

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Unnecessary Action

Galveston's Splash Day is over, but its results will hang heavy over many students who were victims of illicit apprehension during the weekend's mass arrests.

Actions taken by police were dubbed necessary by officers in the Island City; actions which included stopping many cars carrying college students on their way to their hotels, arresting groups of students for just "being there" and various forms of brutality described vividly by many of those involved.

According to stories from many of the student victims, law and order was definitely discarded in favor of autocratic police rule; normal arrest procedures, right of plea or explanation, and all contact with the world outside Galveston jails were severed as students were packed into chambers already filled far beyond capacity.

When release finally came, many hours later, it was only obtained through paying fines for the charges placed against the students; these averaged \$15 per person.

The City of Galveston has expressed no intention of returning any of the fines totalling over \$14,000 collected; it has been explained by Galveston officials that in order for a fine to be returned, an involved process must take place first.

Since the City of Galveston police force, helped by patrolmen from 18 other cities, was able to disregard all concept of formal order in arresting over 700 students, it should be able to design an equally streamlined method of redeeming itself for the mass arrest of hundreds of innocent college students.

This arrest of the innocent has been admitted; now the responsibility of seeing it corrected in part rests on the shoulders of those enforcing the action.

One way this could partially be accomplished would be to give consideration to those students taking the initiative to protest and seek reimbursement for their experiences, compliments of the Galveston police department and helpers.

It might ease a few strained feelings.

Press Freedom JFK Talk Topic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced Wednesday that President Kennedy will meet next week with a group of newspaper executives to discuss problems facing a free press in a period of interregnum.

Kennedy will confer with the group of eight officials on Tuesday morning.

Andrew T. Hatcher, assistant White House press secretary, said the meeting was arranged at the request of publishers and editors after Kennedy's speech last week to the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

In that address, Kennedy said that "no war ever posed a great-

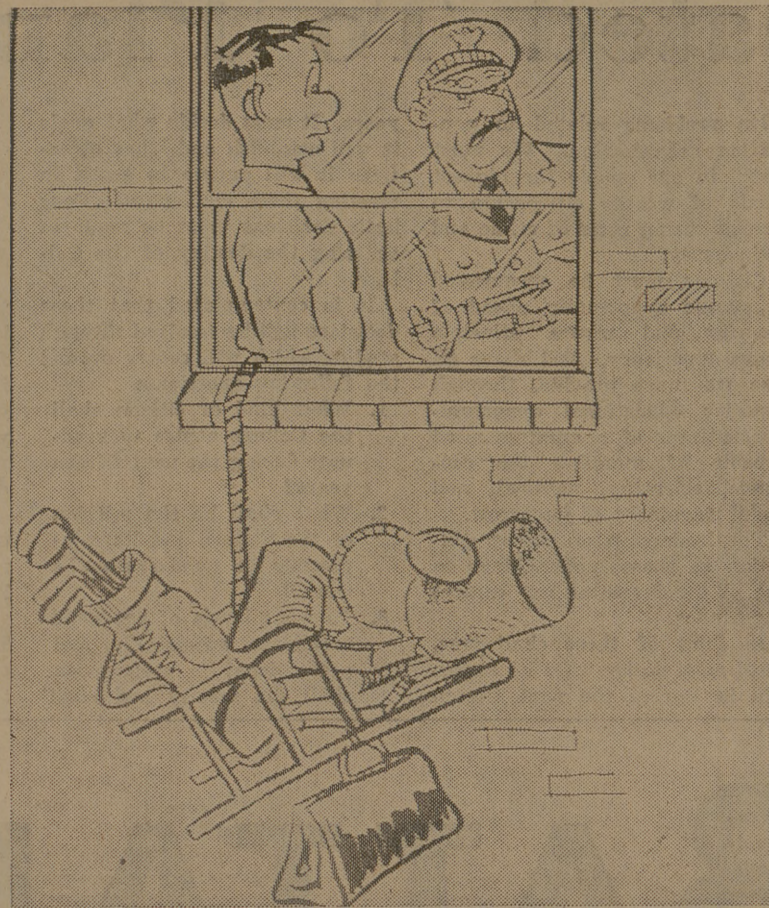
er threat to our security" than the cold war threat of communism. He advocated self-restraint in news stories which conceivable could give valuable secret information to the enemy.

Hatcher said the meeting next week was arranged to "explore problems" brought out by the president in his ANPA speech. Before the get-together, he said, Kennedy is likely to discuss "a way to amplify his message" with members of the White House staff.

The newspaper executives, Hatcher said, requested the conference in a telegram received Tuesday.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle U. S. Needs



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CENTURY COUNCIL

(Continued from Page 1) June 15 in order to be considered. The Board of Directors will appoint the Century Council at its July meeting.

The 100 member Council will be divided into Task Force Subcommittees. Each Task Force will be charged with a specific area of study. Upon completion of these studies by the Task Force groups, the findings and recommendations will be integrated into a written document for presentation to the Board of Directors.

A report of findings by these groups will be incorporated in the final Century Study document to be presented to the Board of Directors.

The Board will analyze Century Study recommendations and from these recommendations the Board will draft a "Blueprint for Progress" which will embody plans and objectives for each major component of the College. The "Blueprint for Progress" will be presented for the first time during a special A&M convocation in the fall of 1962 to the citizens of Texas.

Much effort is being directed toward this study now. Various faculty-staff committees under the general guidance of the Century Study Committee on Aspirations are at work developing

areas to be explored by faculty and staff study groups.

The Century Council and faculty-staff study efforts will operate concurrently during the 1961-62 academic year. Both efforts will be completed in June, 1962.

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- The Matagorda County Hometown Club will meet in Room 112 of the YMCA Building at 7:30 p.m.
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