

# Dr. T. E. Comfort Returns After Two Years In Turkey

Dr. Thomas E. Comfort of the Department of Modern Languages has recently returned from a two-year leave of absence during which he served as head of an English language program for Turkish Air Force personnel.

The A&M professor served as director of the Turkish Air Force language school at Izmir, a major Turkish city on the Mediterranean

coast. The sizable program for training officers and noncoms in English, so they could come to U.S. Air Force schools, has attracted considerable attention among those interested in teaching English to persons in other lands.

THIS TYPE of service was not new to Comfort. In 1958-60 he headed the U. S. Information Service-Aid Mission language program

in Morocco.

Turkey's economy should be spurred by admittance to the Common Market, although Turkey now has only agricultural products for export, he said.

The nation is a member of NATO, and the Turks hated the Russians long before the Communists came to power. Comfort's work with the Turkish Air Force and flights on civilian airliners convinced him that the Turks make fine pilots.

THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL was housed in a seaplane hangar which was built, ironically, by the Germans during World War I. Now the school is being moved into beautiful new facilities equal to any in the world, he said.

Turkish officers and Americans served as instructors in the intensive English program.

"Graduates had to attain 60 per cent proficiency in the English language as demonstrated on examinations before we would send them to the United States," the professor said.

"WHEN WE were preparing to leave in late summer," Comfort said, "we sold our refrigerator to another American family. We lived on the sixth floor of an apartment building and they lived on the fifth floor of an apartment building about 100 yards away."

"I told a Turk we would need at least two men to move the refrigerator. But only one man, and he was 63 years old, appeared."

"This man picked up the refrigerator, carried it down the stairs and then 100 yards and up to the fifth floor of the other building. He hardly worked up a sweat," Comfort said.

# Texas Peach Growers Told They Must Expand Production

Texas peach growers were advised here Tuesday to expand production to meet the rising demand or out-of-state imports will meet it for them.

The advice came from J. F. Rosborough of Marshall, who spent 35 years as a Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist and is now a commercial peach producer.

SPEAKING AT the 11th annual Peach and Plum Growers Conference at A&M University, Rosborough said the state is not growing enough peaches to supply demand. The crop now ranges from a half-million to one million bushels per year.

"Even when production is at a million bushels, Texas still im-

ports more than 100 cars of peaches into the Dallas and Houston areas," he said.

The horticulturist pointed out that the average grower can boost his peach output rate by about 10 per cent a year. But such expansion should be accompanied by use of new varieties to suit new demands and changing conditions, he said.

HE EMPHASIZED that if growers go into large scale production, with 4,000 to 6,000 acres, then they must also modernize like the farmers in the southeast U. S. This involves such improvements as hydra-cooling and refrigerated shipments.

"In the next few years," Rosborough said, "I look for about three big commercial orchards to start up in Texas."

THE SPEAKER added that there will still be a place for small producers around small towns and cities who specialize in tree-ripened fruit. And there will be a place for growers who supply the roadside stands.

Rosborough said that when over-production problems do come up in Texas, the trouble can usually be traced to faculty distribution. The answer is for growers to learn more about distribution to avoid local congestion, he continued.

# Flying Kadets Plan Fall Pilot's Class

The Flying Kadets held their first meeting of the semester in the Memorial Student Center Monday evening.

Starting with next week's meeting at 7:30 p.m., Room 2C in the MSC, the club will commence ground school instruction in preparation for the written private pilots exam.

Membership in the club costs \$7.50 for flying student, and \$5 for non-flying members.

# A&M Pair Invited To NASA Meeting

Two A&M University representatives will be among the invited guests in Houston Thursday and Friday when the National Aeronautics and Space Administration presents a comprehensive survey of Project Mercury findings.

A. E. Cronk, who heads the Department of Aerospace Engineering, and Harry E. Whitmore, head of the Space Technology Division of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, will represent the University.

# Junior College Meeting Slated For Teachers

A majority of colleges and universities in Texas will be represented Oct. 14 at the 12th annual Junior College Conference on campus. Approximately 100 persons usually attend the conference, Assistant Dean of Engineering C. H. Ransdell said. He has served a decade as conference chairman.

The meeting provides an important avenue of communication between the junior colleges and the senior colleges and universities of Texas, Ransdell pointed out. Administrators and teaching personnel will attend.

"The conference has two objectives," Ransdell explained. "One is to be of maximum assistance to the 47 junior colleges of the state of Texas and their students. The second objective is to coordinate the junior and senior colleges' efforts in such problems as the ease of transfer from junior to senior colleges," he said.

Junior and senior college personnel and a representative of the Texas State Department of Education will be among the speakers. A panel discussion also is scheduled.

Registration commences at 8 a.m. Oct. 14 and the program will end at a dinner session that evening.

# Rio Grande Valley Police School Set

The seventh session of the Rio Grande Valley Police Academy will be held Oct. 14 through Nov. 8, Wallace D. Beasley of the Engineering Extension Service has announced.

Law enforcement officers throughout the Rio Grande Valley are expected to attend the upcoming session to be held at the Agricultural Experiment Station in Weslaco.

Among the 24 guest instructors will be Texas police officers and others associated with investigation and enforcement work, Beasley, director of A&M police training school, added.

Purpose of the academy is to operate a training program for police officers dealing with laws, practices and procedures relative to the police profession, Beasley said.

THE LAST session was held last May in Weslaco. Fifteen representatives from police departments throughout the Valley attended.

Among the speakers at the upcoming session will be several from the Valley, including Gus Krause,

Brownsville police chief; Roberto Ornelos, Hidalgo County attorney; Ira E. Scott, Kingsville police chief; T. L. Ball of McAllen, chief inspector with the Border Patrol; Robert L. Forche, Mission police chief.

ALSO L. M. Benavides of the U. S. Secret Service in San Antonio; Ruben S. Garcia, Brownsville inspector; Larry Fultz, inspector, Houston Police Department; Fred Creech, a special agent for the National Automobile Theft Bureau in Laredo.

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# Nutrition Experts To Learn Latest Feeding Technique

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Research specialists, feed manufacturers and research staff members from large farms have gathered to hear 33 speakers tell of new or improved methods of nutrition on animals and poultry.

The two and a half day conference is a joint undertaking of the Departments of Animal Husbandry, Biochemistry and Nutrition, Dairy Science and Poultry Science.

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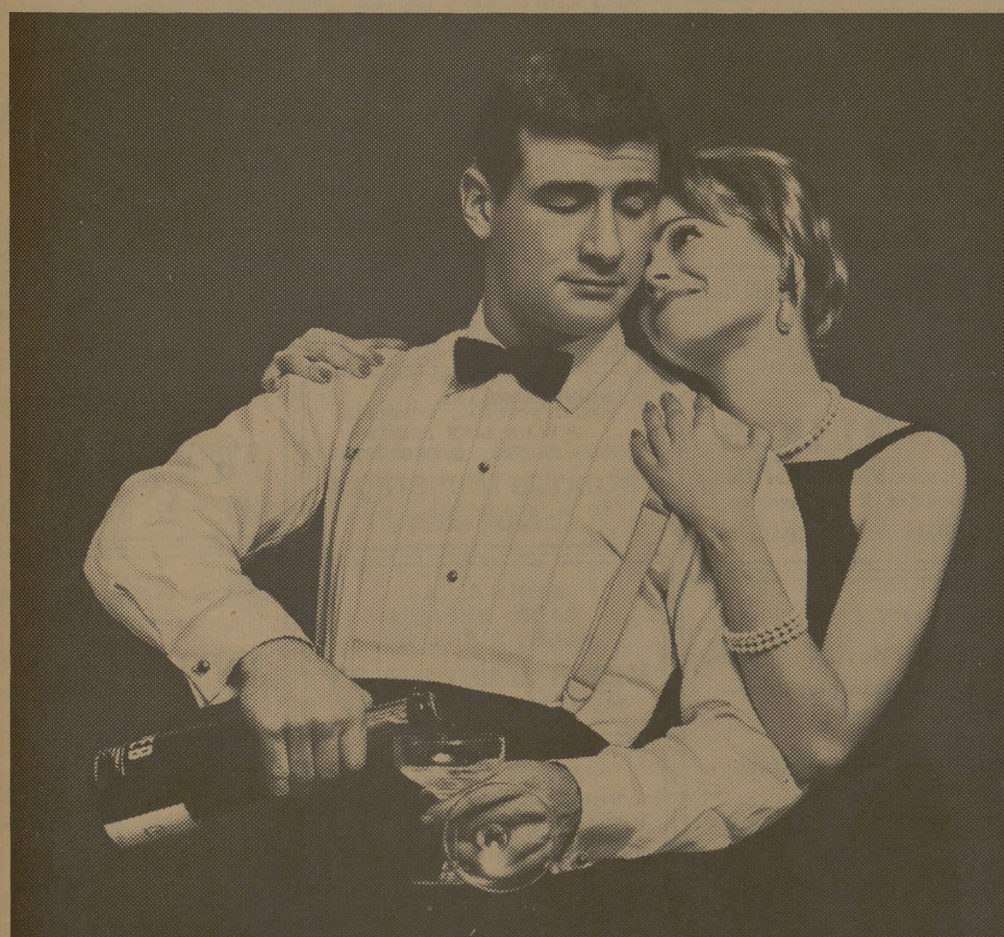
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# Naval Reserve To Publicize Security Group

Members of the Naval Reserve Security Group will wear their uniforms to class Monday in order to publicize the Naval Reserve and the Reserve Officer's Candidate program.

The ROC program is one where students may receive a commission in the Naval Reserve, after graduation from college. A member of the ROC program spends two summers in officer training at Bainbridge, Md.

Lt. Garland E. Bayliss, commanding officer, said that he is now taking applications for the ROC program, and would like to meet with all interested students in Room 302 of Nagle Hall, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.



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