

Hawaii Gets Senate Nod On Statehood Request

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted Wednesday night to make Hawaii the 50th state. This long step toward statehood for the islands in the Pacific came after only a single day of debate. That debate was punctuated by charges that with Hawaii a state, the 50th star in the flag would be tinged with red.

22 Enrolled In Army Cadet Flight Program

Twenty-two Army cadets are enrolled in the Army ROTC flight program this semester which is designed to give training in single engine, fixed-wing aircraft to cadets who desire to enter the Army's aviation program after completion of their branch basic officer course. The program consists of 35 hours of ground school and 36 hours of flying time. The ground school covers Civil Aeronautics Administration regulations, principles of flight, airplane engines, meteorology and navigation. Flying time is broken down into dual instruction, solo flight and a solo cross country flight. Whiterock Aviation School has contracted to give the instruction. Completion of the flight program will give the student first consideration when applying for Army aviation. Enrollment in the Army flight program carries with it an active duty obligation of three consecutive years after reporting for duty or two years subsequent to completion of initial Army Aviation Flight Training, whichever comes first.

The House set the stage for action Thursday on an almost identical bill. It voted 337-69 formally bringing a statehood bill up for House debate. Chairman Leo W. O'Brien (D-NY) of the House Territories subcommittee said he would propose amendments to his own House bill to make it conform exactly to the Senate version. The final House vote would thus send the measure directly to the White House and avoid House-Senate conferences. The first House test, coming while the Senate was debating the statehood issue, brought the Hawaii bill formally before the House for debate and amendments.

Voting for the resolution were 214 Democrats and 123 Republicans. Forty-eight Democrats, most of them Southerners, and 21 Republicans voted against taking up the bill. Rep. Leo Allen (R-Ill) senior Republican on the House Rules Committee, argued in vain that Harry Bridges and his aides "control the life blood of Hawaii." Bridges is head of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union which although expelled from the CIO for left-wing tendencies, is strongly organized on the Hawaii waterfront and in the sugar and pineapple industries.

O'Brien said a personal investigation in Hawaii last December convinced him that residents of the islands are more alert to dangers of communism than people are anywhere else in the country. The Cameron Aggie spoke to the convocation on the subject, "How a Banker Looks at Farming." "We could not have successful farming or business today without three things: power of corporation, credit and a medium of exchange, recognized by the government," Evans said. The need for operating funds has risen many times in the past half century, he said. Evans emphasized that farmers need more public relations of the right sort, right now. The Agronomy Society was awarded a gavel made from the bannister of the stairway of Gathright Hall, A&M's first building, for having the highest percentage of members present at the convocation.

Landrum received his B. S., M. S. and Ph. D. degrees in physics from A&M. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Research Department, Area A, of the Wright Air Development Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The paper was presented at a recent meeting of AIME in Houston.

Public Relations Needed on Farms Says New Director

Sterling C. Evans, '21, former president of the Federal Land Bank in Houston, newly appointed member of the A&M Board of Directors, was principal speaker at the Agricultural Convocation held Monday night in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

The assembly is held to bring together all the departments in the School of Agriculture and to improve student-faculty relationships.

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Aggie Engineers' Paper Recognized

Dr. Bobby L. Landrum, a January A&M graduate and Billy C. Norwood, senior petroleum engineering major are co-authors of a paper published by the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers.

The paper, titled "A New Experimental Model for Studying Transient Phenomena", describes a novel thermal model for studying unsteady-state performance. Landrum received his B. S., M. S. and Ph. D. degrees in physics from A&M. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Research Department, Area A, of the Wright Air Development Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The paper was presented at a recent meeting of AIME in Houston.

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