

Laos Talks Reach Crisis

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Great Britain, in consultation with the United States, started an urgent new effort Wednesday night to draw Russia into serious negotiations aimed at ending the crises in Laos.

The move came as Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson in effect gave the Soviets a warning of possible strong new measures by the United States to prevent the Southeast Asian kingdom from being taken over by Soviet-backed rebels.

Johnson said this country does not intend to stand by and let Laos be "gobbled up by an armed minority supported from the outside." He made the statement amid reports that President Kennedy may be planning more military help to Laos unless Moscow

agrees quickly to a diplomatic solution of the crisis.

The British move took the form of a new note delivered to Soviet officials in Moscow. Russia had proposed an early 14-nation conference on the Laotian crisis as a means of seeking settlement. The British reportedly made a counter-proposal.

The counter-proposal, it is understood, carries a provision that the fighting in Laos be stopped before a conference is held.

Kennedy, earlier in the day, scheduled a news conference for 6 p. m. EST Thursday with arrangements for live radio and television coverage. This gave rise to speculation that the President planned a statement of U. S. policy on the increasingly dangerous situation in Laos.

The timing of the British note and the president's news conference give rise to a rumor that Kennedy was in effect giving Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev a 24-hour ultimatum.

But administration officials were quick to deny any such intention. A White House spokesman said that "the story of any 24-hour time limit is totally inaccurate."

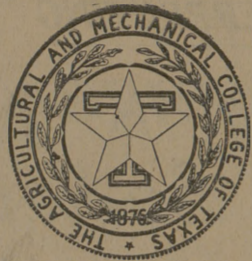
First Briefed

Johnson read his statement after he and congressional leaders were briefed by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"I am not going to attempt to characterize the information that we received," Johnson said.

"I think I can say, however, that this is a situation which must be viewed, not with alarm, but with great seriousness.

"And I think it should also be known to the world that the United States, while it is going to be reasonable and prudent in all of its moves, is not in a mood to meekly permit an independent nation to be gobbled up by an armed minority supported from the outside."



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Consolidated Group Wins Fair Prizes

The four A&M Consolidated High School entries in the Houston Post's Regional Science Fair last weekend came back with five major awards.

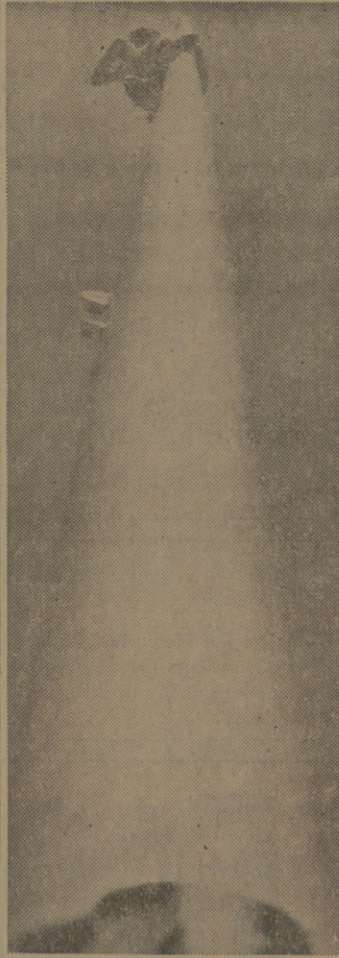
Alphonse Marek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Marek and a senior at Consolidated, won first place in the Biological Division. His study of spiders was also named Grand Champion Exhibit of the fair.

Besides winning two trophies and ribbons, Marek will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the National Science Fair in Kansas City May 12-16. His sponsor, Kenneth Morgan, will also receive a free trip.

Other winners include Bennett Hardeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hardeman, who won first place for his exhibit on the study of mineral specimens in the earth science division; David Kent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kent, with second place in the Physical Science Division for his study of radiation-caused mutations in bacteria, and Loreli Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney O. Brown, who won an Honorable Mention Award for her exhibit involving the brain-wave patterns in a white rat.

Hardeman and Kent are in the ninth grade, while Loreli Brown is an eighth grader. All four students were top winners in the local science fair held Feb. 11. Hardeman and Marek had won awards in the Houston Science Fair last year.

The local four, who swept the field, were competing against 1,117 entries from more than 100 public, private and parochial schools, including the Houston area schools and others from a 17 county area.



Everything Goes
When the spring cleaning fad hits campus, everything is included, from top to bottom. Here BC&U workers treacherously paint the flag pole in front of the Academic Building, one of the apparently more difficult chores in the project.

Six Students To Receive NSF Grants

The National Science Foundation has selected six A&M graduate students to receive fellowship awards.

They include fellowship awards under the National Science Foundation Cooperative Graduate Fellowship program and the Summer Fellowships for Graduate Teaching Assistants programs, Dr. Wayne C. Hall, Dean of the Graduate School, announced today.

Julian Barham Coon of Pasadena and William Neal Lipe of San Benito were two of the 1,100 chosen in the United States to receive the Cooperative Graduate Fellowship. Coon will continue his study in the field of physics and Lipe will continue in the field of horticulture.

Selected to receive the Summer Fellowship Awards for Graduate Teaching Assistants for the summer of 1961 were James W. Bridges, Jr., civil engineering; William D. Bunting, physics, and Henry E. Heatherly, mathematics, Bryan-College Station; and Willie C. Elsik, geology, Caldwell. These four were among the 625 chosen for the Summer Fellowship Awards for the entire United States.

The objective of this program, Hall says, "is to provide support to selected graduate teaching assistants of high ability in order to enable them to devote full time to their own scientific studies for research during the summer months."

MSC To Open Guest Room Reservations

Requests for Memorial Student Center guest room reservations for the football weekends, or any of the major event weekends, for the 1961-62 school year will be accepted from students and former students during the month of May.

Only one room per family can be reserved for each event. Since reservations will not be transferable, one must cancel reservations with the Memorial Student Center if he cannot use the rooms.

Following the May 31 deadline, a drawing will be held to determine who will receive accommodations. After the drawing, notices will be mailed to each person submitting requests for guest room reservations indicating whether or not their names were drawn.

The requests not drawn will be placed on the "waiting list," and those persons making the requests will be notified at least two weeks before the event should a room become available due to a cancellation.

A deposit will be required of those persons receiving a reservation. Unless this deposit is received no later than two weeks prior to the event, an automatic cancellation will occur.

MSC Daily Caffeine Craze Hits Stunning Proportions

By TOMMY HOLBEIN

"Let's go get a cup!" These words lead thousands of students and professors to the constantly flowing fountain of coffee each morning, the fountain room of the Memorial Student Center.

They are also often the cause of an enjoyable hour spent drinking coffee and listening to the gentle strains of the nickelodeon at the shop's entrance, at the expense of a cut class or missed appointment.

However, apparently people on the campus appreciate the fountain room; maybe that's why they drink 50,000 cups of coffee each month, a figure stemming from Miss Gladys Black, food director of the Memorial Student Center.

The coffee is made in two six-gallon urns behind the shop's food bar each morning starting at 6:30. The urns have a third one between them which contains only hot water, used to flow into them making more coffee as the morning passes.

Many Refills

Attendants in the shop make a new urn of coffee every 20 or 30 minutes during a normal morning, when they open at 7 a. m. And as the urns become refilled and re-filled, the caffeine consumers manage to down over 2,257 gallons of coffee in approximately 30 days.

Another interesting approach to this consumption is the "energy-expanded" concept; in an experiment conducted yesterday afternoon, it was found that one full cup of coffee weighs approximately one pound.

This means that 50,000 pounds of hot cups of coffee are lifted each month by anxious customers of the fountain room, and this

doesn't include the other accessories; 1,400 dozen donuts, 1,500 dozen sweetrolls and 300 dozen cookies eaten in a month.

Nor does it include the 900 pies or 175 cakes devoured during the same period.

To handle such a magnitude of consumption, the fountain room has a staff of 18 people, including eight and six on the two daily shifts, and four students.

The lower level of the Memorial Student Center hosts a bake shop which produces the "goodies" on large scale, and all baking for the fountain room, cafeteria and catering service other than bread and hamburger buns is done here.

Some might think the fountain room, with this large quantity of goods sold, does a whopping profit; however, with the expense of producing them, the net intake is not on the same proportion as quantity sold.

First, consider the number of

people that almost daily, during the school week, stop at the Center's fountain room to "get a cup"—it often runs into the five and six thousand mark on busy days, particularly during quiz weeks and exam time.

A second thought about the quantity of coffee, donuts and other morning snack constants is the diet conditioning that all who come to college receive — coffee, coffee and more coffee; perhaps a cigarette or two along with it, and maybe a donut or two, but a morning cup of coffee is a must for the greater majority of people on any campus.

With the number of students and profs here at A&M, and the number of morning classes off that each student has, it is easily understood why the Memorial Student Center fountain room must remain the eternally flowing fountain of coffee and accessories, for the good of all concerned.

FOR 16-COUNTY AREA

School Official Meet Disclosed

School board members and superintendents of schools in a 16 county area will meet on campus Apr. 17 for a one day workshop on school problems. More than 200 are expected to attend.

The 1961 workshop is a part of the statewide program by the Texas Association of School Boards and is sponsored in this area by the A&M Department of Education and Psychology.

"The workshop is one of the projects in which we are engaged

to assist county superintendents and small schools in the improvement of their programs," Dr. Grady P. Parker, department head said.

The meeting will afford an opportunity to board members, superintendents and other interested citizens to study school board responsibilities and effectiveness, Parker stated. The workshop should be of interest to PTA leaders, he said, and is open to the public.

The meeting will get under way at 3 p. m. and last until 9 p. m. Consultants and speakers for the conference include Dr. Donald Nugent, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards; Dr. Leon Graham, assistant commissioner of education, Texas Education Agency, and Dr. George Wentz, Hays County superintendent of schools.

The first session will feature a panel discussing "Problems and Issues in Texas Public Education,"

Many Legislators Favor 'A&M U' Name

Letters Oppose Current Proposal

Student Senate President Roland Dommert said Wednesday he had received a number of letters from members of the Texas Legislature favoring the Senate's recommendation that the name of Texas A&M be changed to Texas A&M University in accordance with the wishes of the Board of Directors.

Dommert said letters from both the Senate and House of Representatives had been received in answer to letters sent to every Senator and Representative by the Student Senate. Letters were also sent to Governor Price Daniel and Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey, he said, "so they will know how the students of A&M feel."

The Student Senate's letter was addressed to Sen. William T. Moore of Bryan, the principal author of the bill (S. B. 302) which would change the name of A&M to Texas State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. Copies of the letter were sent to all other Texas legislators.

The letter expressed the Senate's disfavor at the proposed name, and suggested the name be amended to Texas A&M University. The letter said the latter name was the choice of the A&M Board of Directors and a majority of A&M faculty and students.

Several Senators and Representatives said they had planned to amend the bill if they had the chance.

Rep. John C. Alaniz, '52, wrote, "I assure you that if Sen. Moore's version of the bill, I will attempt to amend said bill on the floor of the House of Representatives in order to comply with your recommendation."

Speculation was raised Monday that the bill would ever reach the floor of the House when Sen. Bob Baker, '44, the only A&M-ex in the Senate who did not co-sign Moore's bill, told two A&M juniors he would make an amendment to the bill if and when it came up in the Senate.

Tuesday Moore said he was "going to let the A&M bill simmer for awhile."

"I'd rather have no bill at all than a name like A&M University," he said.

Dommert said original plans by the Student Senate Executive Committee, Cadet Col. of the Corps Syd Heaton and Civilian Student Council President Mike Carlo to go to Austin to talk with Moore and other members of the Legislature regarding the bill had been postponed.

followed by six discussion groups on the following topics: school finance, local school problems, the school program, education legislation, school-community relations and new developments in education.

Dr. Paul Hensarling of the Department of Education and Psychology is coordinator of the workshop. The area to be served is composed of Brazos, Burleson, Falls, Freestone, Grimes, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Montgomery, Robertson, San Jacinto, Walker, Waller and Washington counties.

World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

Anti-Castro Council Formed

NEW YORK — Two principal anti-Castro Cuban groups have agreed on the formation of a new "revolutionary council" aimed at the overthrow of the Fidel Castro regime.

But the exiles are carefully avoiding calling the new council a government-in-exile, informed Cuban sources said today.

Unemployment Bill Passes Both Houses

WASHINGTON — Legislation providing for a \$1-billion emergency extension of unemployment benefits cleared both houses of Congress Wednesday and went to President Kennedy.

The House passed the bill first by a roll-call vote of 361-31. Then it won Senate approval on a voice vote.

Ike Retains Five-Star Rank

WASHINGTON — President Kennedy Wednesday signed legislation restoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Army rank of five-star general.

At the same time Kennedy wrote Eisenhower calling the action "a reaffirmation of the affection and regard of our nation for you."

Senate Passes Appropriation Bill

AUSTIN — The Senate overwhelmingly passed today a \$2.5 billion state appropriation bill, the largest in Texas history.

Senate action sent the state spending bill to the House where representatives are expected to pass their version in about two weeks.

SEATO Caotian Conference Opens

BANGKOK, Thailand — Military strategists of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization SEATO opened a three-day conference today and quickly reflected President Kennedy's new touch line to keep Laos out of Communist hands.

Gen. Surajit Charusreni of Thailand, the conference chairman, issued a statement on behalf of the eight member nations stressing the need for continued military planning "to resist and repel Communist aggression, in the light of recent developments in the treaty area."

Lobbying Bill Sent To Subcommittee

AUSTIN — Two bills tightening controls on lobbying were heard by the House Committee on Representation today and sent to a subcommittee for consolidation.

Both bills stress the need for publicizing contributions received by organizations advocating or opposing legislation.



Explorer Neil Douglas ... presents film lecture tomorrow