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Aggies Turn Work Efforts To Bonfire

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WORLD NEWS

HAMILTON, Bermuda — Crewmen abandoned a burning Greek freighter in the storm-tossed Atlantic on Thursday night as flames swept near her cargo of high explosives.

Rescue ships picked up seven men but said one lifeboat captured and they had lost sight of the other 18 crewmen in the water.

NEW DELHI, India — Indian forces have opened their first major offensive of the undeclared Himalayan border war with Red China, killing an unknown number of enemy troops entrenched in the northeastern sector, the Defense Ministry reported Thursday.

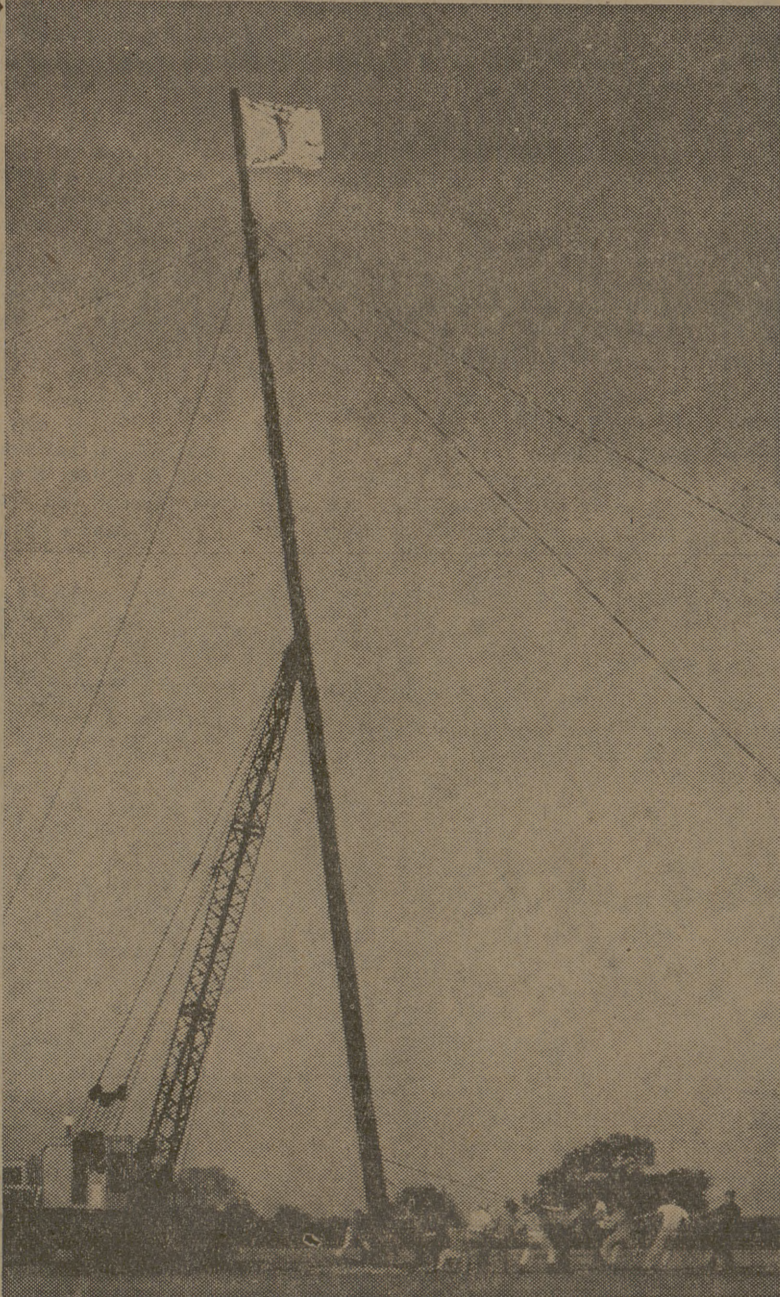
A Red Chinese broadcast heard in Tokyo said, however, the attacks — made under heavy artillery fire — were being repulsed by Communist troops still holding their positions.

U. S. NEWS
WASHINGTON — A conference of 170 industry, union and civic leaders has overwhelmingly endorsed President Kennedy's proposal for a quick and substantial tax reduction.

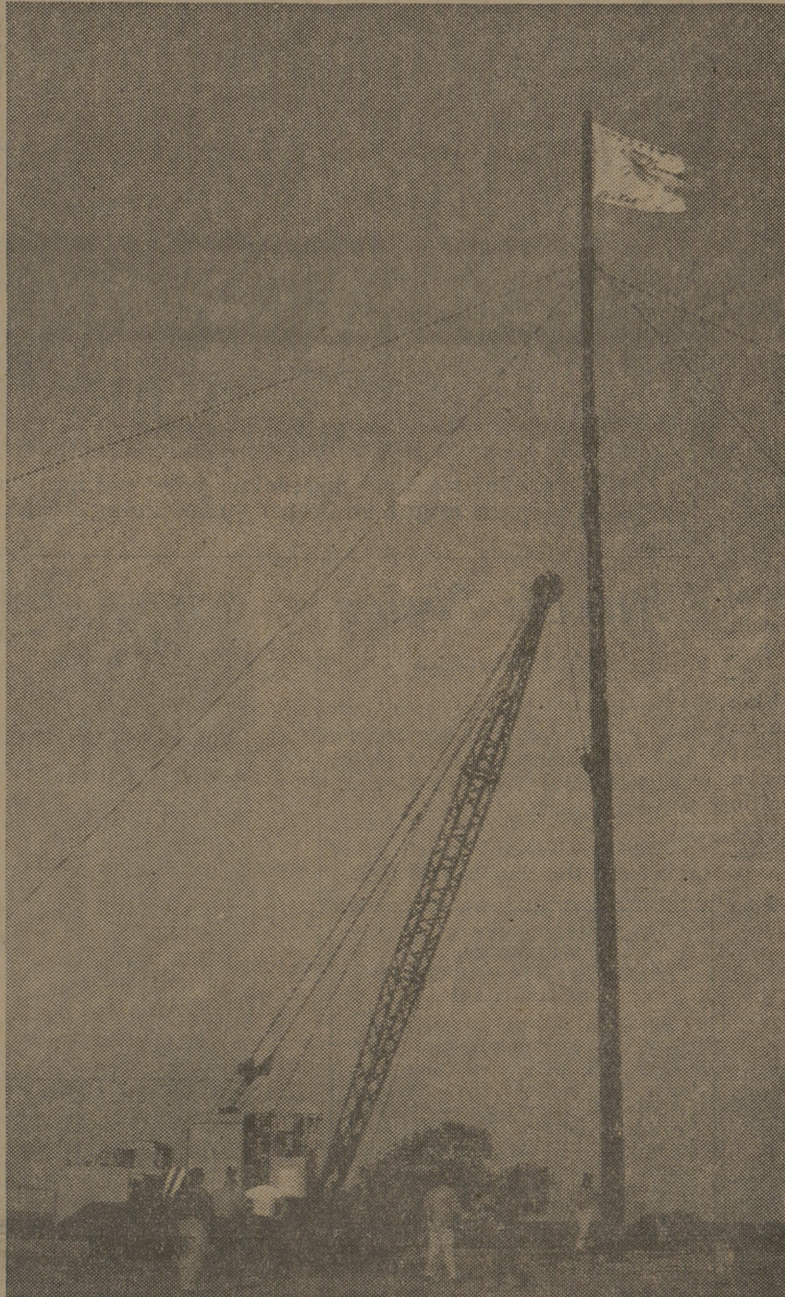
After two days of discussion, an expanded meeting of the President's Labor-Management Advisory Committee came up Thursday with a majority conclusion that the tax cut should be permanent and should emphasize lower personal income tax rates, with corporate rate reductions on a smaller scale.

NEW ORLEANS — The federal appeals court Thursday ordered the Justice Department to institute criminal proceedings against Mississippi Gov. Ross R. Barnett and Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson Jr.

The order was issued here by the 5th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which earlier held Barnett and Johnson in civil contempt for their efforts to block the enrollment of Negro James H. Meredith at the University of Mississippi.



CENTER POLE—ON THE WAY UP
... workers strain at bottom



CENTER POLE—STANDING IN PLACE
... signifies beginning of work

Toil Will Begin Early Saturday

Both students and professors will take to the woods after convocation activities this afternoon—professors to hunt deer, students to begin full-scale work on this year's bonfire.

Three short days stand between almost all necessary student work and the time for igniting the bonfire Tuesday night. And work crews will not be at full strength Saturday since many students will attend the Rice football game in Houston Saturday afternoon.

The center pole, almost exactly 100 feet tall, was put in place Thursday afternoon. Logs are expected to begin arriving in the stacking area during the day Saturday and stacking crews are being prepared to work around-the-clock Sunday and Monday to complete the stack.

Work in the cutting area began on a volunteer basis this week, with much of the time being devoted to clearing heavy underbrush in the area.

THE CUTTING area is located to the left off Farm Road 60 approximately five miles from campus. The turn off FM 60 is immediately past a Negro church four miles from the railroad tracks west of campus. Gates to the actual cutting area are one mile from the FM 60 intersection.

Parking for workers in the cutting area will be in a field near the far right gate into the area. Original plans were to park cars in three different areas farther back from the gates.

CIVILIANS AND day students are expected to carry a heavy part of the work load between now and Sunday morning when all Corps students will be able to work. Members of these two groups are already guarding the center pole and are planning to form cutting and stacking crews for work all day Saturday. Many other civilians and day students are planning to work with Corps units, especially Saturday.

Corps units will begin work Sunday and Monday at 5:45 a.m. and continue in all areas until dark. According to Head Yell Leader Bill Brashers, who also serves as chief bonfire coordinator, there appears to be no way to avoid having to work in the stacking area throughout the night both nights.

Finishing touches will be put on the stack Tuesday, despite the resumption of classes after a holiday Monday. Oiling will be done at the latest possible time Tuesday before the fire is ignited, with the Department of Petroleum Engineering assisting student workers.

United Chest Drive Passes \$17,000 Goal

The College Station United Chest passed its goal Thursday when \$17,160.57 was reported in the coffers at 3 p.m. by drive treasurer Pieter Groot.

The goal for the 15-day drive was \$17,000. Several firms and citizens of the community had not brought in their checks, Groot announced.

Dr. W. J. Graff, chairman of the campaign committee, requested that those who have not contributed do so as quickly as possible. Funds raised above the goal will be used for emergency needs and for campaign expenditures, Graff noted.

Graff expressed appreciation to the 87 campaign workers in the city who devoted their time and efforts to the drive, and to those in the community who cooperated by contributions that made the drive a success.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Chest was called by Dr. G. M. Watkins, general chairman, Thursday afternoon to canvass the results of the drive.

The directors authorized the treasurer to pay one-half of the funds allocated to the agencies immediately, with the remainder to come as pledges are met.

Watkins was authorized to call a meeting of the board of directors before Dec. 15 for acceptance of the state charter of the organization and for adoption of the articles of incorporation and by-laws.

Dr. John C. Calhoun, general chairman of last year's drive, was named acting chairman until Dec. 15 while Watkins is out of the country on an assignment.

Lyons Admits Medicals Abused

Medical exemptions from the Corps of Cadets and "assembly-line medical treatment" given at the college hospital were two controversial subjects discussed in Thursday night's Student Senate meeting by Dr. Charles R. Lyons, director of student health services.

The doctor said that the college hospital grants medical exemptions from compulsory Corps participation for only two reasons —

a decision by the hospital staff that a student would be physically harmed by further participation in the Corps, or a letter presented by a student in which his personal physician states that the student would be mentally or physically harmed.

The letter provision is much abused, Dr. Lyons said, "but I will not question his doctor's opinion."

POLICY FOLLOWED by the Department of Military Science toward exempted students is to drop them from their military science courses with a failing grade if the exemption is based on a letter from their doctor.

Students who are granted exemptions by a decision of the hospital staff are dropped from their military science course with the grade which they had actually earned in the course.

"The least important thing a student gets from participating in the Corps is a commission," Dr. Lyons said.

He stressed that learning to meet and work with people in civilian life is the biggest advantage of Corps life.

DR. LYONS explained that the granting of medical exemptions was a greatest problem when the Corps was not compulsory than it is today. He said that, at that time, once a student had signed up for the Corps, he was bound to a two-year obligation.

Regarding the quality of medical service, Dr. Lyons said that the doctors who are on duty at the college hospital are the same ones who work at Bryan's St. Joseph Hospital.

Pointing out that an average of 6,500 visits per month were made to the college hospital during the last three months, Dr. Lyons said:

"We try to keep things moving, so it is true that we have to conduct an assembly line procedure for such cases as colds, athlete's foot and blisters.

"But nurses who handle these cases have had at least three year's experience in that type of work."

The nurses, he said, refer many cases to a doctor if it is necessary, or any student may request to see a doctor if he wishes.

MSC To Conduct Lost-Found Auction Tuesday Afternoon

The MSC Council and Directorate will conduct its annual Lost and Found Auction Tuesday in the Fountain Room of the MSC from 1 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. or later.

As in the past, Keyes Carson will be the auctioneer.

Items to be sold will be on display in Room 2-A of the MSC all day Monday and part of Tuesday morning before being moved down to the Fountain Room for the auction.

OF 1919 TURKEY DAY CLASSIC

Prof Remembers First Grid Broadcast

The 1919 Thanksgiving football game between A&M and the University of Texas long has been Southwest Conference history.

Old grads of both schools find it difficult to remember who won the game — much less the score and other details.

For H. C. (Dutch) Dillingham, now an electrical engineering professor here, the 1919 spectacle was more than a football game.

Dillingham, then a student, refers to an "incident" during the grudge battle 43 years ago that became a significant part of American life.

He was one of several engineering students involved in the world's first radio broadcast of a football game.

Dillingham quickly points out, however, that he had a "lesser role" in what was thought of at the time as a "stunt."

The 1919 game was described on a telegraph key in Continental code of dots and dashes, using a long list of initials for each movement of the football.

The Aggies' first telecast is credited largely to the late William A. (Dock) Tolson, who later became an eminent research engineer at the Princeton, N. J., laboratories of Radio Corporation of America.

Tolson was the key man in assembling the station. When

the actual broadcast took place, however, he tooted a trumpet in the Aggie band.

Events leading up to the original sportscast are mentioned in a letter written by Tolson.

Tolson pointed out that the original telecast took some doing, finding equipment for radio operations when none was available. Some of the material had to be "borrowed" from other departments.

"One vital part," he wrote, "came from an electric fan which just accidentally fell from the window-sill of this professor's office. The fan's blades were ruined in the two-story fall, but the motor worked fine."

Once the station was assembled, other preparations had to be made.

Dana X. Bible, A&M's football coach then and later coach and athletic director at the Uni-

versity of Texas, helped the engineers work out the code.

The idea was to make up a list of abbreviated terms to transmit, instead of using complete statements. Time would not permit too much explanation in a play-by-play account of the game.

The A&M station was given the call letter "5YA," forerunner of 5XB and the present amateur station W5AC.

With equipment "borrowed" from one source or another, Station 5YA began operations. The actual broadcast apparently was successful, judging from the way the report was received in Waco.

The manager of one of the radio stations in the Central Texas city obtained permission to install his receiver in the office of one of the newspapers, Tolson wrote.

The report sent by the Aggies was received in the newspaper office long before Associated Press accounts. The rival paper put a Magnavox speaker in a car and drove to the other newspaper plant where AP reports were being given out.

"They announced that they were giving out reports as they happened," Tolson said. "The result was a near riot."

Who won the 1919 game? The Aggies, 7-0.



SPORTSCASTER AND RADIO RECEIVER
... portable miniature would do job today



"... That bird was mostly feathers and very little meat!"