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After Castro publicly offere

in setting up the committee:

WASHINGTON - Declaring a government hands-off policy, President Kennedy Wednesday urged Americans to contribute to the \$15-million fund to buy tractors Fidel Castro has demanded for release of Cuban invasion prisoners.

At the same time, the White House revealed that Kennedy had helped organize the citizens group that is spearheading the fund drive.

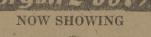
The President's statement made it clear he considers there are no legal blocks to the deal, as some members of Congress have argued. But he emphasized: "The United States government has not and cannot be a

party to these negotiations." Kennedy added that while the government is "putting forward neither obstacles nor assistance

tribute what they can." Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who has opposed any government sanction of the deal, told report-

"I didn't realize the President had taken such a personal interest in this project.







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TODAY THRU SATURDAY Paul Newman In 'LONG HOT SUMMER"

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"PROUD ONES"

Sen. Homer E. Capehart, R-Ind., said: "I'm 100 per cent opposed to it. I think the President is wrong. We are setting a precedent for every big and little dictator around the world to blackmail us whenever he feels like it."

White House aides said Kennedy's main concern in helping organize the drive was to make sure that a single group supervised the effort.

It is headed by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto, Workers, and Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Johns Hopkins University and brother of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Andrew T. Hatcher, assistant



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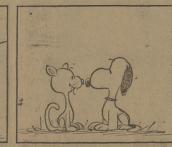
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Friday, May 26

5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE TO GET ACQUAINTED ...









The men of the Class of 1961 will graduate Saturdayleaving behind a record of accomplishments parallel to those of any other class in A&M's history.

The Class of 61 has been a novel class since it first registered for college courses at A&M in September of 1957.

The registration total marked the class from the beginning as one of the smallest classes in recent years at A&M.

These men were also the last class of entering freshmen during the year of a non-compulsary Corps of Cadets. Of the registering group, 282 men resigned from the

Corps during this first year. Since then, however, registrations have decreased an-

nually—a definite credit to this class. The Corps resignation figures in the three years since

then have been 213, 154 and this year, only 117. Civilian registrations during this period have followed a similar trend. One hundred six Class of '61 civilian fresh-

men resigned from school, while only 91 resigned in 1958, 68 last year and only 66 this year. Corps-Civilian relations during this four-year period have also showed a marked improvement. The election of a

civilian, Roland Dommert, as this year's Student Senate president saw this improvement in relations reach its pinacle. The Class of '61 has seen and prominently influenced the rise of scholastic achievement in both the Corps of Cadets and civilian life. Academic marks this year reached an all-

time high in the Corps and were even higher among civilians. In addition to the improvement in registration figures, the Class of '61 has also instigated a marked improvement in the percentage figures of freshmen returning for their sophomore years

Figures in this catagory have risen from 48 per cent in 1958, an all-time A&M low, to this year's 60 per cent.

The Class of '61 graduates will leave behind three classes when they receive degrees Saturday. Without a doubt members of all three of these classes will remember for many years the assistance and encouragement they received from

These men will have every right in the world to leave with their heads high—there's has been a job well done.

Pressmen, Police Hinder 'Riders'

(Editor's Note: Here is an lar and even more impressiv eye witness account of the "free- array of Mississippi Guardsmen dom riders" bus trip from Montgomery, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., as told by an Associated Press reporter who bought his ticket and made the 253-mile trip.)

JACKSON, Miss.—No matter what else befalls them, the 12 "Freedom Riders" who went by bus Wednesday from Montgomery, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., must rank among the most heavily protected and most extensively interviewed passengers in the history of interstate commerce.

The bubble-domed Trailways bus that transported the nine Negro men, two Negro women and one white man on the 253-mile trip was escorted to the Mississippi line by a convoy of 42 cars battle dress, uniformed state and television camera men.

line at Scratch Hill, Ala., a simi- seeking violence."

and state troopers took over the detail of protecting the bus and its passengers.

National Guard reconnaissance planes and helicopters hovered overhead throughout the entire

Until their eventual arrest in the Jackson bus station, the segregation-defying riders expressed some resentment against the enormity of the police and military preparations and the extensiveness of the press coverage.

The 16 reporters and cameraentire trip actually outnumbered the "freedom riders."

"This is not a normal situation," protested the Rev. James bearing National Guardsmen in Lawson of Nashville, Tenn., who headed the group. "It does not troopers and assorted reporters, carry out the purposes of our photographers, radio announcers project. We are not traveling as private citizens but as protectees When the bus crossed the state of a government. We are not

HOLIDAY

Tuesday, May 30, 1961, being a Holiday, in observance of Memorial Day, the undersigned will observe that date as a Holiday and not be open for business.

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and then at Final Review I take off these pants and—

BANG-I've got my boots and boot pants on!"

The El Paso Hometown Club will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. town Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-C of the Memorial tonight in the Cashion Room of

The Matagorda County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the lobby of the YMCA Building.



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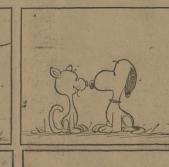
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