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## Miller Urges Individuals To Act On Tax Matters

### Expenditures Must Match Resources

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Herbert J. Miller, former executive director of the Tax Foundation, told 180 delegates to A&M's ninth annual Student Conference on National Affairs and visitors to the conference that individuals have a responsibility in tax reform and tax cuts that no one else can discharge for them.

Miller, who has devoted the last 43 years of his life to studying the questions of tax reform and tax cut, told the group that the nation must learn to take the unlimited desires of human beings and relate them to the available resources of federal income. Then, because there is a limited income, there must be a rating of priority for various projects, he said.

AT PRESENT the fiscal processes by which tax reforms are made are delinquent, the veteran founder of tax association said. He said the reason for this delinquency is that Congress must approve each appropriation bill separately, and that this approval or disapproval of Congress is given without any real consideration being given to the government's income — because, this matter is handled by another committee. "At the same time," Miller said, "there is back-door spending taking place without ever being presented to the appropriation committee."

Government needs to be challenged or it will run away with itself, Miller said. He explained in a brief news conference prior to his talk Wednesday night that this was one of the purposes of the tax associations he has helped form across the nation. These tax association study projects that should be undertaken as public works projects and recommend the best way to spend the tax payers money — their money.

MILLER WAS the second of five keynote speakers which will address the SCONA IX groups during the four-day conference which will continue through Saturday.

Tonight, at 8 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center, Phillip S. Hughes, assistant director for legislative reference of the Bureau of the Budget, will address the students which represent education institutions in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

### Today's Thought

By being thankful, we find more things for which to give thanks.



SCONA AUDIENCES VARIED  
Earl Rudder, A&M President, and Dorsey McCrory, listen closely.

## Novelist Defies Red Guards; Crosses East Berlin Border

BERLIN (AP)—"Oh, nuts! If they want to shoot at me, they can," said John Steinbeck, ignoring his wife's warning Wednesday and stepping across the white line marking the border with East Berlin. Red guards stood nearby.

"I've been shot at before," the Nobel Prize-winning American novelist said, and as if in defiance turned his bearded face toward the guards who cradled submachine guns in their arms. Steinbeck stood at the U. S. Army's Checkpoint Charlie, a crossing point through the Communist wall to East Berlin.

Two years ago U. S. and Soviet tanks faced each other at that spot for 16 hours during a dispute over allied access to the

Communist sector.

Steinbeck, 61, who also won a Pulitzer Prize, arrived in West Berlin on Tuesday night, the last stop in a two-month European tour.

He listened intently to the explanations of a guide at the wall. Then he borrowed a pair of binoculars from an American military policeman to gaze into East Berlin, watching especially

the border guards who had their field glasses trained on Steinbeck.

"Incredible," he muttered. "This is unusual."

Steinbeck walked away, then turned back to point his gnarled cane at the wall.

"I'm amazed that anybody would confess so completely that he failed. That's what this amounts to. A failure in competition, a failure in everything. It is like a little kid who takes his football home when he can't play very well," Steinbeck said. "I don't understand that ability to confess failure. I can't see that this wall has any other purpose."

with less chance of damage or delay due to human error.

### Fish Election Tabs Show Light Voting

The weather was probably the main factor that caused a light turnout for the election of officers of the Class of '67 Wednesday, said Shelly Veselka, Chairman of the Election Commission. 359 freshmen cast their vote in a close election that could have gone either way with a handful of votes. 679 freshmen cast their votes at this time last year.

Elected to the office of president was Louis K. Oddyke. Dennis R. McElroy won the vice-presidential office. Robert J. Myers and Jack E. Nelson won secretary-treasurer and social secretary honors respectfully.

### Adjutant General, Staff Plan Program For Cadets Soon

The State Adjutant General and his staff Tuesday will present a special orientation for A&M cadets on the role of the Texas Army and Air Guard.

Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Bishop of Austin will bring a four-man briefing team from the guard headquarters in Austin. They will speak in Guion Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The briefing will be illustrated with slides and a short film.

Gen. Bishop is a much-decorated veteran of World War II during which he participated in the Normandy invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. He was operations and training officer of the 99th Infantry Division.

With him will be four members of his staff each of whom will cover a different Guard activity.

Besides Gen. Bishop the team will include Maj. Ed Balagia, Lt. Col. A. T. McFadden, Maj. James Rose, and Lt. Col. Prescott A. Stark.

Similar Texas Army and Air Guard briefings have been presented to various groups throughout the state over the past two years.

During the program Lt. Col. McFadden will speak on National Guard personnel, Lt. Col. Stark will highlight Guard training and missile air defense, Maj. Balagia will explain Guard budget and fiscal matters, and Maj. Rose will cover Air Guard operations in Texas.

## Navy Recommends Shipyard Closings

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy has informed Congressmen from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and California that a survey board has recommended immediate closing of naval shipyards at Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco in an economy move.

Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., said Asst. Secretary of the Navy Kenneth E. Be Lieu told him Tuesday the board had recommended phasing out six yards by October 1966 but later said the board had asked for immediate action on the Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco facilities.

O'NEILL SAID closing of the Boston yards was not firm and that House Speaker John McCormack, D-Mass., already had protested to the White House any plan affecting it.

He said the Massachusetts delegation was preparing a joint

formal protest which McCormack also would give to President Johnson.

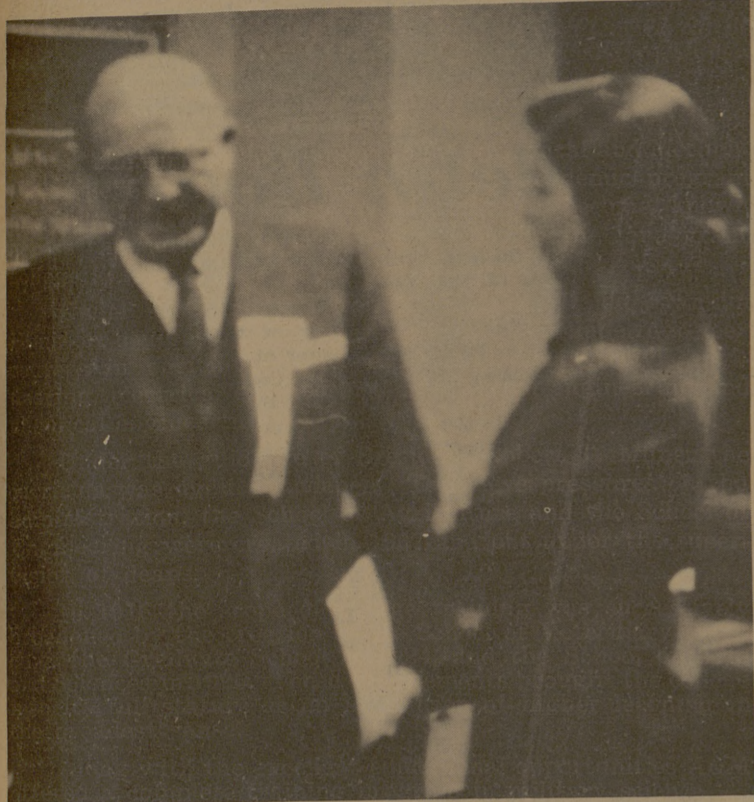
O'Neill said he did not know the full list of yards recommended to be closed but understood it was similar to proposals made about two years ago and dropped.

BOTH PENNSYLVANIA senators immediately protested the proposed closing of the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., said: "The defense Department told me it feels that civilian yards can do the work more cheaply."

"The department tells me that a final decision will be made in 48 hours."

Earlier, the Seattle Wash. Times had reported in a story from Washington that Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara would recommend closing the three navy shipyards.



### BRIEF PRESS CHIT-CHAT

H. J. Miller chats with Houston Post's Maryann Shaver.

### TEXAS A&M

## New Century Marks Change In Reputation

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of six articles which will discuss the development of Texas A&M and present facts that students interested in recruiting new Aggies during the Christmas Holidays may find valuable. We encourage Aggies to clip these factual articles for reference in discussing A&M with high school seniors while at home during the holidays. It is important for each of us to do a selling job for A&M every chance we get.

By MIKE REYNOLDS  
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At the turn of the century, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas began to build an academic program and physical plant whose reputation has become known across the nation and is second to none in the land grant college system.

Under the administration of President David Franklin Houston, courses of study were enlarged to include four-year courses in agriculture, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, architectural engineering and chemical engineering.

Under the guidance of President Robert T. Milner the curricula was again broadened. To relieve pressures on the administration, the School of Agriculture and the School of Engineering were created in 1907 and put under the supervision of deans.

In 1916 the scope of college training was successively broadened by the creation of the School of Veterinary Medicine, the Graduate School in 1924, and the School of Arts and Sciences in 1925. These enlargements brought the college into its full stature as an institution of higher learning in the broadest sense.

Along with the excellent educational opportunities A&M offered a complete training program in military science.

In his first official report to the Board of Directors Col. Milner presented this picture of the young and growing college.

"The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas presents a condition unlike that of any other educational institution in the world. The student body is the largest under military discipline in the world. There are 600 more cadets in this school than there are in West Point."

A&M has continued to hold this distinction to this day including approximately 4000 students in the Corps of Cadets.

The Reserve Officers Training Corps was inaugurated at A&M in 1920. Since that time basic military training and understanding has been given to more than 41,000 young men. By Dec. 7, 1941, some 5,000 reserve officers, trained at A&M were already on active duty. In addition to some 7,000 reserve officers, the college takes pride in another 7,000 officers of World War II. Twenty-nine students of the college have reached the general's rank, 10 of them as major generals.

With the new Nuclear Research Center, Data Processing Center, wind tunnel, oceanography ship and courses in marine engineering and marine transportation offered by the Maritime Academy, as well as the proposed cyclotron, A&M is preparing to branch out into even wider fields, offering broad opportunities for learning a profession and for developing into men capable of thinking intelligently and reasonably.

Governor Richard Coke, first chairman of the Board of Directors, expressed one of the basic reasons for A&M's appeal to the young men of Texas.

"It has been the constant aim of the board . . . to bring down to the lowest possible figure the cost of an education which shall be at the same time thorough, liberal, and practical . . ."

According to the current catalog listings, the total costs of an education at A&M for one year runs from \$950 to \$1,250 and is among the very cheapest in the state.

When the low cost and the many and broad opportunities for an education are analyzed, what better buy for a young man's educational dollar can be found anywhere.