

Tractor - Prisoner Trade Shaping Up

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A Tractors-for-Freedom Committee was organized Monday and began negotiating with Prime Minister Fidel Castro for the release of more than 1,200 prisoners captured in last month's Cuban invasion. The private group went ahead in the face of some sharp protests in Congress.

Considerable uncertainty developed over Castro's offer to release the prisoners in return for 500 American-made tractors, however, when the Cuban radio quoted Castro as saying the United States was taking an insulting attitude toward his offer to release the captives in return for farm machinery.

He threatened to call the deal off and mete out summary punishments to the captives.

Nevertheless, the citizens group set out to raise the millions needed to buy 500 tractors and announced it was telegraphing three conditions to Castro, as follows:

1. Castro will allow a small group of Americans to go to Havana to work out details, including the type of tractors.

2. Castro will supply a list of prisoners to be freed.

3. Castro promises to release the prisoners as tractors arrive.

Walter P. Reuther, head of the United Auto Workers Union and cochairman of the citizens' committee, announced the group was cabling Castro it would go ahead with the deal if the conditions were accepted.

Cries of "Communist blackmail" came from Republican Sens. Barry Goldwater of Arizona and Homer E. Capehart of Indiana.

Capehart said if this country "yields to Castro's blackmail we'll be the laughing stock of the world." He said that instead of making a deal with Castro "I'd have gone to war."

Goldwater told the Senate the United States could not abandon moral responsibility to the captured Cubans but said: "How can we stand up to Castro when he attempts to blackmail us by offering 1,000 lives for 500 tractors and by throwing in what he calls 'the Fascist priests' for free?"

In the House Rep. August E. Johansen, M-Mich., said he was appalled at the apparent eagerness to "comply with the ransom terms laid down by Communist stooge Fidel Castro."

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... I thought it would sorta dress up th' room!"

Sound Off

(Editor's note: This letter was written to The Battalion by the mother of junior business administration major Rudolph H. Stevens, Jr.)

Editor,

The Battalion:

I would like to express my appreciation to all committees who planned the wonderful Parents' Day. It was the most enjoyable Mother's Day I have ever experienced.

At Splash Day in Galveston Mr. Stevens brought me some Aggie rifles to hold while he made pictures of the A&M boys. After he left me and I was too far to get in touch with him I realized he

had the keys to the car.

Here I stood on the busiest corner with a rifle in each hand. The passers by gave me puzzling glances as if to say, "Have you joined the cops?"

I felt a bit ill at ease, but after seeing the review Sunday the Freshmen Drill Team and the Ross Volunteers' exhibition I realized that I'd gladly stand on any street corner and hold any Aggie's rifle.

I am sure every mother there would be willing to stick by her guns for her Aggie son!

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Red Space Shot Ready

BOCHUM, Germany—(AP)—The Soviets have entered the final phase of preparations for a manned space shot, Heinz Kaminski, head of the local observatory said Monday.

He said he bases his statement on monitoring of frequencies at the time of Yuri A. Gagarin's space flight. These have been busy in the last week, Kaminski added.

The ideal wife is one who keeps her husband from being forced to do something against his will.—Sydney J. Harris

Babcock Essay Winner Named At SP Banquet

(Editor's note: Winner of the 1961 Babcock Essay Competition was John Norris Harrington, '61, liberal arts major from College Station. Harrington's essay, "Educational Assets I Find at Texas A&M," won him \$250, presented by C. L. Babcock, Beaumont insurance man, at the Student Publications Banquet Friday, May 19.)

By JOHN N. HARRINGTON

Most people think of The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas being strictly a technological college, teaching only agriculture and engineering. It is a technological college and one of the best in this great nation of ours. It is recognized as being outstanding in technology because of such educational assets as the Data Processing Center, where may be found not only an IBM 650 and analogue computer, but one of the three IBM 709 computers located at American universities; and the Nuclear Science Center with its swimming-pool type of reactor of 100 kw. power, which is to be expanded to 5 Mw. power.

Texas A&M has one of the seventeen schools of Veterinary Medicine in the United States and our Division of Architecture had two students who were finalists in the Paris Prize Competition this year. The outstanding Petroleum Engineering Department does joint research with The University of Texas and the Texas Railroad Commission. The Manufacturing Chemists Association and the American Petroleum Institute have recently transferred their research program on hydrocarbons from Carnegie Institute of Technology to the Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M.

The Department of Biochemistry has done pioneer work in the use of antibiotics in the field of poultry feeding with the results that one pound of chicken broilers can be produced with less than two pounds of feed. The

Department of Oceanography and Meteorology at Texas A&M, with its own ocean-going research ship, the R/V Hidalgo, was the first to do research on the Gulf Coast. The School of Agriculture has developed a hybrid sorghum which adds \$25,000,000 annually to the economy of the State of Texas; it has developed varieties of rice which make up 90% of the rice grown in the Gulf Coast Area; and it is now doing research on predicting the rate of gain in cattle through blood tests.

But how do these educational assets affect me, a liberal arts major? The reason for a major in liberal arts is to obtain a broad education. Texas A&M is an outstanding school of technology and it is also an outstanding school of liberal arts. As a liberal arts student, I take such courses as literature, Spanish, history, economics, and philosophy. But at Texas A&M many of the other students in these courses are technological students and, as such, are exposed to the technological educational assets mentioned earlier. Thus I am exposed to many different ideas; for example, an architect's view of philosophy, an engineer's view of economics, and an agricultural student's view of government. All these different ideas help to broaden my education.

Besides being indirectly exposed to these technological educational assets, I am directly exposed to such educational assets in liberal arts as the modern language laboratory, which is the largest and best-equipped in the Southwest, and the strong course offerings in the departments of history, English and economics. I can also directly expose myself to the technological educational assets. For example, I can take courses at the Data Processing Center with math and industrial engineering majors, courses in biology and chemistry with pre-med students, and courses in animal husbandry and floriculture with agricultural students. With access to such educational assets as these, I, as a liberal arts major at a "technological" school can get a broad education.

All educational assets, however, are not to be found in books. Here again A&M is exceptional. Through dorm life, I have learned to live with other people; through intercollegiate and intramural sports I have learned sportsmanship; through the Corps of Cadets I have learned leadership; and as a member of the famous Twelfth Man I have learned to lose and not be defeated. These educational assets, which will help me to master the art of living, are just as important as those of technology and liberal arts, if not more so.

As I graduate from Texas A&M with my degree in liberal arts to enter graduate study and then my life's work in law and foreign

affairs, I do so confidently. I am confident because I know I am well prepared as a result of the fine educational assets offered to me at Texas A&M, the educational assets in liberal arts as well as those in technology, cooperative living, sportsmanship, leadership, and drive and determination. Yes, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is an outstanding technological school. It is also an outstanding school of liberal arts and art of living. It is a school with educational assets second to none. That is why I am well prepared to enter life and why I am proud to be a Texas Aggie.

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