

# FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS Re-Examination Asked In Student Programs

(Special to The Battalion)  
NEW YORK — Leading educators have endorsed a call for U. S. colleges and universities to re-examine the philosophy, objectives and operation of their foreign student programs.

The committee on the Foreign Student in American Colleges and Universities issued a 26-page report telling the schools that they must, among other things, spend more money, cooperate more closely with governments and agencies which sponsor such students and place international education "into its proper perspective" as a basic and essential part of their educational mission.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS grew out of several recent studies of the foreign student situation, such as the Higbee report ("The Status of Foreign Student Advising in United States Universities and Colleges," by Homer D. Higbee of Michigan State University), which defined the inadequacies of foreign student programs in the nearly 2,000 institutions which now enroll foreign students.

The urgency of the need to improve foreign student programs is underlined by the recent increase

in the number of such students, the committee stressed. "In 1961-62," the report stated, "there were more than 60,000 foreign students on United States campuses. In one decade, the number has increased by 75 per cent, and on the basis of the present trend, the number will exceed 100,000 in another 10 years."

THE REPORT, entitled, "The College, the University and the Foreign Student," says school must recognize the significance of foreign students as basic and essential parts of their educational mission, and points out what the committee calls a "new dimension of educational exchange," that of furthering the development of emerging countries.

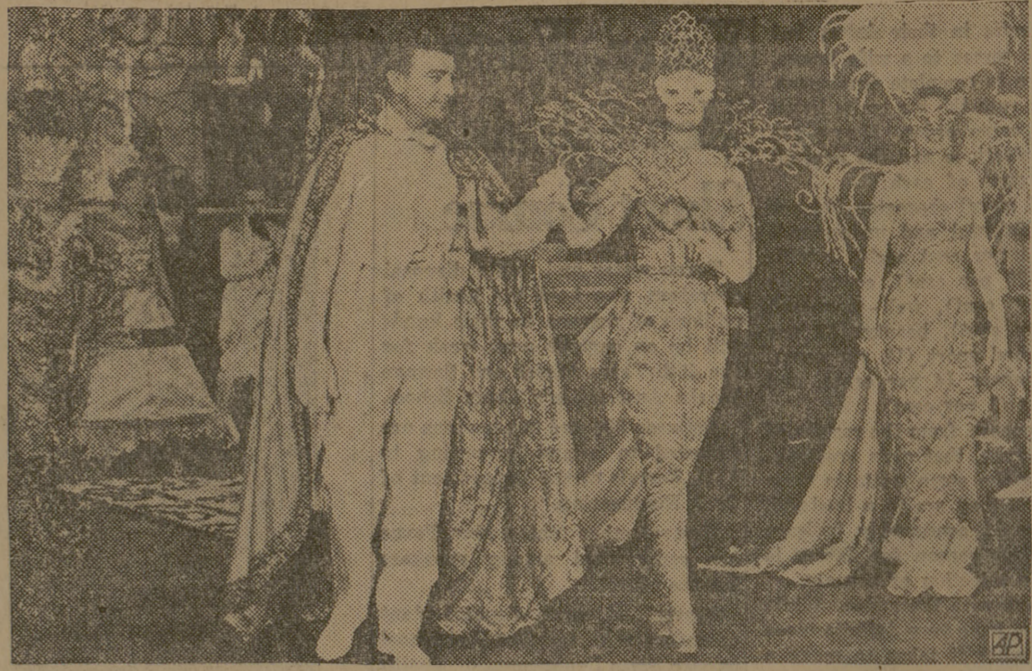
"In vigorously pursuing their own primary goals — the advancement and diffusion of knowledge — colleges and universities contribute also to a primary goal of United States foreign policy — the preservation and support of free nations around the world," the authors contended.

THE COMMITTEE called for more budget and staff for the two counseling functions, and flatly stated that the majority of foreign

student advisers, however well-trained, are prevented from doing a better job by lack of staff. The report also pleaded for academic advising handled by faculty members who will give "more than routine attention" to the task.

Present programs of services are inadequate because of budget, the report noted. "To supplement their resources, universities and colleges should seek funds from their communities and from various foundations and private agencies," the authors say.

They also predicted that increased governmental assistance in this area will "probably" be required.



Mardi Gras Tradition Broken

The New Orleans carnival's first out-of-state queen, Alicia Harby of Monterey, Calif., takes the hand of her king, Kenneth Philibert, of New Orleans, to lead the grand march during the Krewe of Adonis ball. Mrs. Harby scored another carnival first when she sang from the throne for the audience. (AP Wirephoto)

## Oceanographer Now Visiting A&M Campus

A distinguished oceanographer who is chairman of the International Commission on Oceanography, an organization with representatives of some 40 nations is currently visiting A&M campus. He is Dr. W. M. Cameron, Ottawa, Canada.

Cameron visited the A&M Marine Laboratory at Galveston before coming here. Dr. Dale Leipper, head of the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology, said.

Cameron will be on the campus through Friday.

The visiting scientist is chairman of a panel of the National Science Foundation panel is studying facilities at or marine research centers of the nation, Leipper said. Other members were here in November.

## New Construction Material Invented

Research here to lighten thin-shelled architectural shapes has provided an exterior material many times lighter than lightweight concrete that can be applied in a layer as thin as a book cover.

The material consists of high-strength portland cement, latex and glass fiber mixed into a slurry and applied by a spray gun. In experiments at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, it has been applied over an acoustical ceiling of polyurethane which contains the sprung-in-place steel framework of thin-steel structures built by the lift-shape technique.

The suitability of the polyurethane also resulted from experiments and after several formulations of plastics and application by spray gun were tried.

The experimentation was sponsored through a grant from Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc., in the interest of thin-shell

shapes having application in school plants.

The work was done by James H. Marsh III, inventor of the lift-shape method whereby framework is laid out on the ground and sprung into shape by applying tension between opposite sides and lifting from overhead with a winch.

Working with Marsh are graduate students J. D. Raymond and Kenneth Yancey.

All worked under the supervision of Ben H. Evans, coordinator of architectural research for the experiment station.

The students, Air Force officers on leave for study here, utilized the research in thesis endeavors involving air flow around structures and concrete use.

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