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Red Blockade Break-Through Attempt Halted

BERLIN (AP) — A U. S. Army convoy tried to break through a Soviet blockade on the highway lifeline to West Berlin early Tuesday but was boxed in by at least six Russian armored personnel carriers.

The incident caused grave concern in Washington as the night wore on and the Soviets continued to block passage to the 12-vehicle convoy at the Mrienborn checkpoint on the western end of the 110-mile autobahn linking Berlin to West Germany.

It appeared to have the makings of a new serious Soviet-American confrontation on the Berlin issue.

THE 44-MAN CONVOY first was stopped at Mrienborn at 8:01 a.m. Monday. The Soviet officer in charge, a Lt. Col. Spiridinov, demanded that 15 passengers in three of the trucks dismount and be counted.

The convoy commander, Lt. John Lamb of North Augusta, S. C., refused.

THE DAY PASSED without change. Then, around midnight, the convoy suddenly moved forward, driving ahead about a quarter of a mile before the Russians sent their blockading vehicles across the road.

A U. S. Army spokesman said the blocking of the convoy was a "flagrant violation of the Western Allies' unrestricted right of access to Berlin, for which actions the Soviets must bear the full responsibility for any consequences."

The attempted breakthrough was preceded by a series of diplomatic and military moves.

Faculty Continues Interfaith Meeting

"Immortality and the Hereafter" is the topic for the 7 a.m. Wednesday meeting of the A&M University Faculty Interfaith Fellowship.

Speaking Wednesday for five minutes each will be the Rev. Walter Allen, Disciples student on campus; Dr. Melvin Eisner of the Department of Physics, and Dr. Mo. Zaki Sabban, Egyptian health official, who is studying in the Department of Chemistry.

Faculty and staff members are invited to the Wednesday discussions which are followed by coffee and doughnuts in the YMCA Building.

Chemist Lectures Wednesday About 'Pure Gas Adsorption'

Dr. George D. Halsey, Jr., a distinguished chemist and University of Washington professor, will lecture at 2 p.m. Wednesday at A&M University under the joint sponsorship of the Graduate College and the Robert A. Welch Foundation.

Dr. Halsey's lecture entitled "Adsorption of Pure Gases" will be presented in Room 228 of the Chemistry Building.

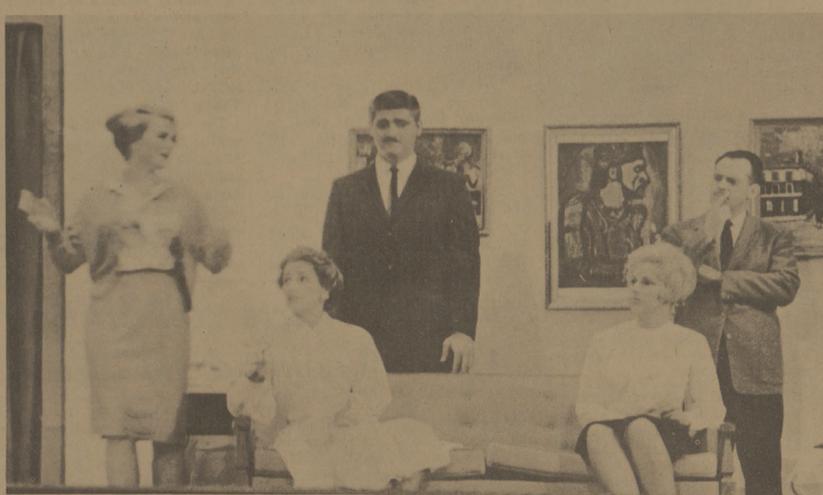
THE WELCH FOUNDATION which recently endowed the Robert A. Welch Foundation Chair of Chemistry at A&M has liberally supported research in chemistry here.

Dr. Halsey, born in Washington, D. C., was graduated from the University of South Carolina magna cum laude. In 1948 he received the Ph.D. from Princeton University where he worked in the field of visco-elasticity with Henry Eyring and in the field of catalysis with Sir Hugh Taylor.

He took up residence at Harvard University in 1947 as the Du Pont Fellow, only to be elected for the next three years to the Society of Fellows.

In 1951 Dr. Halsey went to the University of Washington and in 1958 became professor of chemistry there. He has held a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Sloan Fellowship.

THE CHEMIST has contributed about 60 research papers to jour-



Opening Night For "The Constant Wife" Five Aggie Players participate in a scene from "The Constant Wife," a comedy by Somerset Maugham. The Players, first presentation of the season was held in Guion Hall at 8 p. m. Monday. The production will continue this week. See review on page two.

Silver Taps Observed For Cadet Pat Crouch, Air Force Sophomore

A Silver Taps Ceremony for Patrick Leroy Crouch was held Monday night in front of the Academic Building. A 21-gun salute was presented by members of the Ross Volunteers and the playing of taps ended the ceremony.

The 19-year-old A&M University student from Arlington was killed in a two-car crash about 7 p.m. Sunday near Waco.

Crouch was a sophomore aerospace engineering major and a passenger in a car in which two other A&M students were injured. They were William Dale Speckles, 19, of Irving, a freshman majoring in aerospace engineering, and Stanley Piesieski, 19, of Philadelphia, Pa., majoring in industrial education.

Crouch was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Crouch of Arlington.

The three students were taken to Providence Hospital in Waco, where Crouch was pronounced dead from a broken neck. Hospital officials said Speckles and Piesieski were in good condition.

Also injured was the driver of the other car, Herman F. Patzke, 52, of Bellmead. He was reported in fair condition at Providence with face and hand injuries.

Highway Patrolman Henry Kluck said Speckles was driving when the crash occurred at the intersection of the old and new Marlin Highways one mile east of the Waco city limits on State Highway 6.

Kluck said the Aggie's car was traveling east toward Bryan on the new highway and Patzke was going toward Waco on the old road. Impact points were the front of the Patzke car and the side of the Aggie car.

The Patrolman said Crouch was sitting in the right front seat. The car was equipped with safety belts but Kluck said Speckles stated that Crouch did not have his belt fastened.

Crouch's body was taken to Con-

nally Funeral Home in Waco and later transferred to Robertson-Mueller-Harper Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

Funeral services for Crouch will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the First Methodist Church at Arlington.

However, he said, all the girls except Miss Cushion have since refuted any such activities. All but three of the girls no longer attend the university, he said. But he said he was not aware that anyone had dropped out to protest the situation.

Russian Lecture Highlights Dinner By Knife, Forkers

The Bryan - College Station Knife and Fork Club will present John Crutcher Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. Crutcher's talk is titled "What Makes Russia Tick."

Crutcher will discuss what he has learned of the Russian people and citizens of the satellite countries. He spent the summers of 1957 and 1958 in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, and in 1960 and 1961 he visited other Red satellite countries. This summer he returned to Russia.

Crutcher was successful in getting a three-hour interview with Nikita Khrushchev in the Kremlin.

Crutcher is a man with a colorful background. He is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He has been commander of an American Legion Post and president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and has headed other civic organizations. He is presently engaged in investments in the heart of the Kansas wheat belt.

Crutcher will present his speech in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Civilian Student Council Recognizes Mrs. F. D. Vance

A silver serving tray was presented Friday to Mrs. F. D. Vance at her home at 1614 Ursuline in Bryan by civilian student leaders in recognition of her help to civilian students.

Mrs. Vance who retired Friday from the Housing Office, was presented the tray by George Cozby, Jerry Vaughn, and John Jackson who were appointed by Richard Moore, Civilian Student Council President.

"I regret very much leaving all the students and wish each and every one the greatest success in the world," said Mrs. Vance.

Mrs. Vance began her work with the Housing Office in October, 1950, and resigned in order to be with her husband and to spend a greater amount of her time with her grandchildren.

Among her joy at A&M she lists "all the thousands and thousands of boys that I have seen complete their education at A&M" as well as "how wonderful each and every one has been to me." She says she will "always treasure the memories."

16 Oil Engineer Grants Available

Sixteen scholarships, valued from \$200 to \$800, are available to qualified A&M University petroleum engineering students, Robert L. Whiting, head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, has announced.

Deadline for applications will be noon Nov. 18, Whiting said. Thirteen of the 1963-64 year grants are open to freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Recipients will be announced Nov. 26. Application forms are available in Room 201, W. T. Doherty Petroleum Engineering Building.

Providing the scholarships are Standard Oil Company of Texas, Socony Mobil Oil, Sun Oil, Mission Manufacturing Company, R. C. Baker Foundation, Texaco and the Department of Petroleum Engineering.

Sex Deviation Charge Denied By TWU Head

DENTON (AP) — The president of Texas Woman's University Monday called allegations that unnatural relationships are sought by some students at the college "unsupported and misleading."

Dr. John A. Guinn made the statement after published reports that 10 students withdrew from the all girl school last week because of what one described as sex deviates in dormitories.

"I AM DEEPLY disappointed to learn that publicity should have been given to unsupported and misleading allegations made by a student who dropped out of our institution recently," Guinn said.

"Her allegations—in my humble judgement—are all false," he said.

Guinn read a statement from Miss Elaine Meeks, president of the campus Government Association, the leading student group. The statement said:

"I regret that my school has received so much damaging publicity before the news media made an adequate investigation to ascertain facts. An investigation on the campus would have shown the lack of foundation of a charge made by a former student."

GUINN CONFIRMED that Miss Murle Cushion, a 20-year-old art major from Port Arthur, and nine other girls met with him recently because of what was described as unnatural relationships by some students at the college.

However, he said, all the girls except Miss Cushion have since refuted any such activities. All but three of the girls no longer attend the university, he said. But he said he was not aware that anyone had dropped out to protest the situation.

MISS CUSHION SAID she quit the university after waiting about two weeks for the university to act on her complaint.

Guinn said the allegations had been investigated thoroughly by a special group arranged from the faculty. "They found the allegations made" false, he said.

Dean Graff Plans Studies In USSR

Dr. W. J. Graff, dean of instruction at A&M University, and his wife will be among the 92 American educators and school board members who leave New York City Nov. 10 for a 21-day field study of educational reform in Scandinavia and the Soviet Union.

This will be one of the largest education groups to visit the USSR in recent years.

Making the study will be 63 men and 29 women, including 16 married couples. Among the 92 persons are several college presidents and professors of education, superintendents and school trustees.

Sponsoring the trip are Phi Delta Kappa, the professional fraternity in education, the Comparative Education Society and the National School Boards Association.

This field study is designed specifically for school and university administrators and their lay boards," Dr. Graff said. "Seminars of this type in 1961 and 1962 were very successful. The two previous seminars emphasized educational practices and changes in Western Europe."

"BECAUSE MANY CHANGES are being introduced in Scandinavian and Soviet education, it was decided that the 1963 field study should be concerned with educational reforms and policy-making in this part of Europe," the A&M dean said. He did not participate in the earlier seminars.

The 1963 schedule set up in cooperation with education ministers



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Sbisa Mess Hall Employees Killed

By DAN LOUIS JR. Battalion Editor

Four A&M University dining hall employees were killed and one A&M student was injured in a two-car collision Monday night about one mile west of the campus on Farm Road 60. The crash occurred about 8:30 during a thunderstorm which dumped heavy rains and hail on the area.

Dead on arrival at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan were Larry Gene Rathjen, 17, of Lyons; Charles James Phillip, 17, of Caldwell; Bobby Lee Dlabay, 20, of College Station; and Camella Castoria, 16, of Bryan.

Injured in the wreck was Travis H. Small Jr. of Ft. Worth, a fourth year veterinary major. He was cut about the face and head, but reported to be in good condition at St. Joseph Hospital, where he was taken by Callaway-Jones ambulance.

The four who were killed were traveling east in a 1963 Falcon, thought to be driven by Rathjen, said Highway Patrolman William Swanzy. He said the car driven by Small was moving westward.

Swanzy said the driver of the Falcon apparently lost control of the car and crossed over in front of the other car. The Falcon was struck in the right side by the front of the car driven by Small. Swanzy said the reason for the apparent loss of control of the Falcon had not been determined.

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Debaters Compete In TCU Contest

Six A&M University debaters won eight out of 18 debates in the major tournament at Texas Christian University over the weekend.

Three two-man teams represented A&M in the meet involving 129 debate teams from 48 colleges in 12 states.

The A&M senior division team composed of Paul Humphries and Robert Denney and the junior division team composed of Sam Henry and Stephen Lamkin each won three out of six debates. A senior division team composed of Wayne Vaughan and Simeon Lake captured two out of six.

John F. Carson, English instructor, coaches the debaters. He is advisor to the Aggie Discussion and Debate Club.

Crippled Children Honored At Local Lions Club Meet

The College Station Lions Club was honored Monday at their regular meeting in the Memorial Student Center with some young and very special guests.

These guests were the crippled children which the club sponsored

for a two week encampment at the Lions Crippled Childrens Camp in Kerrville, said George Draper, program chairman. The College Station Lions Club sponsored six children this year.

THIS CAMP is for handicapped children and members of the local club furnished transportation to and from the camp. There is no expense to the camper since the Lions furnish everything.

The Lions of Texas have set aside November in honor of the camp, which has allowed more than 7,000 handicapped youngsters to enjoy the thrill of camping life since it was opened in 1953, said Draper.

The camp is free to the blind, mute, deaf and crippled children of Texas from the age of seven through 16. Growing steadily, the camp now has 16 permanent buildings perched on the brow of a hill and is valued at more than \$600,000.

AT THE TWO-WEEK camp the youngsters learn to swim, camp outdoors and develop new skills by learning various handicrafts.

Originally the camp was in use only in the summer. Now it is being used the year around. During the other months, the camp serves as a training center for the adult blind.

Applications to the summer camp are handled only through local Lions Clubs.

'Cover Him' Shouts Clerk, Thug Flees

FORT WORTH (AP) — A grocery clerk thwarted a thug today by yelling the first thing that came into her mind.

Mrs. Dorothy Kingry, a clerk in Walkers Grocery Store, said a young gunman came in and demanded the money.

Mrs. Kingry said she shouted at the top of her voice: "Turn the machine gun on him, Mr. Walker."

The gunman fled without money.

"It was the only thing I could think of," Mrs. Kingry said.

Doyle In Chicago

Prof. John P. Doyle of A&M University's Texas Transportation Institute will participate in a policy sub-committee meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Chicago Nov. 4-9.

Doyle, A&M's McDonald professor of transportation, was named a member of the Chamber earlier this year.