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Republican Party Fighting For Life

By JAMES MARLOW Associated Press News Analyst WASHINGTON — About the best reason former President Dwight D. Eisenhower seems able to think of now for telling voters to go Republican next time is that the country needs a two-party system.

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The Republican leadership in general hasn't been any more specific than Eisenhower on issues to wrap around the Democrats' necks, except for occasional criticisms that seem to melt away.

But Eisenhower backed Johnson on that, too. Nixon took pretty much the same position as Eisenhower on Viet Nam and the American backdown in the United Nations.

Republicans cut themselves up so badly with intraparty antagonisms in the 1964 campaign, and were so smashed in the election, that they haven't yet recovered any kind of broad voice to show how they differ from Democrats.

Johnson's handling of his constant critic, Ford, gives a good insight into the President's political technique. When he knows he has wide support on a problem, he avoids a fight that would give his opponent extra publicity.

Instead, much of their time has been taken up trying to heal last year's wounds and finding some way to save the party from being ruined altogether by splinter groups.

Even Goldwater seems muted. In 1964 he called Johnson "the phoniest individual who ever came around" but now is calling him "the most astute politician I have ever known."

They have no top leader. Usually a defeated presidential candidate it considered the titular head of his party until the next election when he or someone else carries the party flag.

If the Republicans hope to stay alive, they'll have to find something to fight the Democrats about. They haven't yet.

But this month Barry Goldwater, who led the Republicans to their 1964 disaster, said he doesn't consider himself the party's titular head. And, if he tried to be, he'd have a lot of opposition.

Paul Creech, assistant director of A&M's Office of International Programs said the university has a contract with the U. S. Agency for International Development (Aid) to provide technical service and assistance to East Pakistan.

At this point there is not one Republican who looks like a sure bet even to try for the presidential nomination in 1968, although Richard M. Nixon, as usual between elections, is being eyed.

Those still in East Pakistan are Dr. I. W. Rupel, chief of the party and former head of the A&M Dairy Science Department, and Dick Vrooman, J. C. Welden and Dan Dunham of the A&M School of Architecture.

He has been touring Asia, making statements on world affairs, and suggesting how Johnson should be tougher in Viet Nam. But, like Eisenhower, he, too, seems lacking in any basic criticism of the Democrats.

Now in Manila are F. L. Underwood, agricultural economist;

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Aggies Seek Rebound Against Georgia Tech

Cadets To Face Strong Jackets

The Aggies travel to Atlanta, Ga., Saturday to try and demolish the "Ramblin' Wrecks" from Georgia Tech after suffering a 10-0 setback in their opener with Louisiana State last week.

As in the LSU game, they will face one of the nation's perennial top teams on enemy soil. Again they will play before a partisan capacity crowd at the opponents' opening home game. And again the Aggies will face a larger, faster team.

The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets were rated in the top ten in some pre-season polls, but in their opener last week were tied 10-10 by a Vanderbilt team not rated highly by the experts. Victory-hungry Tech is seeking a rebound against victory-starved A&M.



FRED POOL

Pool To Speak At Church Meet

Fred Pool of Longview, executive vice president and general manager of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, will be a featured speaker during the 20th annual Town and Country Church Conference here Oct. 14-15.

His topic is "Business Opportunities," a subject in keeping with the meeting's general theme, "New Tools for the Church and Community in Town and Country."

The nondenominational event is planned by the Town and Country Conference Committee composed of ministers of several denominations throughout Texas.

Pool has served in his present position with the East Texas Chamber of Commerce since 1956 and has spoken to more than 200 groups during that time. He also is managing editor of the chamber's magazine, "East Texas."

The Town and Country Church Conference is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and is conducted by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology.

BATT PICKS

Table with 5 columns: GAME, DROMGOOLE, GARCIA, DeFRANK, JERDEN. Lists various matchups and scores.

Ghost Town Rises

Drought Unearths City

WILMINGTON, Vt. (AP) — New relics of a small town that thrived in the 18th and early 19th centuries emerge each day

as water levels in Whitingham Lake decline from the prolonged drought.

For nearby residents, who

once lived in Whitingham on what is now the lake's bottom, it is like the rise of a ghost.

The lake was formed in 1924 by New England Power Co. to generate power for New England and part of New York State.

It is the first time in memory that water levels have fallen low enough during the summer to reveal the flooded community.

Attracting the most attention are the water-soaked and bleached remains of what was once the backbone industry for Wilmington, the Mountain Mills Paper & Pulp Co.

The mill opened in the early 1800s and provided employment for 200 men. Between 30 and 40 homes of employes grew up around it.

Also emerging are pieces of a former highway between Wilmington and Readsboro, ties and spikes from a narrow-gauge railway, broken pottery and iron kettles.

The Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington Railroad, known locally as the "Hoot, Toot and Whistle," once ran through the abandoned town.

Now it joins the Boston & Maine Railroad at Hoosac Tunnel and serves only Readsboro and Monroe Bridge.

The earthen dam stretching across a valley in Whitingham and holding back 11 miles of the Deerfield River to a depth of 200 feet in some places was an engineering feat when completed in 1924.

Most of the residents left after the start of the reservoir project. Some stayed on until the water lapped at their doorstep.

Crisis Forces Evacuation Of Aggie Pakistan Advisors

More than half of Texas A&M educational advisory team members and their families in East Pakistan have been evacuated because of continued trouble between that country and India.

A. C. Linne, student counseling advisor; Dr. M. F. Young, veterinary consultant; G. M. Peterson, agricultural engineer, and Dr. Dick Holze, basic sciences advisor. Homer Judge, agricultural education and Extension Specialist, went to Formosa for one month of temporary duty.

Of those evacuated, five were sent to Manila in the Philippine Islands and one to Formosa.

Creech said future plans are indefinite for the evacuees and those still in East Pakistan.

The 10-member team, plus wives and children, was assigned to East Pakistan as advisors to the new Agricultural University at Mymensingh and the University of Engineering and Technology at Dacca.

Professor Given Research Grant

Dr. Jesse B. Coon, Texas A&M professor of physics, has been awarded a two-year renewal grant of \$78,516 for research of electronic spectra of simple molecules.

Coon said the grant, from the general physics division of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, includes \$15,300 for a 3.4 meter spectrometer.

Aim of the research, Coon explained, is to learn about the structure of molecules by studying their absorption spectra in the ultra violet. The project is a continuation of 12 years of molecule research for the Air Force.

Coon estimated the Air Force has provided \$300,000 in support of his study since 1952. His work involves theory and laboratory applications. He estimated the laboratory's value at \$70,000, of which \$30,000 is for a sophisticated spectrometer.

Golfers To Play With Higher Rates

Rising expenses have forced the Texas A&M Golf Course to raise daily green fees from 75 cents to \$1 effective this semester.

Course assistant Dick Hickerson explained that the increased fees will help eliminate the \$1,000 deficit absorbed from 1964 operations.

Semester prices have been upped from \$12.50 to \$16. Faculty prices are now \$24 per semester, a \$4 increase.

High school students will also be charged \$16 instead of the former \$7.50 rate.

The course is open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily. Free golf instructions will begin soon for interested beginners, Hickerson said.

Those interested in receiving lessons may contact pro Luke Harrison at the clubhouse.



AUTOS, AUTOS EVERYWHERE

The record enrollment for the fall semester has brought with it unprecedented parking problems. Campus lots are bulging and many students living on the north side are

being forced to park cars in south side lots as the parking situation worsens. Typical of the overcrowded conditions is the lot behind Law Hall.



THE SAME OLD STORY

Sophomore Gary Graham sloshes through the vicinity of the Academic Building were the lake in front of Mitchell Hall after Wednesday's rain. Sidewalks throughout cause of poor drainage facilities in the area.