



Ahhh, Almost Out!

J. L. Rodriguez doesn't have a care in the world. He is one of the lucky graduating seniors who doesn't have to worry about the final exams. He gets his Chemical Engineering degree Saturday.

'YANKEE GO HOME'

Panama Officials Say No To Diplomatic Relations

PANAMA (AP)—An authoritative official source said Wednesday night that Panama is going ahead with a complete rupture of diplomatic relations with the United States until America agrees to negotiate a new Panama Canal treaty.

The sources said President Roberto Chiari had asked the Costa Rican government to take over Panamanian affairs in Washington and that Costa Rica had agreed to do so.

Panama has also asked the U.S. government to withdraw its diplomatic personnel from this tense capital, the sources said, adding that Panama is bringing home its envoys from Washington. Panamanian Ambassador Augusto Arango already has been returned here.

The new turn in the U.S.-Panama crisis came as defiant university students shouting, "Yankee, go home" received Chiari's assurances that he will not abandon

Panama's demands for a new treaty to replace the 6-year-old pact which gives America control of the strategic waterway.

Although the United States and Panama had agreed earlier Wednesday to settle their differences, the new crisis developed over interpretation of that agreement, which Panama views as a U.S. commitment to negotiate a new treaty.

The United States said it agreed only to discuss—not negotiate—the issues between the two countries.

Panama's Foreign Minister Galileo Solis issued a statement saying "Panama will not renew relations until the government of the United States gives assurances to Panama that negotiations will be started for a new treaty to replace existing agreements."

Nearly 1,000 students staged a bitter anti-United States rally at the University of Panama, then

marched five miles to the presidential palace to make their demands known to Chiari.

Mrs. Jenrette To Receive Deceased Husband's PhD

Mrs. Jacquelyn Jenrette is expected to walk across the stage Saturday to receive from A&M University the Doctor of Philosophy degree conferred upon her late husband, Air Force Capt. James P. Jenrette.

He had completed all course work for the degree in meteorology with his dissertation in the final stage when he was involved in an auto accident Dec. 15. He died three days later.

"We did get word to Jim that his dissertation had been accepted and his wife told me that although he could not talk he indicated he understood," Dr. Kenneth C. Brundidge said. He is chairman of the faculty committee which supervised Jenrette's doctoral studies.

This will not be the first graduate degree posthumously conferred by A&M, although it is rarely done.

"Mrs. Jenrette will occupy Jim's seat in the ceremony, and when the Ph.D. candidates go forward, she will accept his degree," Dr. Brundidge said.

Cotton Duchesses Get Entry Blanks

Any club interested in entering a girl as a duchess for the Cotton Pageant and Ball to be held in early April should contact Kindred P. Caskey, secretary of the 30th Annual pageant. He may be contacted at the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

Letters and forms have been mailed to the various clubs and civic groups in the College Station area.

Election Year Tax Available At MSC

A&M University students and Brazos County residents may pay their 1964 election year poll tax in the Memorial Student Center beginning Jan. 20.

A special booth will be set up in the post office area for the convenience of those seeking voting rights, announced Howard Head, student president of the MSC Council.

Hours of operation will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 20-24 and Jan. 27-30. The booth will not be open Jan. 25, a Saturday, or Jan. 31, the last day to pay the tax.

Head also mentioned that the MSC booth will not be authorized to issue exemptions. He issued a special appeal to eligible A&M students to become voters.

Panamanian Visitors Air Canal Zone Views

Slouch Gets Degree

Cadet Slouch is going to get a Doctor's Degree this weekend. At least the man who regularly takes pen in hand and creates the Aggie favorite will have the degree bestowed upon him. Jim Earle, who started drawing the Slouch cartoons as an undergraduate student—he's of the Class of '54—will receive the Doctor of Education degree.

Earle is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Engineering Graphics.

Incidentally, Earle will continue to draw Slouch. The members of The Battalion staff express their congratulations to Jim. The Battalion is probably the only student newspaper, if not the only newspaper, which has a cartoonist with a Doctor's Degree.

Health Physicists' Stipend Available

A \$2500 fellowship is available but there were no takers at A&M as of Tuesday—and deadline for applications is Feb. 1.

These fellowships are available in the health physics field. A&M is one of 10 universities at which the program will be offered.

HEALTH PHYSICS is primarily concerned with the study, evaluation and control of radiation hazards and the development of procedures to protect workers in nuclear plants.

To qualify for a grant a student must be a U. S. citizen and hold a bachelor of science degree in physical sciences or in some field of engineering.

THE GRANTS are available through the Atomic Energy Commission. Each offers a stipend and allowances. The basic stipend is \$2500. An additional \$500 is allowed for each dependent. It also includes tuition, fees and allowance for certain travel.

Anyone interested in applying should contact Dr. Robert Cochran, head of the Department of Nuclear Engineering, Room 301 of the Petroleum Engineering Building. Applications must reach the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, Oak Ridge, Tenn. by Feb. 1.

Television Confab Meets Here Friday

About 200 people are expected to participate in an educational television feasibility conference on the A&M University campus Friday, according to an announcement by Dr. W. J. Graff, Dean of Instruction.

The conference begins at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Veterinary Medicine Building. A demonstration of instructional television will follow discussions led by Lee Dreyfus of the University of Wisconsin and Robert F. Schenckan of the University of Texas.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss the role of educational television in school and community, and to determine the extent of local interest in the medium.

Preceding the meeting, all are invited to join the speaker for dinner at the dining room of the Memorial Student Center, said J. B. Beckham, secretary of the society. The dinner will be served cafeteria style.

Blumer attended the University of Basel receiving his Ph.D. in Chemistry summa cum laude in 1949. He has done research at the University of Minnesota concerning polarography.

Before coming to Woods Hole, Blumer was a rare metals researcher for CIBA of Basel, Switzerland as well as spending some time as a research chemist for the Shell Development Company of Houston.

Blumer also worked in Europe with B.P.M. Shell at Amsterdam, Holland.

Sophomore Class Changes Ball Date

The Sophomore Ball, originally scheduled for Feb. 29, has been rescheduled for April 25, Sophomore Class President Richard Dooley announced Wednesday.

"The date was changed due to the fact that the Combat and Military Balls are the weekend following the original date," Dooley said.

More Money, Jobs, Respect, Asked

By JOHN WRIGHT
Battalion News Editor

More participation in the running of the U. S. zone including the Panama Canal itself, more job opportunities and better pay for Panamanian employees, more income from the earnings of the canal and, perhaps most important of all, more regard and respect for Panama and its citizens—all are the basic points which Panamanian students, presently enrolled at A&M, feel should be presented in any talks between the United States and Panama.

Because of interest in the Panamanian opinion of the canal zone flareup, several Panamanian students were asked to express their views.

CARLOS M. PALM said "the rioting started when American students raised the American flag." This was in direct defiance of regulations which stipulated that the Panamanian flag be displayed with the U. S. flag. Said Palm, "The Panamanian people want the American and Panamanian flags flying side by side in the canal zone."

"There are a number of Communists in Panama, but I think they are not involved. The main reasons for the conflict are flying the flags and money policies over the canal," said Palm.

"THE UNITED STATES pays Panama \$1.93 million a year rent on the canal and has an income between \$64 to \$68 million a year from shipments through the canal," said Palm.

"The people of Panama feel that the tax money from the income of the canal should be paid to Panama and not the United States.

"The U. S. should provide or allow more jobs for Panamanians—better paying jobs too.

"You see, the Panamanians don't receive the minimum U. S. salary. They get something like 60¢ to 70¢ an hour, and 90 per cent of the dirtiest jobs."

SAYS JORGE OBEDIENTE, "About one fifth of Panama's national budget is its portion of the Canal revenue. If Panama's share was raised to 50 per cent it would increase the per-capita income of Panama by about a fifth."

Rodrigo R. Marciacq, another student from Panama, said that there should be more of a cultural exchange between Panama and Americans living in the Canal Zone. "The Americans in the Canal-Zone tend to look upon and treat the Panamanians as if they were lower class.

"It is important that Americans realize that it is a case of the American flag flying next to the Panamanian flag, not the Panamanian flag being privileged to fly alongside the flag of the U. S."

S." said Rodrigo.

Obediente also said that if the U.S. civilian Canal Zone traffic police were replaced with Panamanian civilian police then relations between the two nationalities would be improved. Said Obediente, "At least I prefer to get a traffic ticket from a Panamanian policeman, than a U. S. policeman."

Foreign Study Aid Applications Taken

Aggies who graduate this year and are interested in foreign study may wish to consider the Rotary Foundation Fellowships, Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall said Wednesday.

He serves as the Rotary Fellowship program representative for the Bryan-College Station Rotary Club. He also will assist the Beaumont Rotary Club in its search for prospective candidates.

The Fellowships, tenable at universities throughout the free world, include a grant of approximately \$2,500 for the year.

The applicant may list at least five universities at which he would like to study. Not more than three may be in the same country and the applicant must have considerable knowledge of the language.

Legal Holiday Set For Local Banks

Monday will be a legal holiday in observance of Robert E. Lee's birthday.

The following businesses will be closed: City National Bank, First National Bank, Bank of Commerce, First Bank & Trust, University National Bank, Community Savings & Loan Association and Bryan Building & Loan Association.

Wire Review

By The Associated Press
WORLD NEWS

PARIS — The 12-story steel and concrete skeleton of an apartment house collapsed Wednesday, killing at least 15 workmen.

Another 18 workmen were injured, and rescuers dug frantically toward the weak cries of men buried under the estimated 100,000 tons of debris. Two of the injured were freed with hawsacks and chisels. About 10 men still were missing.

U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON — The first break in the John F. Kennedy White House team which President Johnson inherited came Wednesday with the resignation of special counsel Theodore C. Sorenson.

Sorenson, 35, will leave the White House staff at the end of February to write a personal account of his 11 years with the assassinated chief executive.

The Nebraska lawyer told a news conference his book will be something of a substitute for one which he disclosed Kennedy had planned to write after leaving office.

STATE NEWS

AUSTIN — Texas draft boards have received notice to begin now to carry out President John

Outfit CO's Have Room Assignments

Cadets should contact their organization commander to find out what their room assignment for Spring will be rather than checking with the Housing Office as indicated in Tuesday's story in The Battalion.



A&M Parachute Team Wins

Posing in front of the "Gooney Bird" in De Ridder, La., where they recently won a sky-diving contest, are members of the A&M Parachute Team: front row, M. T. Works, Bruce Head, Don Deveny and John Finks; back row, Mike Richardson, Bob Richardson and John Olden.