

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Double Tuition?

Designed to double the tuition of state colleges, House Bill No. 1,014 is up before the Texas Legislature, and if passed, it will be effective Sept. 1, 1961.

Already, some students at A&M are wondering what would be the best move against the bill and with the onslaught of approaching exams, time is running out for students to exercise any united effort.

However, within the next week a petition will be circulated among the student body, giving all students an opportunity to express disapproval of the bill; this, when sent to legislators in Austin, will show that the Aggies don't like it any better than other colleges.

A second effective move by students is for them to write their parents, urging them to write their Congressmen, speaking against HB 1,014, explaining what a financial burden it will place on most of the parents and students of Texas.

Time is running out, and action must be taken soon, lest students returning to state colleges next fall find themselves confronted with a direct barrier to higher education: double tuition.

— Sound Off —

(Editor's note: The following are two letters received by The Battalion from organizations on other campuses in opposition to House Bill 1,014. The bill is now being considered by the House and advocates a raise in the tuition for state-supported colleges and universities.)

Editor, The Battalion: On behalf of the state-supported colleges and universities, East Texas State College is interested in furthering opposition to House Bill 1,014. This bill concerns a tuition increase to become effective Sept. 1, 1961. We feel that you realize the disaster such a tuition increase would be to our schools.

The bill has been presented at the House Appropriations Committee and from there it was sent to a sub-committee for further study. The only student opposition to this bill was presented by a delegation of students from the University of Texas.

We have begun opposition here at East Texas by informing our student body. This, naturally, must come first. Now we are in the process of getting students to send their representative a letter stating their opposition. We also plan to send a petition to the Legislature stating student opposition. And finally, our student government has passed a resolution stating its opposition.

When, and if, this bill appears on the House floor, we will certainly be in Austin working against it.

We hope you realize the need of immediate action on your campus. Let's not leave all the burden of representing the state-supported schools on the University of Texas.

Tom Green, ETSC Student Senate

Editor, The Battalion: As I am sure you are aware, House Bill 1,014 will soon be up for consideration before the State Legislature, and if passed will double the present tuition of all state-supported colleges.

As a leader of the students of Texas, we have a definite responsibility in opposing this bill as a detriment to a vital democratic institution, public education. For this is a measure that could effect thousands of students for many years to come.

The Student Council at Texas A&I is organizing what we hope will be effective opposition to the bill, and essentially our program is as follows:

1. Petitions signed by hundreds of students opposing the bill, to be presented by a delegation of students at the proper time at the capital.

2. Obtaining resolutions from many student organizations stating their opposition.

3. Obtaining lists of financially hard-pressed students whose education will definitely be affected by a tuition raise.

4. Having students address an envelope to their parents so that a letter explaining the situation can be sent to them. Enclosed in the letter will be the names and addresses of their respective representatives and senators, and the parents will be urged to write their congressman stating their views.

It is late in the school year and exams are approaching fast, but public education is facing a crisis and something must be done. For this reason we are asking you to personally encourage responsible students and organizations on your campus to speak out and make themselves heard as the citizens of tomorrow.

Jim Marcum, Student Association President, Texas A&I

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Have you noticed how easy it is to pick out graduating seniors?"

Education Bill Opposition Suffers Another Setback

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON — Supporters of federal aid to education quashed two attempts in the Senate Wednesday to revise President Kennedy's \$2.55 billion school bill.

By lopsided votes, the Senate defeated a Southern amendment to protect segregated school districts and a substitute bill to revamp the administration program.

Observers looked on the test votes as signs that the bill has a smooth road ahead. The bill would provide federal grants to states for public school construction, teacher salaries or both.

In the first test, the Senate defeated 70-25 an amendment by Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.), which would have prohibited the federal government from withholding grants to racially segregated schools.

Then, on a 64-30 vote, the Senate defeated a substitute bill of Sen. William A. Blakley (D-Tex.). Under his bill, each state would have kept 2 per cent of the federal income tax paid by its residents and would have spent the money on schools. Blakley's bill would have cost \$812 million a year.

While the Senate beat down

proposed changes, the House Education and Labor Committee approved a \$2.5 billion federal aid-to-education bill. Its approval, however, was tentative. A later vote could change the situation.

But as tentatively approved, the House committee bill, like the Senate bill, would provide funds for teacher salaries as well as classroom construction.

The provision for salaries may have difficulty in the House because Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) in the past has opposed using federal funds for that purpose.

In general, supporters of fed-

eral aid expect more trouble in the House than in the Senate.

In the Senate, Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) floor manager of the bill, called the Thurmond amendment "an effort to kill the bill."

Supporters of the bill said they did not want school aid clouded and threatened by the segregation controversy.

Although the amendment was defeated, a Southern senator who declined use of his name said he understood sponsors of the bill would accept some amendment designed to reassure the South that federal money would not be withheld from segregated schools.

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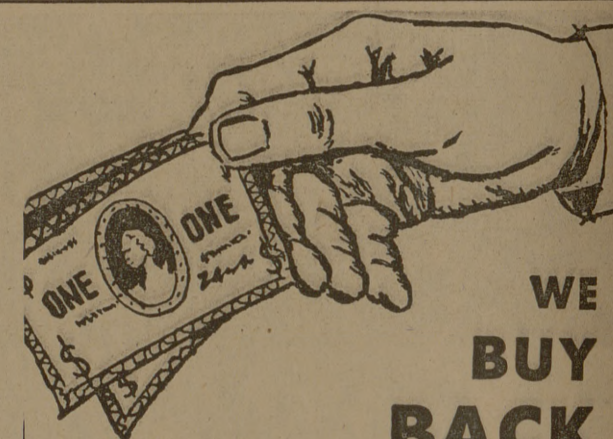
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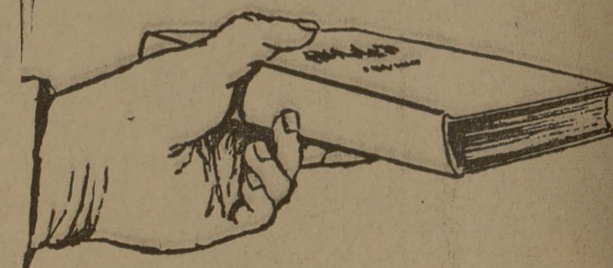
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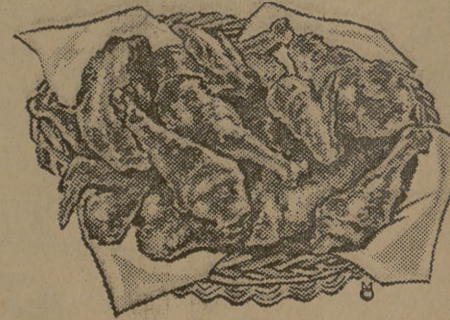


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