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Anti-Polio Drive Cancelled

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Aggies Help To Build College In North Africa

At Chott Maria near the Tunisian city of Sousse, Aggies are now playing a vital role in the building of a new agricultural college.

Veterans of the North African campaign remember the Sousse area as the location of Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters. Not far to the north, at Enfidaville, the last of Nazi Germany's "Afrika Korps" panzer divisions surrendered.

This summer Henry Ross, A&M professor of agricultural education, made his third visit to help the Tunisian government plan an American-type agricultural college.

A three-man team, composed of Ross; W. R. (Dede) Matthews, a Bryan architect; and Dr. Jack Grey, coordinator of foreign programs for the A&M System, visited Tunisia last spring. A&M Chancellor M. T. Harrington visited Tunisia in late August.

A permanent five-man team is expected to follow this fall. Five others will be added to the group next year. By the fall of 1964, a 15-man A&M team is expected to be working in construction and organization of the new college.

Tunisia's new agricultural college is to be based on the American land-grant concept of "liberal, scientific and practical higher education."

Ross made his first visit to Tunisia in May 1961, following a Tunisian government request to the U. S. State Department for aid in building an American-style college of agriculture.

The Tunisian government seeks to relate more closely agricultural education, extension and research to current problems of Tunisian farmers — much the same as Americans have done since President Abraham Lincoln signed the Land-Grant Act of 100 years ago.

While Tunisia has existing agricultural schools, none presently is patterned on the land-grant idea. The Chott Maria Agricultural School will be Tunisia's experiment in agricultural education the American way.

Initial plans call for opening the school at 7th grade through college freshman level. Later the first three grades will be dropped and three new grades, 14, 15, and 16, added to give the seven-year school senior college status.

Staff members going to Tunisia from A&M will be given two months of intensive orientation here, including language study (French) and instruction in cul-

Labor-Demo Friction Heats Convention

EL PASO (AP)—An eight-word plank in the party platform—"Retention of our Texas right to work law"—sparked all the explosive action at the state Democratic Convention Monday.

Gubernatorial nominee John Connally rammed through his platform without change of a comma or period despite bitter opposition by organized labor to the right to work provision.

TEXAS AFL-CIO President Hank Brown immediately announced that labor would reconsider its July 19 endorsement of the Democratic nominee. He called another meeting of the Committee on Political Education in Austin on Oct. 13 to give a second look at its earlier endorsement.

Brown called the so-called right to work plank "totally unacceptable to us."

THE PLATFORM committee resisted all efforts to make any changes in the 12-page long, 71-plank document. Committee Chairman Frank Erwin Jr. of Austin called it "the most exhaustive and specific platform you have ever seen no matter how many conventions you've attended."

Included in the rejected changes were nine resolutions passed by the conservative Harris County delegation, an attempt to include 13 demands made by Brown before the committee and a list of planks on voter registration, election law changes and state constitutional revision submitted by the League of Women Voters.

Consolidated To Integrate By Next Fall

A&M Consolidated Independent School District has been ordered to desegregate its classes by September of next year.

Superintendent of Schools W. T. Riedel said that he did not believe that the school district would appeal the ruling by Federal District Judge Joe Ingraham of Houston.

Judge Ingraham ruled Monday that desegregating is to start in the first grade next year and advance one grade each year thereafter through 1974. All grades must be desegregated by 1975.

Riedel expressed the hope that a local election would not have to be called in the issue to keep from losing state support. It is a state law that a local election must be held to acquire public approval for integration or state support will be withdrawn.

As we see it, the results of such an election would be of no value in the face of federal requirements, he said.

It has been ruled by the attorney general in cases where desegregation was voted down, that the school districts had done their part in complying with state laws and that state aid would be continued despite the action taken by the federal government.

Riedel said the ruling came as no surprise to him. A ruling had been anticipated toward the end of September or early in October.

tural adjustment, economics of underdeveloped countries, and methods of technological change.

Selected Tunisians will be sent to A&M to study in a long-time participant education program. Tunisians are expected to be selected for both undergraduate and post-graduate studies leading to the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in agriculture and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in specialized fields of science and agriculture.

The long-time participant program in Texas is expected to develop leaders to build agriculture in Tunisia and to provide faculty and staff members for the new agricultural college.

Matthews made the trip to Tunisia last spring as an A&M consultant, studying suitability of the college location, materials available, and methods of construction most likely to be used. Later Matthews probably will design the school and handle working drawings and supervision of construction in collaboration with a Tunisian architect.

What is the philosophy of the A&M Tunisian team? Dr. Gray sums it up: "It's a real challenge for all of us."

State GOP Ends Record Convention

FORT WORTH (AP)—Harmonious Texas Republicans wound up their largest convention in history Tuesday, naming Peter O'Donnell state chairman and sounding repeated cries for return of two-party rule to the state.

O'Donnell, a 38-year-old Dallas investments broker, won unanimous approval to the party's top administrative post by the more than 3,000 enthusiastic delegates. The new chairman replaces Tad Smith of El Paso who stepped down from the post voluntarily. However, under a rules committee provision, Smith will remain in power until after the Nov. 6 General Election.

Convention delegates went on record supporting Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) as the party's 1964 candidate for the presidency.

A lengthy platform reaffirmed support of the state's so-called "right to work" law.

National Science Foundation Announces New Fellowships

National Science Foundation coordinator Coleman Loyd has announced availability of fellowships for the academic year, 1963-64.

The program offers a senior postdoctoral with eligibility restricted to a doctoral degree and five years or more experience.

In Thursday's Batt: SCONA's Standing

In tomorrow's Battalion you will read a complete and up-to-date progress report on the eighth annual Student Conference on National Affairs, to be held here starting Dec. 14. SCONA VIII, with a budget exceeding \$15,000, has already scheduled James J. Wadsworth, former U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, as one of the main speakers.

Freshmen and newcomers to the A&M campus will want to read about this gigantic educational conference. So will upperclassmen and seasoned members of the academic community. — Thursday in The Battalion.



DR. C. R. LYONS

A&M To Offer Engineers New Ph.D. Program

The Texas Commission on Higher Education has recently approved the offering of a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in engineering here.

The establishment of this general graduate program will permit the investigation of new concepts in engineering which are either identified with no existing branch of engineering, or include several existing branches to limited extents, but with no one branch sufficiently emphasized for the concept to be clearly within its sphere of interest and competence.

In order to administer this new program, Dean of Engineering Fred J. Benson has appointed a committee with the approval of the dean of graduate studies, Wayne C. Hall. It consists of Dr. Charles H. Samson, Jr., professor of aerospace engineering and civil engineering; Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., professor of petroleum engineering and vice chancellor for development; and Dr. Richard E. Wainerdi, professor of engineering science and associate dean of engineering. Wainerdi will serve as chairman of this committee.

Students possessing a Master's degree, or its equivalent, who desire to be considered for the interdisciplinary degree program in engineering should apply to Dean Hall. Applications and supporting material will be referred to the Interdisciplinary Program Administrative Committee for evaluation and recommendations.

Silver Taps Honor Wesley P. Hudson

The first Silver Taps ceremony of the 1962-63 school year was conducted Tuesday night in memory of Wesley Paul Hudson, '64 from Houston, who was killed Sept. 9, when his car went out of control and overturned 21 miles south of Marshall, Ark.

Hudson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hudson, 709 Gale St. in Houston. He was scheduled to return this fall as a junior in Squadron 1.

Future Action Tabled

Sunday's planned mass polio inoculation with Type III Sabin oral vaccine has been definitely cancelled, Dr. Charles R. Lyons, director of the college hospital, reported late Tuesday.

The action came after a meeting of local physicians and civic club leaders to decide the fate of the anti-polio drive.

Definite action on the remainder of the program was tabled until a study could be made of decisions made in Houston, Dr. Lyons said.

He added that a committee was selected to eventually set a date for giving Type II vaccine. No new date is expected in the near future.

The college hospital is coordinating its anti-polio drive with Bryan College Station and gave Type I vaccine during the summer. Lyons pointed out that Type I and Salk vaccine are still available at the hospital.

INDECISION ON the use of Type III resulted from an announcement Saturday by the U. S. Public Health Service that use of the vaccine could possibly be harmful to adults.

The decision, announced by Surgeon General Luther Terry, followed a day-long meeting of a committee of polio experts who advise the Public Health Service on polio vaccines.

The committee's session had been moved up from Sept. 27 after Canadian authorities recommended against further mass use of the mouth-administered vaccine pending further study of its effects.

THE CANADIAN Federal Health Department acted after receiving reports of four cases of paralytic polio among four million persons who had received the Sabin live-virus vaccine.

The advisory committee met for nearly 10 hours before making its recommendation. Before Dr. Terry read the official recommendation, Dr. Edward D. Shaw of the University of California School of Medicine, one of the experts, told reporters what the panel had decided.

DR. SHAW said by adults, the committee meant anyone past school age.

Dr. Terry, in a news conference following the meeting, said the committee studied in detail 16 cases of polio that have occurred in persons who received one of the three types of Sabin oral polio vaccine.

There were two cases in the Type I group, one in Type II and 13 in Type III. All of those stricken with Type III polio were adults.

The committee believes there is sufficient evidence to indicate at least some of these cases have been caused by the vaccine," Dr. Terry said.

Wire Review

By the Associated Press

WORLD NEWS
MOSCOW — The Soviet government shifted its propaganda campaign on Berlin into high gear Tuesday with a charge of military collusion between France and West Germany "for revision of the results of World War II."

A 2,000-word statement issued through the official news agency Tass said results of the recent visit of French President Charles de Gaulle with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer show an urgent need for "the conclusion of a German peace treaty and normalization on this basis of the situation in West Berlin." No deadline was set.

BERLIN — Twenty-nine East Germans reached freedom through the longest tunnel ever bored under the Berlin wall,

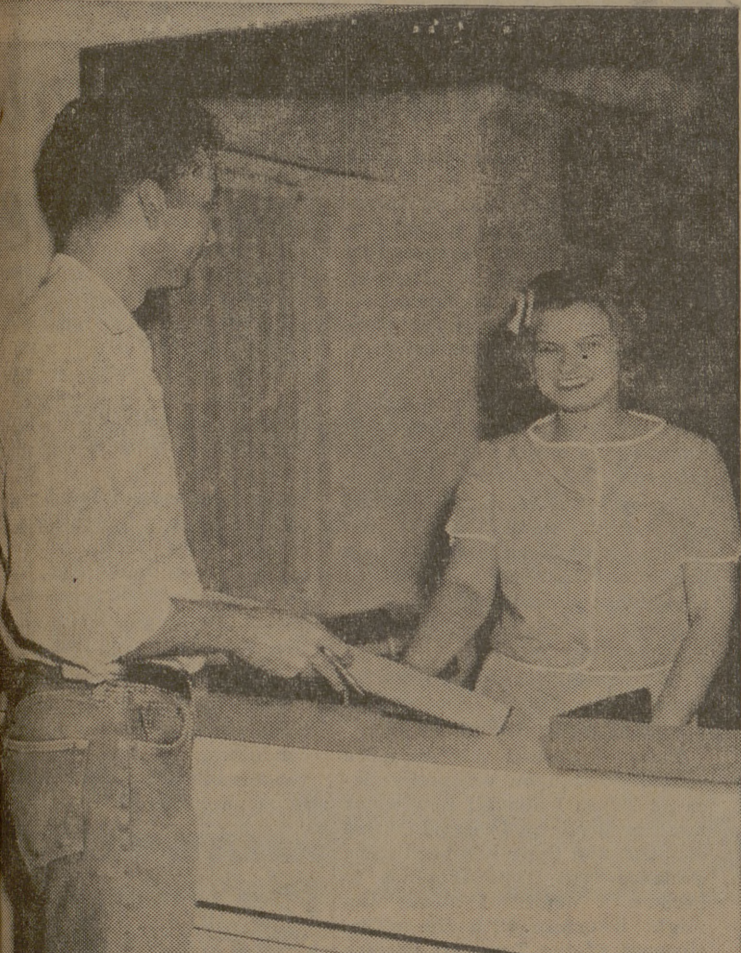
West Berlin authorities announced Tuesday.

There was no indication the Communists had uncovered the underground escape route.

The group which escaped last Friday night was the largest mass flight through the wall since it was built 13 months ago. The previous high was the escape of 28 through a tunnel last January.

U. S. NEWS
WASHINGTON — The House Appropriations Committee recommended Tuesday a cut of nearly \$1.4 billion in new funds for foreign aid and labeled some administration estimates of needs as "pie-in-the-sky figures."

There are strong indications that the 19 per cent cut will be sustained by the House when it passes the money bill later this week.



Aggeland, Please

Lloyd G. Smithey, aero major from Rosenberg, picks up his Aggeland from Mrs. C. L. Dyer, secretary in Office of the Student Publications. Students may now collect yearbooks at the office. About 3,000 Aggelanders have already been distributed.

Padre Island Bill Sent To President After Compromise

WASHINGTON (AP)—The long-pending bill to establish a national seashore area on Padre Island was sent to the White House Tuesday.

The Senate completed congressional action on the measure by accepting House amendments cut-

ting the park from 88 to 81 miles. President Kennedy, who urged creation of the seashore area, is expected to sign the measure soon.

THE NATIONAL Park Service will build roads from the north and south ends of the 117-mile-long island and will service the area. The narrow island clings to the Gulf coast from Corpus Christi to Port Isabel, near Brownsville.

Three separate measures to establish the park were submitted at this session of Congress, all by Texans.

The Senate version, written by Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., would have allowed 88 miles of the island for the federal park.

Reps. John Young and Joe Kilgore, in whose districts Padre Island lies, offered bills for a 65-mile-long area.

THEY SAID many property owners urged the shorter length so more land would remain available for private enterprises such as motels and restaurants.

THE COST OF acquiring land is estimated at between \$4 and \$5 million. Conrad Wirth, director of the National Park Service, had asked Congress' fast action before costs rose.

The House version of the bill authorized \$5 million to buy land. The southernmost 12 miles of the seashore area—between the Port Mansfield cut and the Wilacy-Cameron County line—will be split to leave the Laguna side of the island open to private development.

Land between the mean high tide of the Gulf and a line 1,500 feet to the west will be included in the seashore area.

Ted Kennedy Picked For Senate Race

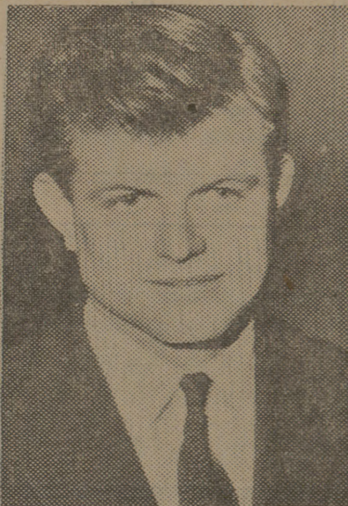
BOSTON (AP)—President Kennedy's kid brother, Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, won the Massachusetts Democratic senatorial nomination Tuesday night over Edward J. McCormack Jr.

McCormack, nephew of House Speaker John W. McCormack, conceded defeat by his 30-year-old opponent. He pledged himself to support Kennedy and the Democratic ticket in the general election.

KENNEDY thus won, in his first bid for elective office, the right to contest with a Republican opponent to serve out the two remaining years of the Senate term President Kennedy vacated in 1960.

At the point where McCormack conceded, the count from 351 of the state's 1,988 precincts stood: Kennedy 96,988; McCormack 51,638.

AFTER A CLOSE early battle in which the lead was exchanged several times, Rep. Laurence Cur-



EDWARD M. KENNEDY