

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"It's not a bad idea, I just think you oughta find another way to advertise th' follies that wouldn't upset th' military!"

Reds May Move Into Algeria State Department Report Indicates

TUNIS (AP) — The Soviet Union, apparently disregarding its disappointments in Africa, may be moving to establish a major foothold on the continent's northern coast.

The new pledge of Soviet aid to Algeria, announced in Moscow on Wednesday, opens the door to an important Soviet penetration effort in North Africa.

At the same time, Premier Khrushchev and an impressive party of Soviet officials are en route to the United Arab Republic for a two-week visit. Their ship passed through Turkey's Bosphorus Strait on Thursday and steamed south toward Alexandria.

On May 15, Khrushchev and President Gamal Abdel Nasser will dedicate the Aswan Dam flood control and power project being built with the help of Soviet funds and technicians.

It is too early to say whether the Soviet effort will bring permanent results. So far, Soviet aid and spending in half a dozen African nations have not brought results expected by Communist leaders.

The Algerian-Soviet agreement followed a warning by the U. S. State Department that Communist influence is on the increase in Algeria. The statement brought a violent rebuke by the government-controlled Algerian press.

Editor, The Battalion:

The family of John Lincoln Cleaves, our beloved Aggie Fish (1963-64), wish to express our deep, heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to you wonderful people of Texas A&M University. We shall always love Aggies. In the few short months our son was with you, we have seen and felt the depth of your esprit de corps, and a tender response has welled up within us.

Never shall we forget the inspiration and poignant sorrow of Silver Taps for our John. May God bless and keep you each one in His loving care.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber S. Cleaves

Editor, The Battalion:

I don't agree with you on your stand for the University of Houston's admission into the SWC. You cite the size of UH (second only to might Texas U. in enrollment) and the size of Houston as factors that should cause the SWC members to accept UH into the elite group. I say this is a pretty weak argument. College Station, Bryan and Snook can barely scrape together 40,000 people and yet we field athletic teams second to none. Size does not denote athletic prowess. Neither does it denote quality.

As far as finances are concerned, A&M is making about all it can off UH as it is. We split the big Houston gate every other year. It seems to me that money is the only sound argument UH has and we already make all we can off them. I think an 8 member conference is plenty, if not too many. If Houston were admitted, each conference team could play only 2 inter-sectional games. Would we cut out LSU and those 70,000 (every year) Cajuns we draw? Our conference would have to lose prestige in national rankings due to the fact that the rankings would depend a great deal on how SWC teams do in inter-sectional games. Would Texas cut out Oklahoma? They made number 1(?) by beating them last year.

I agree that Rice stands to suffer by Houston's admission. I say that we stand to suffer, also.

I believe that our recruiting would suffer quite a bit in the Gulf Coast area if Houston could offer SWC prestige to high school athletes. Our athletic program receives a big boost in publicity from the Houston papers. We wouldn't get nearly as much publicity if UH came into the conference. Their exploits are already blown out of proportion by the Houston papers now. Both A&M and Rice stand to suffer. A&M and Rice have quality that UH for all its quantity simply cannot match.

I suppose the real reason that I don't want UH in the SWC is that they haven't earned it. I have never met anyone from UH who have a friendly word to say about Texas A&M. This may not mean much to most people but even Texas U. people admit (when pressed) that A&M is in the conference. I don't believe UH would ever. I'm proud of the fact A&M is a great member of a great conference and I just don't want the whole conference cheapened by adding a bunch of bush leaguers. I agree with Rice's leaguers: let UH get together with other state-supported non-SWC members (Sam Houston State, Lamar Tech, Stephen F. Austin, Prairie View, Texas Southern) and snow them with their bigness. Let's not be fooled by it.

Royce Knox '64

Editor, The Battalion:

The college catalogue states that "the campus religious leadership is deeply conscious that the students are in perhaps the most formative period of their lives and feel keenly the responsibility for their spiritual development... in addition to the special student emphasis, they have the customary Sunday worship periods."

What can be more customary than attending church on Mother's Day to join with people throughout world in giving thanks for our mothers? The people in charge of events this year have certainly seen to it that Aggies won't get a chance to attend church this Mother's Day because of the review of the Corps of Cadets scheduled to begin at 11:25, the very time that practically all 10 churches surrounding the campus will be holding their special Mother's Day service.

Mother's Day is certainly one of the big days here at Aggieland but why should the churches not be given a chance to hold a service that can be attended by students and their parents? In the past years, all ceremonies were scheduled so that they were over in plenty of time for church. Are the persons scheduling the events this year striving for a more excellent day? If they are, is this the kind of excellence A&M is trying to achieve?

Don Sahur '65

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Your Vote — Your Voice

Student voters have one more opportunity to visit the polls this semester. That will come Thursday when balloting for 12 seats on the Student Senate and 15 places on the Election Commission will be held.

Turnout in the general elections two weeks ago was by far the best seen in recent years. Civilian and Corps rivalry played a major role in getting out the vote in that election. This time it should not necessarily be Civilians vs. Corps, since half of the voting will be for the individual colleges' senate representatives.

However, that should have no bearing on the number of students that go to the polls. Students should take an active interest in campus politics, not for the sake of getting more Corps students elected than Civilians or vice-versa, but to insure themselves of representation by dependable persons, be they cadets or otherwise.

This election usually draws the poorest turnout of all elections during the year; this is a mistake that must be corrected if we are to have a Student Senate and Election Commission that functions properly.

For instance, 12 Senators can possibly control the majority vote of the student governing body. These 12 also represent their respective colleges and have a direct contact with students in the same curricula. They can express an opinion shared by a specific group. You are a member of one of these groups, and these representatives are your most direct contact with the senate.

Also, the Election Commission is an integral part of campus politics, since it can improve on present election rules and regulations to encourage active participation in elections.

Bulletin Board

SATURDAY

The Graduate Students Wives Association will hold a dance at the Bryan Saddle Club Saturday, May 9 at 8 p.m.

The Cricket Club will hold its first annual banquet at 7 p.m. at the Triangle Restaurant. A short film on cricket will be shown.

SUNDAY

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