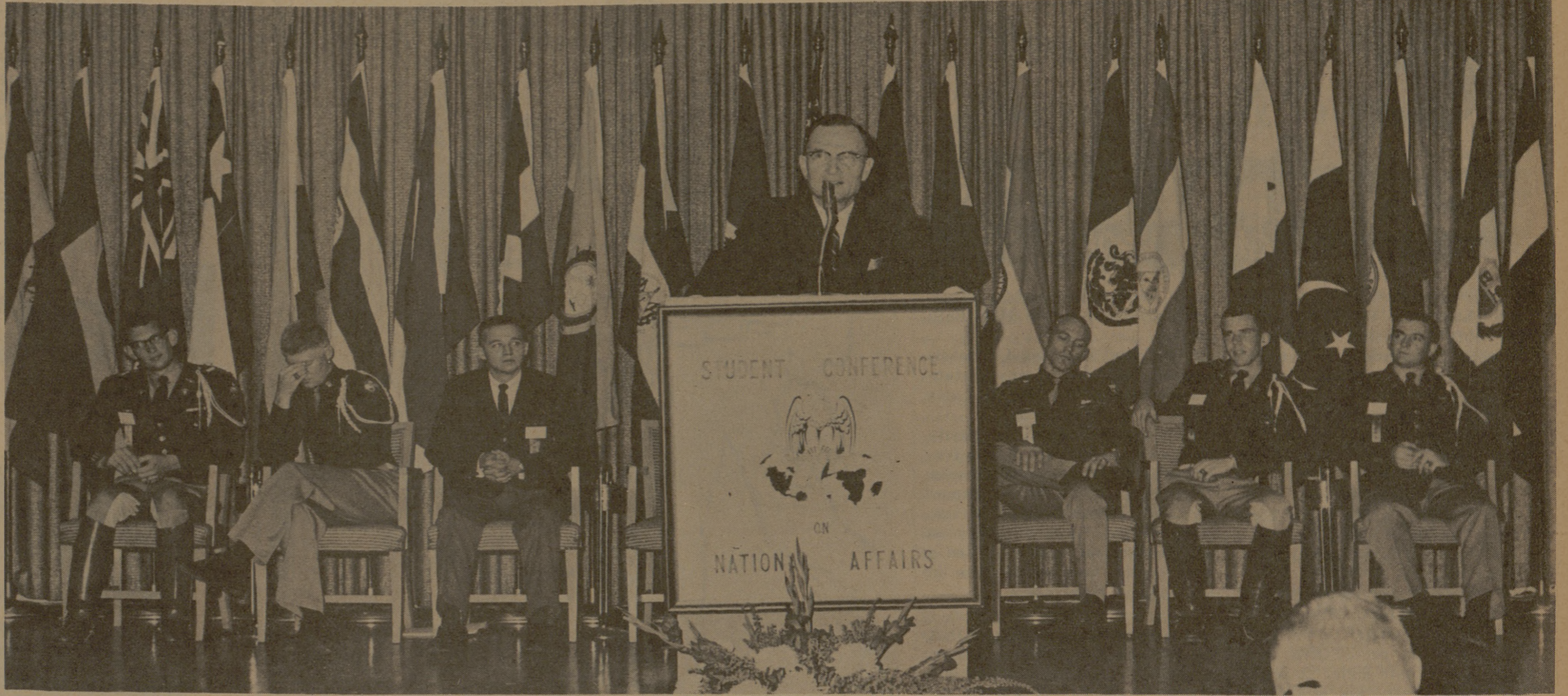


Latin American Problems Discussed At Student Conference



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
... students quiz Rubottom, second from right.



SCONA STUDENT CHAIRMEN HEAR RUBOTTOM
... A&M's tenth conference has Latin American topic; stage displays national flags.



INFORMAL CHAT
... Carol Wilder of Alabama talks with J. B. Shah of A&M.

SCONA Urges Participation By Delegates

By GLENN DROMGOOLE
Managing Editor

About 200 student delegates and observers to A&M's Tenth Student Conference on National Affairs nestled back in their chairs Wednesday for opening sessions of the four-day meeting.

They represent about 75 colleges and universities throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, and are the proverbial cream of the student crop in government, political science and international relations studies.

Wednesday they heard addresses by Glenn C. Bassett Jr., vice president of Chase Manhattan Bank's International Department, and Richard Rubottom Jr., former Ambassador to Argentina and currently vice president for university life at Southern Methodist University.

Little of their time here will be spent listening, however. SCONA has been established as a student conference and most of the discussion, questioning and thinking will be left to the delegates. Roundtable discussions are usually the nucleus of these student gatherings.

For the roundtable talks, delegates and observers are divided into eight units. Each discussion is moderated by co-chairmen, selected for their particular accomplishments in the chosen conference topic. About 20-25 students are placed in each group.

Roundtable units met in an organization session Wednesday afternoon, with their first official meeting held Thursday morning. Beginning with the Thursday meeting, roundtable sessions are scheduled for about three hours

each. There are five full roundtable discussions, plus the one-hour orientation. So, students will spend about 15-18 hours in these meetings during their four-day visit to A&M.

They also attend five plenary sessions — or general meetings where they hear men like Bassett, Rubottom, Dr. Lewis U. Hanke, (professor of Latin American correspondent for the Chicago Tribune Press Service, Inc.)

One panel discussion is on tap for the general session. Members include Thomas A. Pastoriza, Dominican Republic businessman; John F. Gallagher, vice-president in charge of international operations for Sears Roebuck and Co., and T. C. Hammond, of Canada's Department of External Affairs, Latin American Division.

But perhaps the highlights of the conference come between sessions when the students have an opportunity to meet these leaders on a person-to-person basis, and to meet fellow students from other colleges and universities. The University of Saskatchewan coed can exchange ideas with an A&M cadet. The Texas Southern University junior feels on the equal with a University of Toronto student in discussing current problems. The Alabama coed can chat with a Latin American student over conference issues. Student leaders from the Coast Guard Academy, New Mexico State and Florida State can quiz each other for ideas, opinions and beliefs.

They don't hesitate to make new acquaintances regardless of regional, racial, national or cultural differences, because they are all here for the same thing.

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Inter-Relations Cause Troubles

SCONA Keynoter Bassett Says Contact Between Americas Is Friction Source

By JERRY COOPER
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"Difficulties which act as barriers between the countries of the Americas are the result of the very rapid increase in the actual international intercourse between peoples of North America and the Latin American nations," said Glenn C. Bassett in the first keynote address of SCONA X, Wednesday afternoon. "The frictions that this contact produces are, I believe, more than offset by the opportunities offered to achieve greater knowledge and understanding," the vice president of the International Department of the Chase Manhattan Bank continued.

Addressing the 158 delegates that have already registered, Bassett outlined three things that North Americans can do to aid in the development of Latin America. These are:

- (1) Recognize and try to close the vast gap in mutual understanding that exists between people in this country and people in Latin America.
- (2) Recognize fully the good points of our system of government (balance of power), our institutions of free enterprise, and our recognition of individual rights.
- (3) Participate in active programs of assistance and cooperation with Latin America whenever and wherever these programs can strengthen free institutions and give forward momentum to their economies.

Pointing to several Latin American countries as examples, Bassett showed the differences in economic policies and conditions. One thing most Latin American countries have in common are the inflationary effects of their economic policies. Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador have shown

signs of economic growth in recent months.

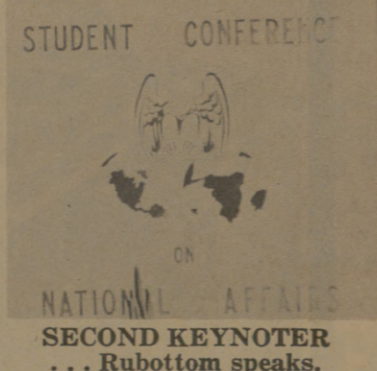
In closing, Bassett expressed hope in conferences such as SCONA X which, he said, "inspire a sincere search by groups and individuals for greater knowledge and understanding about our neighboring countries which is our greatest hope for the future."

That evening R. Richard Rubottom, Jr., former Ambassador to Argentina, spoke of instruments formulated over the years to protect and improve the politico-judicial, economic and security standing of the Americas.

Strong measures to enforce the security of the Americas were outlined in the Rio Treaty of 1947, said Rubottom.

It was not until 1964 that the sanctions of the Rio Treaty were invoked against communist Cuba. These include the recall of Chiefs of diplomatic missions, the breaking off of diplomatic and consular relations, the partial or complete interruption of economic relations and the use of armed force.

"Important in any discussion of the future of the Americas is the intangible, but necessary ingredient of confidence in the Inter-American System," said Rubottom who is presently vice president for University Life at Southern Methodist University.



SECOND KEYNOTER
... Rubottom speaks.



PERSON TO PERSON
... Dr. James M. Schwinden talks with interested students.

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Friday's schedule for A&M Student Conference On National Affairs:
7:30-8:30 a.m.: Coffee and informal discussion in the Serpentine Lounge.
8:30-11:30 a.m.: Fourth Round-table meeting.
12:15-1:15 p.m.: Luncheon in Duncan Dining Hall.
2:00-4:30 p.m.: Fifth round-table discussion.
6:00-7:00 p.m.: Buffet supper in the MSC Ballroom.
8:00-10:00 p.m.: Fourth Keynote address by Lewis U. Hanke in the MSC Ballroom. Reception following the address in the Assembly and Birch Rooms. Singing Cadets Concert in the Main Lounge.

The World at a Glance

By The Associated Press

International

SAIGON, South Viet Nam—Repulsed in a three-day battle at An Lao, Viet Cong guerrillas switched to raids and ambushes at a dozen other places Wednesday in central Viet Nam.

TOKYO—North Viet Nam charged that three warships operating under command of U. S. and South Vietnamese authorities shelled one of its coastal villages Wednesday. The alleged attack was called the fourth such military encroachment since Nov. 25.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—The Security Council rejected Wednesday a Soviet demand that it ignore charges by Congo Premier Moise Tshombe that some African countries with Soviet encouragement were shipping military supplies to Congo rebels.

National

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla.—A last-second engine misfire on a Titan 2 rocket Wednesday dealt a severe setback to the Gemini man-in-space program, postponing the final unmanned launching of the two-man spacecraft until January.

NEW YORK—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower expressed confidence in the future of

the Republican party Wednesday despite its crushing defeat in last month's elections. He said the GOP was not ready for coffins.

CHICAGO—The nation's stores are feeling the pinch of a severe coin shortage at the peak of the Christmas shopping rush.

The U. S. mints are running full blast in an effort to ease the situation but coins have been slipping out of circulation faster than they can be minted.

Texas

HOUSTON—The University of Houston apparently plans to build two 17-story high rise dormitories to meet the space problems of its anticipated growth.

SAN ANTONIO—Three airmen stepped from a large simulated space cabin Wednesday, ending the first big U. S. test of helium as a possible atmosphere component for space ships.

AUSTIN—An angry Gov. John Connally accepted Wednesday the resignation of University of Texas regent John S. Redditt and denied that he had ever attempted to dictate to the Board of Regents on anything.



HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
... A&M students, TCU coed reminisce after session.