

# Convocation Week Away

Preparations for the extensive first A&M Convocation, now only a week away, have stepped up to a fever pace as the Century Study headquarters' staff works overtime to coordinate speakers, open houses, reports, a luncheon and other celebration events.

The convocation, the first in A&M's 86-year history, will bring thousands of visitors to the campus. More than 35,000 invitations to former students alone have been mailed out.

Friday, a holiday from classes, will open the event with 8 a.m. registration of students, exes, faculty and guests at each of the academic departments.

After the departmental open houses, top flight speakers will address the degree granting schools of the college.

The speakers are:  
Dr. G. M. Watkins — School

of Agriculture — Memorial Student Center Ballroom at 9 a.m.

Dr. F. Champion Ward — School of Arts and Sciences — G. Rollie White Coliseum at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. John Pierce — School of Engineering — Guion Hall at 11 a.m.

Dr. M. R. Clarkson — School of Veterinary Medicine — Veterinary Medicine Building, Room 201 at 11 a.m.

At 12:15 a luncheon honoring the 100 members of the Century Council will be served in Sbis Dining Hall. Also to be honored at the lunch are the faculty members, staff and students who participated in the Aspirations Study.

Following the banquet will come perhaps the most noteworthy session of the entire event. The Board of Directors will announce goals and ob-

jectives to guide future development of the school in a 2 p.m. assembly of the entire convocation in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Four former students will be presented the newly created Distinguished Alumni awards at the assembly. The four, all recognized as leaders in their various fields are:

Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, Class of '31, chief of the United States Air Force Air Research and Development Command.

John W. Newton, Class of '12, former director and general manager of the refining division of the Magnolia Petroleum Co.

W. W. Lynch, Class of '22, is president of the Edison Electric Institute.

Dr. Edward F. Knipling, Class of '30, is a research scientist with Entomology Research Division of the Department of Agriculture.

And as a climax for the session, James E. Webb, administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will address the student body, faculty and staff and guests.

At 4 p.m. the Corps of Cadets will bring the convocation to a close with a review on the main drill field under the command of Cadet Col. of the Corps William D. Nix.

All persons attending the convocation have been invited to the luncheon.

Tickets are \$2.50 each and may be purchased by students at the Memorial Student Center. Other locations for tickets are the Century Study office in the YMCA Building on campus, Conway & Company in Bryan, Jarrots Pharmacy downtown and Townshire, and AggieLand

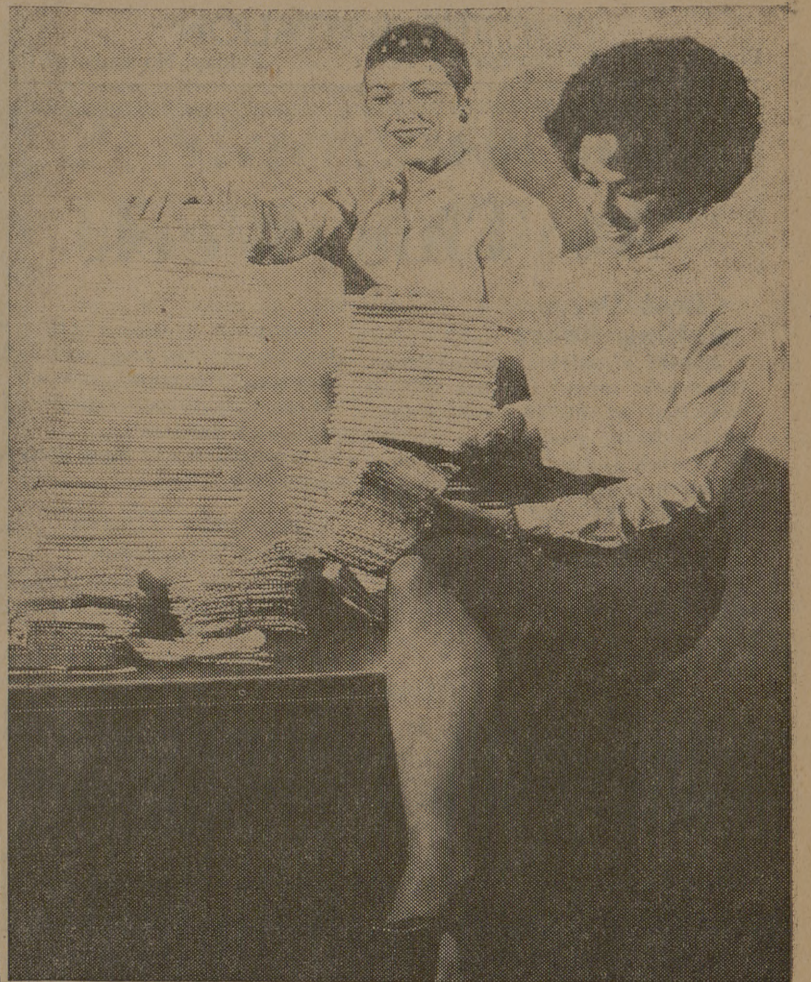
Studios in College Station. Individual departments of the college also have the deucats.

Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce head Gene Sutphen said his group was urging all businessmen to attend and support the convocation.

He said the body's A&M Development Committee, under Chairman Claude Edge, was making announcements to civic clubs and other organizations.

Information packets of the convocation have been sent to chamber of commerce offices in towns surrounding Brazos County.

According to Bob Hunt Jr., director of the Century Study Dean of Engineering Fred Benson has sent letters of invitation to students and administrators of schools within a 100-mile radius of A&M.



**Convocation Mail**

Mrs. Dorothy Boyce, left, secretary in the Century Council office, and Miss Brenda Butler, College Information typist, try to decide where to put some of the hundreds of letters received in the Century Council office requesting reservations for the A&M College Century Study Convocation.

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## SKETCHES PLANS

### Connally Stresses Economic Growth

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect John Connally said Thursday the principal aim of his administration will be to stimulate industrial expansion and economic growth in Texas.

Connally sketched his plans for the next two years in his first news conference since defeating Republican Jack Cox in Tuesday's balloting. Connally will be inaugurated Jan. 15.

Connally told news reporters that attraction of out-of-state industry might even become a part

of his inauguration program. He noted that his platform calls for a bureau of commerce to handle attraction of both industry and tourists.

Connally said any proposal to increase tuition in state colleges should be studied "from the angle of whether a tuition increase would keep people from going to school. I don't want a tuition raise to be an obstacle to education."

HE WAS ASKED about a possible Big Thicket State Park.

"I don't know the facts about a Big Thicket park but I would be reluctant to move to add anything to the present park system before the Texas Tech park study program is completed," he said.

Earlier Thursday, outgoing Gov. Price Daniel named a 30-member committee of prominent Texans to consider creation of a Big Thicket State Park in Southeast Texas forest lands.

In answering other questions, Connally said he will try to talk with most Democrat legislators and heads of state agencies and boards before he takes office. He said a temporary office is being set up in Austin and he would retain a small staff here until inauguration.

HE SAID HE will not submit a detailed budget proposal to compete with the budget submitted to the 1963 legislature by Daniel.

Connally received congratulations by telephone from Vice President Lyndon Johnson but not from President John Kennedy. "I talked to the vice president about three minutes when he and a bunch of Texans in Washington called to wish me good luck," he said.

He expressed hope that Texas could get by the next two years without new taxes "but that remains to be seen . . ."

He said Dallas should get a second congressman if the people are due one on a population basis "and not deny it to them just because they voted against me and sent six Republicans to the legislature."

## Wire Review

By The Associated Press  
WORLD NEWS

NEW DELHI, India — The Red Chinese broke a lull on the Himalayan battle line Thursday with fresh probing attacks. Indians said the action appeared to be a prelude to a resumption of the Communist offensive.

Prime Minister Nehru rallied his people for a war to drive what he called the expansionist, imperialist-minded invaders from "the sacred soil of India."

Long an apostle of passive non-violence, the Indian leader declared the nation's freedom is at stake and warned Parliament to brace for a struggle that might go on for a number of years.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — Brazil's plan to turn Latin America into nuclear-free zone gained Western support here Thursday as delegates, continually citing the Cuban crisis, appealed for U. N. efforts to speed disarmament talks.

U. S. NEWS  
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — The United States and the Soviet Union failed to reach agreement Thursday night on removal of Soviet jet bombers from Cuba. The deadlock on that issue and on-site inspection persisted as informed sources reported that the Soviet Union had told the United States all Soviet missiles will be out of Cuba by Monday and there will be no need for U. S. naval inspection of outbound Soviet ships after that date.

TEXAS NEWS  
DALLAS, Tex. — Controversial former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker entered Parkland hospital Thursday for mental examinations ordered by a Mississippi federal court.

"I feel fine and have always felt fine," said Walker, accused by the federal government of rebellion, insurrection and seditious conspiracy in connection with integration riots at the University of Mississippi.



... Warm-Up For The Ride

## SEA CHECKS PLANNED

### Defense Department Reports Soviet Rockets Sailing Home

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department reported Thursday night all Soviet missile bases in Cuba have been dismantled and their nuclear rockets put aboard ships.

This report was based on aerial reconnaissance and the department said further verification of Soviet withdrawal of offensive arms is expected within 24 hours by U. S. warships' "close alongside observation" of the Soviet merchantmen outbound from Cuba.

Shortly before the Defense Department announcement, the State Department had said the at-sea checking does not remove the need for on-site inspection in Cuba to confirm that the nuclear threat to U. S. security has, indeed, been fully eliminated.

THE DEFENSE Department gave first word of arrangements for at-sea examinations Wednesday but did not say how it would be done. Thursday's announcement indicated it would be by visual inspection from alongside. It was added "it is understood the Soviet vessels will cooperate in this procedure."

Although the announcement spoke of along-side inspections, a Pentagon spokesman said the possibility of boarding the Soviet vessels is not eliminated if that is deemed necessary.

At the United Nations, informed sources reported that the Soviet Union has told the United States that all missiles would be out of Cuba by Monday and there would be no need for inspection beyond that time. It was not clear whether this was merely informative or was intended by the Russians as a deadline at which they want inspections at sea to cease.

THE PENTAGON reported that three Soviet ships — presumably carrying nuclear rockets — have been sighted outbound from Cuba and they probably will be the first ones contacted by the U. S. warships. The Defense Department said the first contact may come about daylight Friday.

The Department announcement said that in addition to the mercury rockets that have been spotted in aerial pictures, missile transporters and other vital rocketry equipment has been seen loaded aboard Soviet ships, includ-

## Civilian Group Opposes Compulsory Meeting

### Cushing Library Hours Extended

Cushing Memorial Library will extend its schedule of open hours beginning Monday, Robert A. Houze, library director, announced Thursday.

Houze said the new hours are: weekends 8 a.m.-midnight; Saturdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 2 p.m.-midnight.

This schedule will be used on a trial basis through the remainder of the fall semester. A re-evaluation of this schedule will be made at the end of January to determine whether usage justifies these added hours, Houze added.

### Today's Thought

We are not our own anymore than what we profers is our own.  
—Cardinal Newman

## Council Approves No Bonfire Work

Conflicts between bonfire activities and convocation attendance prompted the Civilian Student Council to make a stand last night condemning any lumbering which was to have been underway next Friday.

At the same time, however, council members voiced opposition to compulsory student attendance at the convocation.

The council has never considered any schedule calling for bonfire work during convocation day.

"That we cannot do," said Robert O. Murray, civilian student counselor, "We are hoping that we will have a large portion of the civilian student population present at the convocation."

"After all, it will be the first such event to be held in the 86-year history of A&M. I don't want everyone to think that civilians will be working on the bonfire at that time."

MURRAY, ANSWERING the questions of council members, also said that some departments of instruction may take roll calls next Friday, thereby making attendance at the convocation compulsory.

The counselor declined to speculate what penalties would be assessed students not present, but said that both roll calls and action against absentees would probably be handled at the discretion of each department.

The council opposed compulsory attendance on the grounds that it would be inappropriate, would accomplish nothing and would antagonize students who could simply wait until after an attendance check were made before leaving the campus.

MOVING THE discussion to convocation day planning, Jeff Harp, president of the council, set up schedules for volunteers who will man one of five information centers to be located at each of the main entrances to the campus.

Radio communications will be maintained between the convocation day committee and the centers which will be housed in tents. "Work orders have been issued by the Building and Utilities Department for three sections of the campus to be equipped and designated as student car wash areas," Harp said.

He gave the three locations as being in the vicinity of the Law Hall parking lot, behind the old fire station and behind G. Rollie White Coliseum.

## Patriotic Red Toys

BERLIN (AP) — East German youngsters have been assured by Communist authorities that there will be plenty of "patriotic toys" on sale this Christmas. They include model soldiers and weapons in Soviet and East German uniforms and colors.

## Students Make Dallas Exodus For Corps Trip

The A&M campus will appear deserted this weekend as the Aggies exodus to the Fort Worth-Dallas area marks the year's first Corps Trip.

Highlighted by the Aggie-SMU game, the weekend's activities will begin with a reception and dance Friday night at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

Saturday morning at 8:30 the entire Corps of Cadets, lead by the Texas Aggie Band, will parade in downtown Dallas. They will march east on Main St. from Market St. to Pearl St. The reviewing stand will be located in front of City Hall at the intersection of Main and Harwood Streets.

From 11 a.m. until gametime the Dallas A&M Club will sponsor a free barbecue for A&M students and their dates or wives in the Women's Building on the Texas State Fair grounds at the west end of the Cotton Bowl.

FORMER STUDENTS and other guests of students who wish to attend the barbecue may do so with the payment of a 75-cent charge. Students not in uniform will have to present their student identification card for admittance.

The Aggies will meet the SMU Mustangs for their 45th grid battle at 2 p.m. in the Cotton Bowl. The Aggies have won 21, lost 17 and tied 6 games.

Climaxing the weekend's activities Saturday night, the Dallas Hometown Club will sponsor a dance in the Dallas Memorial Auditorium from 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Tickets for the dance are \$6 per couple and may be purchased at the door. Headquarters for the Corps Trip will be at the Southland Hotel. Capt. Charles F. Hornstein Jr. and Capt. Calvin Reese, representing the commandant's office, will be located at the hotel for students needing assistance.