

Reynolds' Rap

by Mike Reynolds

Well, it's Wednesday night and my turn to stick my nose into somebody's business for the last time this semester. I might get through this term and ready for next fall, if I can do my last bit of cramming, if I can pass all of my finals, if I make enough money this summer to pay for next year, but mainly if no one dislikes this column.

Seriously, I would like to apologize to Col. Deniz L. Baker and the Corps of Cadets. I erroneously stated last week that some seniors had been thrown out of school or the Corps of Cadets because of the actions of freshmen. This is wrong and I stand corrected with my hat off to Col. Baker for his amiable and fair attitude.

Speaking of amiable attitudes these days, I sure have noticed that there aren't many over the state toward the action of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas. In case finals have been keeping you too busy to read the sports pages of the state's big dailies, I'll fill you in on some of the details.

The regents appointed a three member committee to study athletics at the University of Texas and the prospects of becoming an independent. This would obviously be the death knell of the Southwest Conference and many people see this as a power move by Royal and Company to get the smaller schools of the conference off their backs concerning the limiting of the number of scholarships given each year.

Royal has his points on this subject though. This man is in big, big business, and his present business associates are trying to press some legislation that

would prevent the efficient operation of his business. It is only natural that they should study their present relations with the idea of possibly joining another group whose policies would be more compatible with their own.

Rumors have been flying around the state that another conference will be formed consisting of Texas, Arkansas, Texas Tech, University of Houston and our own A&M. The distances involved in this conference would cause all sports except football and basketball to suffer. Yet football pays for the others and if you don't have the team and conference to pay for them, you haven't got anything.

Tradition also comes to mind. We would still have our Corps Trips to Houston, only this time to play Cougar Hi instead of Rice, but what would it be like to play these other schools?

What would happen to our yearly trip to the Dallas-Fort Worth area to play football and to crown a sweetheart from TWU? Once again though, this is trying to run a school with our hearts instead of our heads. If Texas leaves the SWC there will go our biggest traditions anyway.

It looks like for once, we must sit by and wait on the University in Austin. If they stay, we will stay but Rice, SMU and TCU will eventually pull the whole group down. If Texas leaves, we must leave and I don't think there should be a wet eye over the whole thing. Not when you have everything to gain and very little to lose. Oh well, there is a lot of time between now and December when the showdown comes.

Lots of time to think. See you in the fall at Baton Rouge.

President Johnson Lauds Soviet Consular Treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — An historic U. S. - Soviet consular treaty providing for quick access to any Americans jailed in the Soviet Union will be signed in Moscow on June 1.

Announcing this Wednesday, President Johnson hailed the pact as a significant step in improving U. S.-Soviet relations. He will submit it to the U. S. Senate for ratification.

Neither the White House or the State Department would release the text. State Department officials said the 25-page document would be made public when it goes to the Senate.

The treaty provides for re-establishing consulates in the two countries. Consuls carry out non-diplomatic duties such as issuing

visas and helping businessmen and tourists of their nation.

The new agreement, to be signed by U. S. Ambassador Foy D. Kohler and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko in Moscow, is unprecedented in two ways:

1. It is the first bilateral, or two-country, treaty ever concluded between the United States and the Soviet Union.

2. It stipulates that any visitor or jailed in the Soviet Union will have access to his consul within four days — setting a specific time limit.

Secret imprisonment of Americans by the Russians has long been a sore point with Washington.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Never tell a class they can have all the time they need on a final exam. He's been here since last Monday."

India Faces Great Crisis 'After Nehru—What Now?'

MOSCOW (AP) — The time of trouble is rushing fast upon India, and he seemed to know it would.

Jawaharlal Nehru said in answer to a question some months ago: "There will never be time for anyone else to create the position that I have had in India. The years of fighting the British for Indian independence, and then the beginning of freedom, created a place with the people that future leaders will not have time to make."

It was a quiet, almost humble expression of the fact that no one can replace Nehru, one of India's leaders for four decades and its only prime minister from independence in 1947 until his death Wednesday.

Yet the governing of India's 462 million people, under a system that Nehru made democratic in form but paternalistic in fact, must go on with a new prime minister.

He will inherit massive problems, problems that Nehru could never solve:

Surging overpopulation, sluggish economic improvement for the impoverished masses, ex-

cessively armed hatred on most of India's borders.

The man who temporarily, at least, will try to cope with the problems, Gulzari Lal Nanda, is an exact antithesis of Nehru.

Nanda consults his astrologer regularly, believes in the ancient Hindu form of medicine rather than modern science, and generally represents the kind of India that Nehru sought to destroy through modernization.

Nehru's first stroke in January found Home Minister Nanda the senior member of the Cabinet. But senior leaders of Nehru's Congress party insured that another man was called into the picture.

That man, Lal Bahadur Shastri, could now be chosen by the party to become permanent prime minister, but Nanda will try hard to hang onto the job. A power struggle is in prospect.

Ice Cream Feed Scheduled June 7

All of the ice cream you can eat in a variety of flavors and with an assortment of toppings is promised by College Station Kiwanians at the ice cream smorgasbord June 7 in the A&M Consolidated Schools Cafeteria.

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Vice President Selection Amendment Passes First Step In Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposed constitutional amendment designed to keep the office of vice president filled and authorizing him to serve as acting president when necessary took a first step through Congress Wednesday.

It was approved unanimously by a Senate Judiciary subcommittee and sent to the full com-

mittee. The chairman of the full committee, Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., said he favors the plan and expects his group will send it on to the Senate.

The amendment would permit a president to select a vice president, subject to majority approval by Congress, when a vacancy occurs in the vice presidency.

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