

Cleanses Conscience

# Tea-Sipper Lauds Muster Tradition

(Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Tuesday edition of The Dallas Morning News under the by-line of Thomas Turner of the Central Texas Bureau of The News.)

This may get us purged from the ranks of ex-University of Texas tea-sippers, but we wish today to cleanse our conscience about that strange breed of Texans known as Texas A&M Aggies.

Back yonder when we used to judge people too much by their college colors we used to think that humanity could get along without Aggies. Since then we have sometimes aimed some gentle jibes their way but after being in closer contact with them for a dozen or so years we must confess we have decided humanity is in need of more Aggies.

They aren't—but we like to see it thought, anyhow.

The Aggies are a clannish lot. Like the paratroopers, you better lay off one of them unless you want to take on the whole outfit.

The climax of every Aggie Muster, on San Jacinto Day, is when they call the roll. They do it do it anywhere in the world there are two Aggies. Or one Aggie and a Texas Flag will do. When they call the name of an Aggie who died for his country, from somewhere in the ranks another Aggie cries out proudly, "Here".

Thus, no Aggie is ever missing on Muster Day. Just to be flat-out honest, we're glad they're on our side, boots and all.

## Juvenile Gangs Said To Roam In San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The San Antonio News say a dozen heavily-armed juvenile gangs roam San Antonio streets nightly "looking for trouble and usually finding it."

The newspaper said "Gang members aren't averse to busting the head of even a complete stranger—especially if he's alone and can't defend himself."

The News ran a full-page study of juvenile problems in San Antonio.

The News outlined these items: Police keep special files on gangs and many of their members, and Police Chief George Bichsel has 134 names of juveniles among the 350 names on his "hood list" of major trouble-makers.

Weird nicknames are common among gang members. Bichsel's list notes such names as Tuffy, Big Bears, Heavy, Drunkard, Giant, Wyatt Earp, Sabu, Gorilla, Wolf, Little Joe, Elvis, Topper, Fats, Bird, El Joker and Toy.

Their memberships are among gangs with titles such as Ghost Town, Lake, Flame, Dots, Chicago, Detroit and Tiger.

Gang members carry arms ranging from bicycle chains to sawed-off shotguns.

Adding to the violence problem is the fact that violence can—and often does—break out at such innocent affairs as birthday parties and dances, as well as at known gang hangouts.

Gang activities center on the west side, The News noted, but juvenile delinquency erupts in every section of the city.

## CADET SLOUCH

# by Jim Earle 'Beating the Draft' Chances Advised As Not Being Likely



"I'm anxious to try out the new bowling ball I designed! It should increase my strikes by 40 per cent!"

## Standoff Policy Methods Changed with Personalities

By JAMES MARLOW Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—Just a little over a year ago this country's handling of foreign affairs began to undergo a profound change, at least outwardly, although there was no way of knowing it for a while.

The word outwardly was chosen carefully. There has been no basic change in American foreign policy which still remains a standoff with the Soviets. In this past year there has been no solution of any major East-West issue.

But at least the way of handling the standoff is different.

It began in April a year ago when Christian A. Herter was sworn in as secretary of state, succeeding John Foster Dulles, who soon afterward died of cancer. The difference in handling foreign policy is rooted in the difference between them.

Dulles, the dominant type, was given to flamboyant, startling, even provocative statements as part of his foreign affairs strat-

egy to threaten an enemy or try to push him off balance.

Herter is a mild man who pitches his foreign policy in a low, soft key. Dulles seemed to think nothing could be done unless he did it personally. Herter has more confidence in his subordinates, depends more on his staff.

Neither Dulles nor Herter has come up with an original basic policy. Both followed the Truman policy before them: stiff-arm the Soviets and the Red Chinese. But at least relations with the Soviets, handled on a much milder plane than Dulles was capable of, seem to have improved.

In the long run this appearance may prove to be an optical illusion.

But the improvement in relations with the Soviet Union has its roots in factors which have nothing to do with Herter's manner. President Eisenhower has taken a more active part in foreign affairs, and the Soviets pushed Eisenhower into this.

Almost from the time Herter took over Eisenhower moved out of the Dulles shadow and began asserting himself, with the result that Herter is now pretty com-

pletely overshadowed by Eisenhower.

In the beginning, because he didn't know Herter as well as Dulles, Eisenhower may have felt impelled to take charge.

But in the background, forcing Eisenhower to move up front and center, was Premier Nikita Khrushchev, who created such a crisis over his demands for the Allies to get out of Berlin he practically blackjacked Eisenhower into inviting him here to talk things over.

Further, the nimble Khrushchev had set an example for activity by a head of state by his own personal trips to countries and areas he wished to impress or influence.

The Khrushchev activity and travels were a challenge to Eisenhower to do the same. And Eisenhower did. This of necessity put Herter in the background.

It would be the crowning achievement of his life if at the summit conference in May or sometime before he leaves office next Jan. 20 Herter could work out an arrangement with the Soviets to give better relations some permanency.

By COL. M. S. SCHWARTZ State Selective Service Head

For many months now I have heard public discussion about a young man's prospects for "beating" the draft. What are his chances? What are the odds that he will or won't "beat" it?

First, what is meant by the term, "beating" the draft? To me, a young man who "beats" the draft is one who meets the legal qualifications for service and takes no action to entitle himself to a deferred classification, then simply is never called for military service because there is not enough demand for military manpower.

... little chance'

If this is a good definition of the term, "beating" the draft, and I believe it is an acceptable one among many who discuss the subject, then I submit there is little or no chance of "beating" the draft.

Sent to Induction

From April 1, 1959, to April 1, 1960, we sent 5,575 men for induction, and 1,516 were rejected, a rejection rate of 27.1%. During the same period, we sent

11,797 men for pre-induction examination (physical, mental, and moral evaluation), and 5,064 of this number were rejected, a rejection rate of 42.9%.

Take the 3,770 examined and acceptable men we have currently in the above table and subtract 27.1% (1,022) and you have left 2,748 men. Similarly, take the current 9,788 men who have not been examined and subtract 42.9% (4,177) and you have left 5,611 men.

Two thousand, seven hundred and forty-eight plus 5,611 equals 8,309, the estimated number of physically, mentally and morally acceptable men of vulnerable draft age (volunteers age 17-26 and I-A and I-A-0 non-fathers age 22-26) who have not qualified for deferment as of the opening for official business on April 1, 1960. During the time the non-volunteers are of vulnerable draft age (four years) they face a possible call 48 times, once each month for four years.

Now if these 8,309 men are vulnerable for four years, what is the quota for Texas likely to be

for the next four years? Of course, we don't know; but let us assume the yearly quotas will be the same as the past year—admittedly light.

Delivered 4,117

From April 1, 1959, through April 1, 1960, we delivered 4,117 men to the Army who were inducted. If the rate of induction remains the same during the time the above qualified 8,309 men are vulnerable for draft (four years), we shall need 16,468 men. In the next two years, from April 1, 1960, to April 1, 1962, we shall need 8,234 men. With a supply of 8,309 men as of April 1, 1960, and a potential demand of 8,234 from that time to April 1, 1962, virtually all currently qualified men ages 22 to 26 can expect induction for armed forces service within two years after their 22nd birthday unless fate or they themselves by their own actions provide their local boards with a reason or reasons to defer them. Of course, younger qualified ones are coming into the available pool at all times, but the currently older ones are always considered available ahead of the younger.

## Job Calls

The following organizations will interview graduation seniors Thursday in the Placement Office on the third floor of the YMCA Building:

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## BOTHERED BY CONSCIENCE

SADDLEBROOK, N. J. (AP)—Mrs. Harry Nelson, 31, lost a wallet 10 years ago while taking a walk. It came back to her in the mail recently from an anonymous sender.

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