

Draft For Dodgers?

Texas A&M has perhaps never had a better friend in Congress than Rep. Olin Teague of College Station.

Many of the large federal grants and contracts, such as the \$1.9 million space center and the \$6 million cyclotron that have been awarded this school were due in no small part to Rep. Teague's tireless efforts and influence.

However, we must take issue with a bill introduced Friday by Rep. Teague which would draft immediately young men who got married on Aug. 26, the last day for married men to be given preference on the draft rolls.

Our argument involves three points:

1. It would be difficult to determine which of these men got married on that date simply to "beat the draft."

2. No consideration is given men who had scheduled weekend weddings (Aug. 27-29) and moved them up by a day or two after President Johnson's surprise order on Aug. 26.

3. The constitutionality of the bill is questionable, since it provides inductment for a past deed. The principle that "Congress shall make no ex post facto law" is written into the United States Constitution, and while Rep. Teague's bill may not be in direct contradiction to this principle, it is quite questionable.

Rep. Teague, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, said in introducing his bill that the measure would instruct draft boards to call up first the men who married on Aug. 26.

"I'm just trying to help these young men who have made a mistake," Teague said in explaining his action.

"Somewhere down the line, in later life, these young men will have to face their wives and children and explain why they were called draft dodgers," he continued.

President Johnson issued a Presidential order on Aug. 26 that men who were married after midnight that day would be eligible for the draft the same as single men. Thus ended the preference that married men had enjoyed in induction since the late President Kennedy's proclamation had given them the preferred status.

Many youths rushed to the altar in the eight hours between President Johnson's decree and the deadline.

Rep. Teague's belief that men who were married on Aug. 26 were "draft dodgers" is shared by other political observers.

But the fact remains that Teague's bill would put into effect a retroactive law and could not discriminate between legitimate marriages and "draft dodging" marriages.

If Teague and his colleagues insist on calling up these men, they could just as well place all men married on Aug. 25 or March 5 or Jan. 19 on the same list.

It would be no more wrong than Teague's proposed bill. There might have even been a marriage or two on one of these days to avoid the draft.

Charles The Dissident

History often tags famous men thus: William was known as "the Conqueror," Ivan as "the Terrible," Richard as "the Lionhearted."

Although the 74-year-old Charles Andre Joseph Marie de Gaulle has not yet run the full course of his career, historians may well dub him Charles the Dissident.

Charles the Dissident has a nice ring. General DeGaulle might even like it. He has worked hard against popular tides.

General De Gaulle was a thorn in the side of the Nazis—and of his own allies. He emerged from World War II a national hero—Alexandria Daily Town Talk.

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"He seems to be such an enthusiastic, jovial, well-prepared teacher. It makes you wonder if he's saving his true personality until after it's too late to drop th' course!"

Mike Reynolds

Red China Recognition Still Question For U. S.

"Last night while going up the stair,
I met a man who wasn't there,
He wasn't there again today;
Oh, how I wish he'd go away."

How long have the American people expressed just the sentiments shown by the above verse while dealing with matters that do not please them? Like ostriches, the folks of our country stick their heads in the sand whenever they choose not to think about some unpleasant situation confronting our government.

The trouble now brewing over India and Pakistan brings fresh light again upon one of the chief problems that the U.S. has so far chosen not to think about.

All indications point to a settlement of the dispute between the two countries by the United Nations. However, it is impossible to discuss one of the major factors staring both in the face simply because we choose to say that it doesn't exist. We cannot ask Red China to sit down to a bargaining table because we cannot make a binding pact with a country that doesn't hold any authority because we say it doesn't hold it.

Now with their threat to invade India, China could possibly drag the entire world down to war. This seems like an awful lot to expect from a country that does not exist. Why do we not just ignore it a little more?

Some critics of China who would give Red China membership in the U.N. still insist that Peking is an illegal government, a bad government, one with which the United States doesn't see eye to eye. Yet if likeability was made a requirement for U.N. membership, its role would undoubtedly shrink for there

would always be someone that didn't like someone else.

"Well, they're dirty communists," the real reason is finally blurted out. Since when, though, is red in Peking a different color than it is in Moscow?

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson said Sunday night that his country would once again push for Red China's admission when the subject came before the U.N. He stated that his government had a simple criteria for recognition of a new government—simply that it be the ruling government of a country and well in control.

There might have been some hope at one time that the Nationalist Chinese under General Chiang Kai-shek would return to the mainland and the United States would have what it wanted, but this idea grows more and more far fetched as the days go by. We continually antagonize Red China and then turn around and expect them to behave like proper gentlemen.

"You treat a bad guy like a gangster and he'll grow up into one," Prime Minister Wilson said. Who can say what China would be today if a direct hard line had not been taken from the start of negotiations with them.

The right-wingers will yell 'pinko' and 'communist sympathizer,' yet this is no plea to soften up on our military policies or our demands in Asia.

The time is approaching again to examine our policy of recognition and could it not be time to lay our cards on the table and call a spade a spade? It is not impossible for the U.S to be wrong.

Poll Indicates Public Desires Draft Changes

Gerald Garcia

Another year is upon us and the same problems that plagued us last year are still around, except in more tense situations.

Last year the car was in good condition; the courses that we signed up for were with easy profs; our class schedule permitted us to sleep until 10; the Viet Nam war was only a slight problem; India and Pakistan were on friendly terms, and most American males had their draft status set.

Now, the transmission is about to fall out of the car; all our profs are heads of their departments; we are booked solid with 8 o'clock classes; American troops continue to face increased pressure in Viet Nam; India and Pakistan are fighting a border war with Red China threatening to intervene, and American males are unsure about their draft status.

It was not too long ago when most young men of military age were granted deferments for reasons of occupation and educational status, family circumstances and other considerations.

Now, getting married does not grant a young man of military age a deferment. And only if a married man is supporting his wife and a child is he granted a deferment.

In a recent Gallup Poll, the American public voted to have the present draft system changed.

The majority of the American public wanted the draft to be universal rather than selective and they also wanted younger men to be drafted before older men were called. At present, the draft is selective and older men are drafted before the younger set; or vice versa of what the majority of the public would like to have it.

By universal, the public would like to see all able-bodied young men perform some military service, though not necessarily having to serve in actual combat.

In the recent Gallup Poll, this question was asked: "Many young men every

year are turned down by local military draft boards for one reason or another. Would you favor or oppose requiring all physically fit young men who cannot pass an educational test to serve for at least one year in some other form of military service, such as in work battalions behind the lines?"

People who favored the proposal outnumbered those who opposed it by 7 to 1. This corner goes along with the opinion of the majority as long as the educational clause is kept.

Concerning the age a man should be drafted, the Gallup Poll asked this question:

"If you had a son who had to spend two years in the military service at what age would you like to have him begin this service?"

The result noted that every three out of four persons questioned wanted their son to serve his military duty before age 21.

An important point that was brought out in this survey was that most persons wanted their sons to serve at age 18 before they embarked in their college work, careers or marriage.

This corner is not in favor of this move. If a young man is going to continue his education he should not be deprived.

And being drafted right after graduation from high school would do more harm than good. Unless the person is an exceptional student, would he be able to be away from the books for two years and still make good when he returns to college.

But if a young man right out of high school does not plan to go to college, he should serve out his military duty and then embark in a professional career.

Right now, the draft should be of utmost concern to most men of military age. With the current Southeast Asia crisis, anything can happen, including the drafting of college students who do not keep up with the upper percentile of their class.

State Capitol Roundup

Decreasing Unemployment Reflects Growing Economy

As summer ends decreasing unemployment insurance claims reflect a growing economy.

August claims reported by the Texas Employment Commission totaled 197,142 compared with 218,942 for the same month a year ago—a 10 per cent decrease.

TEC said the total amount paid dropped by \$480,388.

Job placements (non-farm) increased from 45,054 to 50,399 during the month. Job orders placed by employers increased from 55,109 in August of 1964 to 62,585 last month. Applications jumped from 56,182 to 64,337.

Farm job openings filled increased from 63,673 to 71,095 despite expanding mechanization of farm work.

However, much of the increase was due to demands in other states.

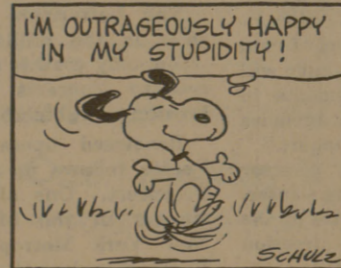
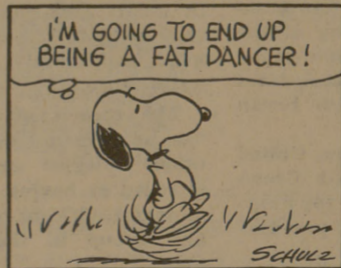
Attorney General Rules

County Clerks and their deputies do not automatically have to increase their bonds during their present term of office in order to meet the new minimum requirements set by the last legislature Act. Gen. Waggoner Carr says.

In another opinion arising out of the same act of the 59th Legislature, Carr held it is unnecessary for clerks to obtain an "errors and omissions" insurance policy. Also it's unconstitutional for the county to pay for it.

By Charles M. Schulz

PEANUTS



NEWS BRIEFS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shastri Agrees To Truce If Pakistan Complies

NEW DELHI, India—Informed sources said today Indian Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri has told the United Nations he will accept a Security Council demand for a cease-fire if Pakistan also complies.

The informants said Shastri asked to be notified at once of any reply by Pakistan so that orders could be sent to Indian troops.

The sources said Shastri reported the course of action to a meeting of leaders of his political opposition.

There has been no word whether Pakistan has replied to the Security Council demand. It was announced in Rawalpindi Monday night that Pakistani Foreign Minister Z. A. Bhutto will leave for New York later today to discuss the cease-fire resolution.

Shastri's aides were reported warning him against accepting the U.N.'s additional request that he order India's armed forces to fall back to positions held on Aug. 7 before the war over the disputed state of Kashmir intensified. A similar call has gone out to Pakistan.

Viet Cong Down Helicopter; Crewmen Presumed Dead

SAIGON—A U. S. helicopter with four crewmen was shot down in North Viet Nam as it tried to rescue a downed American pilot, a military spokesman said today.

The four crewmen and the pilot were listed as missing.

North Vietnamese troops were seen heading for the pilot after he ejected from his F105 Thunderchief Monday, the spokesman said.

The plane was on a bombing mission at a bridge south of Vinh, 100 miles north of the border between North and South Viet Nam, when it was hit by heavy ground fire, he said.

Anti-aircraft fire also struck the rescue helicopter and drove off a second chopper, he said.

Another pilot was presumed dead after his F105 crashed into a ridge as it pulled away from its target, 50 miles southeast of Dien Bien Phu, the source said.

The two Thunderchiefs raised to four the number of planes U. S. authorities said were lost Monday on missions against the north.

U. S. B52 jet bombers plastered a Communist-infested zone today 330 miles north of Saigon in South Viet Nam, a spokesman said.

It was the third raid by the eighth engine Air Force planes since Sunday and the 29th of the Vietnamese war, the spokesman said.

Connally Booster Martin In Attorney General Race

AUSTIN—Secretary of State Crawford Martin's announcement that he intends to run for attorney general next year puts an ally of Gov. John Connally in each of the top four Texas political races.

Martin said Monday he will seek the job which Atty Gen. Waggoner Carr is relinquishing.

Connally's declaration Saturday in Amarillo that he will run for a third term opened the door to a series of moves. Carr immediately announced he would run for the U. S. Senate seat occupied by Republican John Tower. Lt. Gov. Preston Smith said he would seek re-election.

So far no opposing candidates have emerged in Connally's, Carr's and Smith's races, but Martin probably will have company in his second statewide race. He ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 1962.

Intracoastal Waterway Called Future Reality

VICTORIA — A protected waterway from Maine to Mexico will be a reality within a few years, the Intracoastal Canal Association of Louisiana and Texas was told Monday.

Members voted to change its name to the Gulf Intracoastal Canal System because of increasing participation by Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

Sen. Allen Ellender, D-La., chairman of the public works subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, discussed the projected channel, including a barge canal across Florida. He called the plan "one of the great monuments to civil engineering."

New Tropical Storm No Imminent Threat

MIAMI—Hurricane Carol spawned 100-mile-an-hour winds near her center today and was expected to intensify, but forecasters said the storm would be no threat to land during the next day or two.

An Air Force hurricane reconnaissance aircraft penetrated the eye of the storm during the night. Gales extended out 200 miles to the north and 100 miles to the south of the center.

Forecasters said the storm was located at 5 a.m., EST, about 1,600 miles east-northeast of San Juan, P.R., and 2,600 miles from Miami. It was moving toward the north at 10 miles an hour.

There was a good indication that the season's third tropical storm would not hit the U. S. mainland.