

# Jewish Exit from Romania Arouses Hopes for Israeli

## Not 'Should It Be Changed' But 'Who Will Change It?'

Five days have elapsed since Corps commanders were asked to eliminate "tension" in the messhalls and create conditions so members of all classes could eat in peace. To date, precious little has been done to remedy this sore spot in the Corps program.

Can it be that the Class of '59—the rightful leaders of the Corps—are unable to see the trouble brewing in Duncan and Sbisá—or are they refusing to see it?

Is it possible that Corps seniors are still steadfastly contending that there is no "tension" in the messhall despite the fact that it is the number one reason freshmen list when leaving the Corps?

The problem DOES exist whether we acknowledge it or not. And something must be done to change present conditions.

Messhall procedure as it now stands is substandard to the overall Corps program—it is not on the level with other Corps activities based on reason rather than "tradition." It is inevitable that foolishness in the messhall—front two inches, constant harassment, square meals—will lose out to more sensible conduct.

The question is: Who will change it? Obviously, the college administration through one of several chains of command can put a screeching halt to present conditions if they see fit. It would be a simple matter to separate freshmen from upperclassmen.

However, this is not the way to solve the problem. The initiative to restore tranquility to the messhall—to create conditions whereby freshmen and seniors alike can eat in a relaxed manner—has been left with the Corps.

If the Corps fails to recognize this vote of confidence for what it is—and refuses to police itself—the college will certainly square the problem away. And if the college is compelled to clean up the messhalls chances are their job will be most thorough—and much more "Ol' Army" tradition will go the way of other foolishness than if students correct their own situation.

It is no longer a question of "Should the Situation in the Messhall be Changed"—rather it is "Who Will Change It?"

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Ed. Note: Realizing several contentions have been presented to keep the messhalls as they are, The Battalion will welcome and attempt to print as many contrasting views on the messhall situation as space will permit for the remainder of the week. Students in all classes are invited to submit their views but are asked to keep their letters to 250 words. Unsigned letters will not be printed. . .)



"It's sure nice that seniors can get out of their uniforms an' into something decent after 7 p. m.!"

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY

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An outpouring of some thousands of Jews from behind the Iron Curtain into Israel in recent months has aroused keen hopes among Israeli leaders and great fears among Arabs.

The new immigrants from Eastern Europe come largely from Communist Romania. In January and the first half of February, according to official Israeli sources, 6,000 arrived in Israel. In 1958 not quite 13,000 immigrants from Eastern Europe resettled there.

Zionist officials have been predicting that as many as 100,000 might come in 1959. Reportedly 20,000 Romanian Jews already possess exit visas and will be departing soon.

But the exodus from Romania, which has the second largest Jewish population among Communist countries, 250,000 is not the heart of the matter. Lurk-

ing in the background is the real question, which excites both Israelis and Arabs in diametrically opposite directions—the future of two to three million Jews of the Soviet Union.

These Soviet Jews now are not permitted to emigrate. For several decades with few exceptions no emigration has been allowed by the Soviet government. Zionist leaders claim that probably most Soviet Jews would go to Israel if they had the chance. It seems certain that thousands of them would like to leave the Soviet Union.

Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion has said there are reasons—which he is not free to divulge—for thinking that the factors underlying the change in policy toward Romanian Jews might lead to the dropping of barriers to the exist of Soviet Jewry. He predicted that from 250,000 to 300,000 Jews would come to Israel in the current immigration wave.

Arab reaction has been stormy. The Arab League Council meets in Cairo March 2. Bitter attacks on the Israeli immigration policy are expected. The Cairo paper, Al Ahran, declared a few days ago that Arab governments are discussing joint action, including a possible appeal to Nikita Khrushchev, to clamp down emi-

gration bars against Jews throughout the Communist world.

Western observers in the Middle East have reported that the East European migration to Israel is threatening to produce a strong anti-Soviet reaction among Arabs, and that many Arabs consider the Communist bloc is sending Jewish "volunteers" to fight in the Israeli army.

The Soviets, disturbed by the Arab reaction, have been quick to issue vigorous denials through the Soviet press. They say there has not been nor is there now any mass emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

### What's Cooking

The following organizations and clubs will meet tonight:

7:30  
Student Safety Society will meet in the Lecture Room of the Biological Sciences Building. A speaker from the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Department of Interior will speak on "Static Electricity."

A.I.Ch.E. will meet in Room 114 of the Petroleum Engineering Building. A talk on the opportunities of chemical engineering in petroleum production will be given at this meeting.

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### Highlights and Sidelights

## Legislature Finds No Solution To Its Basic Problem—Money

By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association

AUSTIN, Tex.—After nearly seven weeks in session, the Legislature has not yet given any clear indication of how it will solve its basic problem—how much to spend and where to get it.

State agencies still insist they need every cent they asked for—and need it bad. But those who would be "fall guys" of money-raising measures proposed thus far show no genial willingness to ante up.

Gov. Price Daniel is still pushing hard for his tax program. He suggested that critics would do better to stop sniping and start snooping—for a better way.

State Comptroller Robert S. Calvert called the governor's plan to gain \$18,000,000 by a change in bookkeeping just "legalizing a false statement." Budget Board Director Vernon McGee termed it "unworkable."

Corporations continue to blast at a franchise tax raise they say would increase their burdens as much as 500 per cent. A two-thirds vote of each House would be necessary to put this into effect to help with the deficit this year. Many say chances are dim.

A Lubbock legislator, Rep. H. J. Blanchard, made a survey on tax and spending attitudes. About 60 per cent of those re-

plying opposed a sales tax. Roughly the same percentage favored more spending for teacher pay, higher education, old age assistance, state hospitals and prisons.

GOTTA HAVE IT — Strong pitches for more spending are being made by spokesmen for three major state services.

"I don't see how higher education can be financed without some broad-based tax," said J. R. Sorrell, chairman of the University of Texas Board of Regents. "You will have the backing of this administration and this board in selling it to the people of Texas."

"We are absolutely broke, we don't have a dollar," said Prison System Director O. B. Ellis. "Riots that will cost more than the appropriation requested may result, if conditions aren't improved."

"You can chop off dollars, but you can't chop off children," declared a representative of the Texas Youth Council. Director Jas. A. Turman said money spent on parole supervision and rehabilitation of youngsters in trouble would save on future prison costs.

THREE FOR SPEAKER — Three definite candidates already are jockeying for speakership of the House in 1961.

### Social Whirl

Agronomy Wives' Club will meet tonight at 8 in the Brooks Room, YMCA. The speaker will be Richard Vrooman, associate professor of architecture. His topic will be home design.

A&M Chapter of University Dames will meet tonight at 8 in the South Solarium, YMCA. The program will be a "Hat Style Show." Visitors welcome. At the last meeting Doris Evans was elected recording secretary, Kay Bennett was elected council representative and Mary Sue Ratcliff was chosen Duchess to the Cotton Pageant.

Aggie Wives Council members are reminded that both reservations for the carnival must be in by March 8. To reserve a booth, contact Ann Cobb at VI 6-6820.

### Wee Aggies

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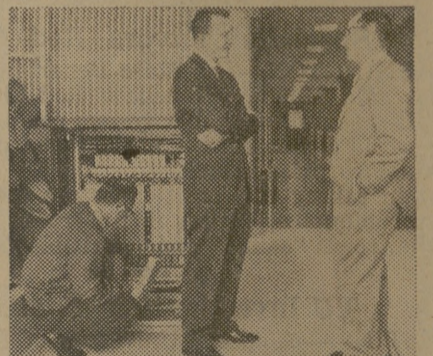
"10:30 A.M. Returning to the office, I check customer trouble reports with my Chief Test Deskman. Continuous study of these reports helps us to prevent serious problems from developing and keep our customers satisfied."



"1:15 P.M. After lunch, I meet with the district department managers to go over floor plans for a central office now under construction. The office is being planned to serve a particularly fast-growing area."



"3 P.M. At my desk I prepare production reports on our installation and repair activities. A foreman reports a complex switchboard installation being completed today. I decide to go over and talk to the customer."



"4:10 P.M. At the Port of Galveston offices, I discuss advantages of the new P.B.X. with one of the officers of the Port. The Port requires complex telephone services, which must be maintained around the clock."

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