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Clyde W. Manuel of Savannah, Ga., displays his new 1962 Georgia auto license plate which has the numbers stamped upside down. He hasn't decided how to mount it but either way, part of it will be readable. (AP Wirephoto)

Brazos Civil War Soldiers Remembered In Centennial

Brazos County citizens will begin to grow beards or dress in hoop skirts and sunbonnets starting April 1. This is to commemorate the centennial of the Hood Brigade and its Civil War record.

The traditions and valor of the Hood Brigade are well known in this area, but few know the Civil War actions of Brazos County's own fighting force.

Beginning Jan. 25, 1861, the Texas State Convention submitted the question of secession to the individual counties. Feb. 23, Brazos County voted 215 to 44 in support of the move.

Pushed by this action, the war spirit caught on fast. Men of this area met to form a volunteer company. Although the meeting was held at Ovensville in Robertson County, most of the volunteers were from Brazos County.

Hiram Hanover, a reporter for the "Houston Telegraph and Texas Register," attended the meeting and later wrote, "We had a meet-

ing at Ovensville. The war spirit is thoroughly aroused. . . One man 59 years old and his 13-year-old son volunteered. Let Old Abe smoke that."

Fort Sumpter fell on April 12, 1861, and this group became Company 1 of the 21st Texas Cavalry. It was commanded by Capt. L. J. Wilson, 1st Lt. W. H. Bowman, 2nd Lt. James Walker and 3rd Lt. John Walker.

Company 1 received its first war assignments while attached to Carter's Brigade under Gen. John B. Magruder in Shreveport.

In the spring of 1862, the brigade moved to the Arkansas-Missouri border. Its purpose was to protect vital supply lines from Union raids.

Though the group used hit-and-run tactics, it engaged in many duels with superior numbers of the Union Cavalry. Several men were wounded, but only one Brazos County man was killed.

By the end of the war, the fighting force was out of supplies and

U. S., Russia Reach Impasse On Major Issues At Geneva

GENEVA — (AP) — The Soviet Union and the United States appeared last night to have arrived at an impasse on the major cold war issues of nuclear testing, general disarmament and Berlin.

Informants reported that after 11 days of diplomatic talks the two powers have failed even to agree on approaches to these three topics.

The deadlock appeared so complete diplomats at the 17-nation disarmament conference assumed a climax was nearing. In their terminology the two nations "are approaching the crunch" — the moment when pressures require one or both to modify positions.

Here is how observers see the situation:

—NUCLEAR TESTING: Basic disagreement on inspection runs so deep that achieving a test ban treaty appears impossible in the present mood. The West wants international teams empowered to enter the Soviet Union for inspection checks. The Soviet Union insists on making its own checks. The world would have to accept the results at face value.

—GENERAL DISARMAMENT: The enforcement problem is even

more complex and the differences between the two sides just as great. The West favors gradual reduction in arms by stages. The Soviet Union favors abolishment, without letting outsiders inspect.

—BERLIN: The Soviet Union has not yielded an inch in demands that the Western powers get out of West Berlin and sign separate peace treaties with East and West Germany instead of first uniting the two. The West refuses.

Against this background, the leaders of the U.S., British and Canadian delegations arranged to be present in Geneva next week. It had been reported earlier that they had planned returning to their home capitals over the weekend.

A flurry of activity developed in the Soviet camp.

Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko asked Communist East Germany's foreign minister, Lothar Bolz, to join him in Geneva.

Meanwhile, in a letter to President Kennedy, Premier Khrushchev called for Soviet-American cooperation in space exploration. He added, however, that this "depends in some degree on the solution of the disarmament problem."

Soviet aims were studied at a meeting of Secretary of State Dean Rusk and British Foreign Secretary Lord Home.

SCIENTISTS

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tour the Nuclear Science Center on the second day and will participate in meetings on the biological, biochemical, chemistry and physical sciences.

Joham said each school will send four students and one faculty member to the conference.

Schools to be represented include Abilene Christian College, Cisco Junior College, Decatur Baptist College, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne University, Lamar Technological College, Lee Junior College, Midwestern University, Navarro Junior College, Odessa College, Sam Houston State Teacher's College, Southwest Texas State College, Stephen F. Austin State College, Saint Mary's University, Tarleton State College, University of Corpus Christi, Victoria Junior College and Wharton County Junior College.

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