has an Air Force contract but is on the 4th Battalion, 2nd Regiment Staff, which is indeed a confusing outfit.

The 4th Battalion which consists of A Vet, A Med, A Athletics and B Athletics is staffed by five members and only two have contracts.

The staff also has three juniors—Zambrano, who has an Air Force contract and came from Squadron 14; Tucker Sutherland, who has a contract with the Marine Corps, spent two years in Squadron 17 and now wears infantry brass; Jimmy Roberts, who is on the staff but is on the swimming team and still lives with his outfit, A Athletics, in Hart Hall.

Roberts has an Army contract and that makes it one junior in the Air Force, one in the Marines and one in the Army.

Battalion commander J. Earl Beckman, A. Alex McIheran and

Jerry Henson are the seniors without contracts. J. Rex McClaren spent three years in the AFROTC plus a summer camp and now has decided on an Infantry contract. John Thomas is the other senior. He too has an Army contract.

ASCE Chapter Receives Award

A&M's student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers has received the award of merit presented annually by the Texas Section of the ASCE.

Mason J. Nevill, a senior from Iola, is president of the J. T. L. McNew student chapter. Harvey J. Haas, senior from New Braunfels, is the vice-president of the chapter.

The presentation was made during the annual meeting recently of the Texas Section of the ASCE at San Antonio. Haas accepted the award for the chapter.

There are seven student chapters of the Texas Section ASCE, in the state.

E. P. Segner Jr., assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering and executive secretary of the Texas Section, said the selection of the award winner is based on the quality of programs carried out by the students at their respective schools, participation in the technical paper program and attendance at Section meetings.

James B. Baty, professor of civil engineering, is the faculty advisor for the J. T. L. McNew student chapter.

Groves Takes Job As Cigarette Rep

Don Groves, junior business administration major from Alamo, has been named business representative for Phillip Morris, Inc., as part of the firm's scholarship program.

The cigarette firm was the first in the industry to support college-level education by hiring students in this capacity. It also makes grants for higher education to children of its employees.

Groves, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Groves, will serve as liaison between the campus and the company's New York office. He will develop and work on advertising and promotion projects for Phillip Morris, Parliament and Marlboro cigarettes.

Mike Farmer, All American forward from the University of San Francisco, has been signed with the New York Knickerbockers of the National Basketball Assn.

Nationalist China Balks At US Plan

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—President Chian-Kai-shek balked at the U.S. formula for peace in Formosa Strait and his Nationalist government then flatly rejected it Wednesday.

Chiang made clear in an interview he is opposed to reducing the garrisons of the offshore islands as the price of a cease-fire. He implied he would be free to ignore any cease-fire negotiated by the United States and Red China.

An official statement from the Foreign Ministry said troop cuts would clear the way for a Red invasion of Formosa and therefore "we cannot countenance the reduction of this defensive strength."

Chiang and his Foreign Office timed their shafts at a statement by Secretary of State Dulles in a Washington news conference Tuesday. Dulles proposed a cut in the Nationalist offshore garrisons in exchange for a cease-fire. He was backed up Wednesday by President Eisenhower.

The Foreign Ministry, after an all-night series of meetings called the Quemoy and Matsu offshore island groups indispensable shields for Formosa.

"For this reason we must defend them to the best of our ability," the statement said. "The Chinese Communists have always wanted to invade these islands as a prelude to an invasion of Taiwan (Formosa) itself."

The statement, delivered by ministry spokesman Kiang Yiseng, as-

serted that since 1949 the Communist have been building a powerful military force on the mainland coast opposite Formosa.

"In the face of this ever present threat of invasion, it is only natural that we should station a strong garrison force to meet any attack," it said.

"In any event, the Chinese government has made it known time and again that it would defend its legitimate rights and not be bound by any arrangement which would prejudice these rights and interests."

Chiang in an interview said he could not believe Dulles could be seriously thinking of asking for a cut in the offshore garrisons; or that Dulles believed a dependable cease-fire could be arranged with the Chinese Communist.

THIS MODERN WORLD

SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO, N. M. (AP)—This northern New Mexico Indian Pueblo where, until recent times smoke signals were the vogue, recently was the scene of ceremonies by the Mountain States Telephone Co., marking the installation of the two-millionth telephone in the Rocky Mountain region. It was placed in the home of the pueblo governor.

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