

# RV's Mardi Gras Bound; Again Official Guard For 'King Rex'

By TOMMY HOLBEIN  
The massive migration of the Ross Volunteers to New Orleans and the Mardi Gras will soon be under way.

Beginning this weekend 115 Ross Volunteers under the command of Cadet Lt. Col. Glenn Jones will head toward the Texas-Louisiana border and deep into the Pelican State to again be the official honor guard for "His Majesty King Rex" at the Mardi Gras Parade Tuesday morning.

This is the 11th year the A&M Honor Guard has been invited to participate in the annual event marching in the huge procession which is the highlight of over 20 parades held during Mardi Gras.

The gigantic procession is expected to last at least four hours, with the Ross Volunteers being

the first unit in the parade. Jones said most of their movements will be marching manuals, to avoid holding up the entire procession.

Tuesday night, all of the Ross Volunteers will be guests at the Rex Ball, which is the most fabulous of all the 60 different Mardi Gras balls, Jones added.

Camp LeRoy Johnson, an Army post outside the Crescent City, will be the quarters for the Ross

Volunteers during their stay in New Orleans. The camp will house the 26 seniors and 89 juniors until Wednesday, when most of the honor guard members plan to leave in time to be in class Thursday morning.

The RV's began practicing with three drills during football season, and started drill in earnest on the Tuesday after the Thanksgiving holidays.

Practicing three days a week,

the Ross Volunteers drill from 5-6 p.m. and, according to Jones, the drills have been long and hard, the members of the unit have continued to improve themselves and the company as a whole.

After returning from Mardi Gras, the honor guard members will take a well-deserved two-week rest before resuming preparations for the highlight of their

year, the performance on Mother's Day.

This year, the Ross Volunteers will institute a new event, a reception for the parents of members in the unit, to be held after their demonstration on Mother's Day, said Jones.

Besides its being a tradition for the Volunteers to be the official escort of "King Rex" at Mardi Gras, the unit is also the traditional honor guard for the

Governor of Texas at his inauguration.

This year, Gov. Price Daniel did not have an official inauguration, but requested that 30 members of the unit be present when he was reinstated in office on Jan. 17, to maintain this tradition, which has been upheld for many years.

Other events during the spring for the RV's include a trip either

to Buccaneer Days in Corpus Christi, or the Holiday In Dixie celebration in Shreveport, La., depending on other commitments and convenience of the trip.

Since the organization was founded in 1887, they are the oldest student organization on the campus which is still active, and one of the oldest student organizations in Texas.



Texas A&M's Elite On Parade ... the Ross Volunteers at 1960 Mardi Gras



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## 2nd Place Ags Meet Toads

### Improving TCU Gaining Respect

By JOE CALLICOATTE

Holding a second place spot that is about as stable as a spider web, the Texas Aggie cagers journey to Fort Worth tomorrow night for a fracas with the up-and-coming Texas Christian Horned Frogs.

From TCU's performance against Baylor in Waco last Tuesday night, they appear to be getting tougher with age. The game was described as the Frogs' best effort all season by their coach, Buster Brannon. The Frogies winning combination resulted mostly from a torrid 64 per cent from the floor while four men hit in the double figures to help compile the 85-77 win.

TCU's future seemed a bit uncertain a few weeks ago when their top hand, Jerry Cobb, was dropped from the squad. However, the Frogs didn't show any manpower shortage Tuesday night with Alton Adams, 6-9 soph, carrying the brunt of an offensive attack that netted him 18 points.

Due to the versatility that the Cadets have shown in the past two games, Coach Bob Rogers could have something new in the air for his charges.

In Tuesday's outing A&M used eight men successfully to defeat Rice.

These eight men were used in three combinations, all of which worked equally well. Besides the two Stanley's and Carroll Broussard, Rogers started regular Wayne Annett and Lee Walker. Charlie Minor substituted for Annett and Lewis Qualls and Jerry Windham filled in for Walker. With these combinations, four men scored in the double figures, while against Southern Methodist five hit over ten points.

Next Tuesday night, the Cadets return to G. Rollie White to take on the league-leading Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Persons who are willing to further World Friendship and Understanding are urged by Mrs. Dale Leiper, program chairman, to call the Girl Scout Office at TA 3-2163 as soon as possible so arrangements can be made for visits to the various troops, at their regular meetings being held during the week of Feb. 22.

### Girls Scouts' 'Thinking Day' Being Planned

Feb. 22 will be observed by local Girl Scouts as "Thinking Day." This particular day has been set aside for remembering and studying the customs of the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in other countries.

An appeal is being made for natives of other countries or Americans who have lived abroad, to visit the troops and tell of the customs of their countries. The girls are especially interested in seeing native articles, colored slides and costumes.

### UN Club Hears Holy Land, Europe Review

A panorama of Europe and the Holy Land will be given at the meeting of the United Nations Club tonight. The meeting will be in the YMCA, commencing at 7:30 p.m., to which the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Gay, who will give the panorama, will accompany it with a talk and slides. Gay is coordinator of religious life and general secretary of the YMCA, at the College.

A social hour will follow the program, C. K. Parekh, president of the United Nations Club, said today.

### CHARTER TO BE PRESENTED Exchange Banquet Scheduled Tonight

The Charter Banquet of the Bryan-College Station Exchange Club will be held tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the Briarcrest Country Club.

The charter will be presented to George Shelton, president of the newly formed group, by Dr. Porter L. Fortune, Jr., of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Fortune, a member of the National Board of Control of the National Exchange Club, will also be the featured speaker of the evening. He was born in Old Fort, North Carolina, July 2, 1920.

He received his BA degree from the University of North Carolina with highest honors in 1941, his MA degree from Emory University in 1946 and his PhD degree from the University of North Carolina in 1949 with a major in American History and a minor in political sciences.

During World War II he served in the Navy four years with three of these on Pacific duty. For heroism in action, Fortune received the Bronze Star in 1943. He is presently serving as a member of the Advisory Council on Naval Affairs of the Sixth Naval District.

His teaching career has included teaching assignments at Emory University and at the University

of North Carolina. In 1948, he went to Mississippi Southern College as assistant professor of history. He was appointed associate professor in 1949, Assistant Dean of the College in 1951, Dean of the College and Graduate School in 1957. Mississippi Southern College has an enrollment of over 4,300 students.

He is the author of numerous publications both in his field and in various areas of college administration. He is one of the most sought-after speakers in the south.

Don Abel of Austin, district governor of Texas District No. 4 of the National Exchange Club, will present National Service Awards for sponsorship of the new club. They will go to the Exchange Club of Houston and J. J. Bissell and W. M. Fink, who were sponsoring committeemen.

Other local officers and members of the Board of Control are Gus A. Ellis, vice-president; Dorsey E. McCrory, secretary; Robert P. Wood, treasurer; E. L. Angell, H. D. Butler, Dr. B. M. Cooley, Travis B. Bryan Jr., Phillip B. Goode and W. R. Matthews.

## World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

**Health Program Presented Congress**  
WASHINGTON—President Kennedy today sent Congress a controversial health insurance program of 14.2 million Americans 65 or older. It would cost about \$1.5 billion annually in increased Social Security taxes.

Benefit outlays for the calendar year 1963, the first year of full operation, are estimated at about \$1.1 billion but solid spending figures do not go much further than that.

**Soviet Craft Interception Confered**  
ALGIERS—A French spokesman confirmed Thursday night that French air force jets intercepted a Soviet Ilyushin 18 and fired warning shots at it.

The spokesman said the planes fired only when the Soviet aircraft failed to reply to radio calls for identification. He said the French had no advance notice of the flight.

**German-French Talks Begin**  
PARIS—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and President Charles de Gaulle opened talks Thursday to improve German-French relations. The official atmosphere was chilly and Adenauer's smile was wintry.

When the West German leader arrived Thursday morning, Premier Michel Debre was not at the airport to meet him. It was explained Debre had a prior appointment.

**Five Accused Of Spying**  
LONDON—A British expert declared Thursday five persons accused of spying for the Soviet Union stole details of the Royal Navy's nuclear submarine Dreadnought, based on designs supplied by the United States in 1959.

The details were not specified but described by the witness, Navy Capt. George Symonds, as "of undoubted value to an enemy."

**Unemployment Mounts In Cities**  
WASHINGTON—Fresh reports of mounting unemployment in big cities Thursday prompted President Kennedy to order a series of on-the-spot inspections of conditions in the hard-hit areas.

The jobless picture was described as worse than it has been in almost 20 years.

**Congo Given Back To Politicians**  
LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo—The Congo's government was handed back to the politicians Thursday in a move to head off American overtures for a new deal with Patrice Lumumba.

President Joseph Kasavubu formally dismantled the College of Commissioners—the group of university graduates installed by Gen. Joseph Mobutu to run the country last September—and proclaimed a provisional government of parliamentarians. It will serve until Parliament can be summoned, but this may not be for some time.

**Marilyn Monroe Hospitalized**  
NEW YORK—Movie star Marilyn Monroe's psychiatric treatment Thursday created a flurry of conflicting reports about her condition. One had it that she was merely resting, while another described her as "highly disturbed."

### Engineering Scholarship Announced

A \$600 scholarship will be awarded this spring to a sophomore student in mechanical, electrical or industrial engineering, by the Square-D Manufacturing Co.

Applications may be obtained from the Registrar's Office and must be filed in that office by Feb. 22.

Selection of the winner will be based upon scholastic performance and other factors, according to R. G. Perryman, Associate Registrar, and Secretary of the Faculty Scholarship Committee.

## VIGOROUS PROTEST FROM REDS French Fire Warning Shots On USSR Prexy's Plane

By The Associated Press  
ALGIERS, Algeria—French jet fighters fired warning shots Thursday around a four-engine Soviet plane carrying Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and other high officials on a goodwill visit to West Africa.

The Soviet government in Moscow made a vigorous protest, charging the attack took place 80 miles out over the Mediterranean and was a case of "international banditism."

The French said the big turbo-prop airliner, pride of the Soviet civilian air fleet, failed to respond to radio challenges and was intercepted off Algeria by three Vautour fighters in the "zone of French responsibility."

Brezhnev, 54, was not harmed although he may have had a few exciting minutes.

His plane, apparently unscathed, arrived on schedule at Rabat, capital of Morocco, and Brezhnev was welcomed by King Mohammed V and thousands of robed men and veiled women.

A spokesman with his party at first reported an unruffled flight. But later, after Moscow radio had announced the protest, the spokesman said the Ilyushin had been "buzzed and attacked." Brezhnev made no comment.

For months the French have maintained a tight air and sea blockade in the Mediterranean to prevent shipments of arms and munitions to the Algerian Rebels. The stopping and seizure of freighters allegedly carrying arms has brought irate protests from German, Yugoslav and other shipping interests.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, in a vigorous statement and protest handed to French Charge d'Affaires Jean de la Grandville in Moscow, charged the "blatantly provocative nature" of the incident was all the more obvious because the Soviet plane established radio contact with Algiers airport shortly before.

French authorities previously had been informed of the flight, he contended, and the plane was

flying at about 27,000 feet in mid afternoon when it suddenly was attacked.

He said a twin-engine jet fighter swooshed "dangerously close" three times, cut across the path of the big airliner and fired on it on two of its three passes.

Gromyko demanded the punishment of those responsible.

It was hours before French authorities confirmed there had been such an incident.

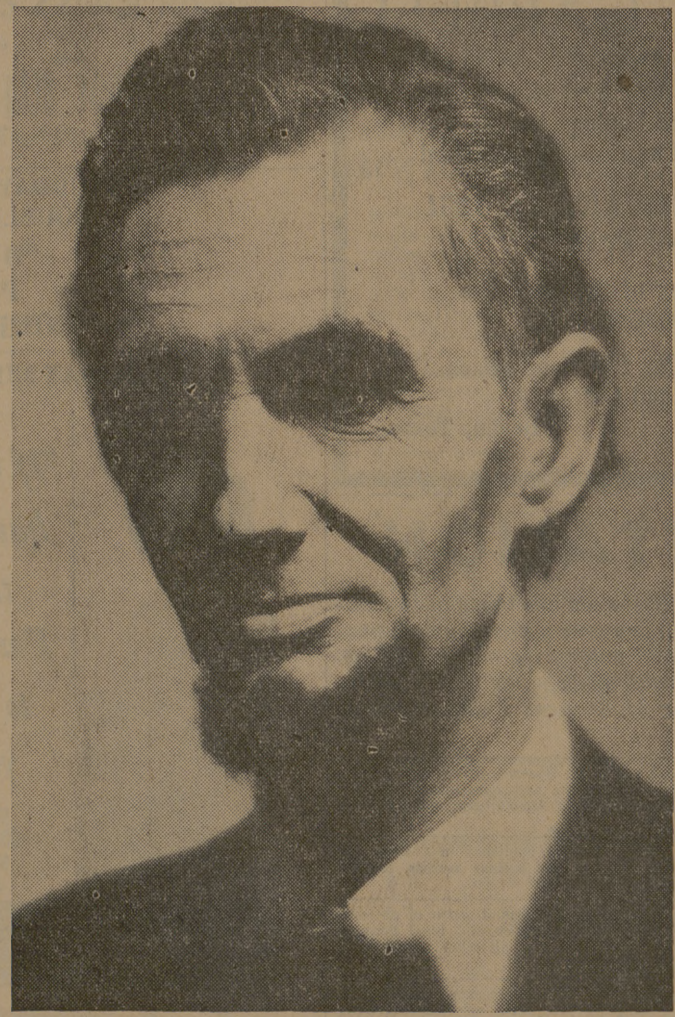
Then Coup de Frejac, director of information for the French administration in Algeria, issued a statement saying the Ilyushin-18 was picked up on the Algiers radar screen "in the zone of French responsibility which extends up to the 38th degree of latitude."

"This plane did not possess any international flight plan," he said. "It was coming from the east and seemed to be heading toward Morocco. It was intercepted by three Vautour fighter planes which fired warning shots."

The Ilyushin then veered north, he said.

The spokesman said the Soviet plane did not reply to fighter signals on the "international wavelength which should be utilized."

### A&M's Own 'Abe'



Texas A&M's Abe Lincoln

A few false whiskers and a bit of makeup are all that is needed for one of A&M's faculty members to bear a strong resemblance to Abraham Lincoln. He is Dan R. Davis, a native of Mount Pleasant and an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology. The picture was modeled after a studio photograph taken just four days before Lincoln's assassination in 1865. Facial makeup is by Mrs. Joanne Smerdon of College Station, and photography is by Howard Berry, manager of the Photo and Visual Aids Laboratory at A&M. Davis says he is no kin to Jefferson Davis, last president of the Confederacy.

### Special Coat, Weekend Aired At CSC Meet

By RONNIE BOOKMAN  
Plans for the upcoming Civilian Student Weekend and the discussion of a standard sport coat for all A&M students kept the Civilian Student Council busy last night.

The Civilian Student Ball and barbecue will be held April 22. The dance is slated for Shiba Dining Hall and the barbecue is to be held in the Grove.

The Council is to spend most of its efforts in preparation for the weekend.

Council President Mike Carlo then asked the group for comments on a maroon ivy league blazer with the A&M seal on the pocket. It has been proposed that the coat be adopted by both Corps and Civilian Students for wear on Corps trips and at football games.

"Since we can't wear the regular uniform, I think that we ought to have some item of clothing that is the same as the Corps'," one representative said.

The price of the coats would run from \$25 to \$35.

The price, and the fact that not very many coats are worn in this part of the country were arguments against the Council going on record as for the sportcoat.

The main feeling of the Council however was that the coat would fill a great need in that it would let people know that A&M has some civilian students.