

The Golden Door

The golden door has again been opened. Congress has voted to discard the national origins quota system of immigration and to substitute a policy of accepting immigrants regardless of their place of birth.

The system had been the foundation of immigration policy for 44 years. Under it, nations were assigned quotas on the basis of United States population in 1920.

It had hardly been fair. For years this policy had given on-sided favoritism to the people of northern and western Europe, people who generally were not anxious for American citizenship.

Eastern Europeans and Asians, many of whom sought asylum in the United States, were not permitted to enter because of this system.

The quota system has violated the underlying American philosophy of "it doesn't matter what you are, but what you can do" that characterized this nation from its birth until 1920.

The new policy, solidly pushed by President Johnson and now in the hands of a conference committee, had been sought by Presidents Kennedy, Eisenhower and Truman.

President Truman appointed a committee to study the United States immigration policy in 1953. Its recommendations were basically followed by Congress this year.

The commission's arguments for revision were:

1. The Immigration and Nationality Law embodies policies and principles that are unwise and injurious to the nation.
2. It rests upon an attitude of hostility and distrust against all aliens.
3. It applies discriminations on account of national origin, race, creed and color.
4. It ignores the needs of the United States.
5. It contains unnecessary and unreasonable restrictions and penalties against individuals.
6. It should be reconsidered and revised from beginning to end.

And while it took 12 years to do it, Congress finally banned the national origins quota system.

The new policy seems quite fair. It eliminates the quota system; opens immigration on a first-come, first-served basis with preference given foreigners with family ties in the U. S. and those with special skills, and raises the annual quota to 170,000 as compared to the old 154,887.

The "unfairness" of the national origins system is illustrated by the immigration quotas of 1961 which allowed 65,361 persons from the United Kingdom to enter this country, 25,814 from Germany, 17,756 from Ireland, about 40,000 from the rest of Europe and only 6,890 from all of Africa, Asia and Oceania.

So Italy, with a quota of 5,666, had more than 130,000 applicants on the waiting list; Greece had more than 100,000 applicants for 308 openings and more than 36,000 Russian refugees were waiting for 2,697 passports.

But after this year, the quotas will be removed—to a great extent. No country will be allowed more than 20,000 immigrants, and for the first time the United States is limiting immigration from the Western Hemisphere, to 120,000 annually.

The national origins quota system—with all its discrimination, prejudice and hatred—is all but dead. There is little mourning.

Red China's Offer

The Red Chinese have come across with what is probably the cheapest, least attractive offer in the history of the travel industry.

In a bid to attract foreign tourists, Communist China has offered a four-day tour to Canton, for an all-inclusive fare of \$55. The offer was made in Hong Kong as the American Society of Travel Agents was meeting there.

Americans won't be taking advantage of the offer. Aside from it being like paying a visit to the Wicked Witch of the East, we do not recognize Red China, and the State Department frowns on such travel. It would be tantamount to giving comfort to the enemy—The Houston Post.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"They keep sayin' it's because of crowded classroom conditions, but I'm beginning to wonder!"

Mike Reynolds

Letters To TWU Boxmates Might Strengthen Relations

In past years students at both ends of the TWU-A&M relationship have spoken harshly of the reception each received when trying to find or become a date for Corps Trip.

When people are so swiftly thrown together, it is not surprising that some come away from the experience repulsed. Everyone seems to wear their hearts on their shoulders and feelings do get hurt.

There is an old tradition at A&M that could possibly ease some of the harshness of the Friday night scramble for dates. Writing your boxmate might furnish just the contact for any Aggie seeking more than just hope on which to cling.

Boxes at A&M run over 8,000 while boxes at TWU number only up to 3,000. This could provide some problems but not ones that could not be overcome with ease. Those students at A&M whose numbers are above 3,800 should pick out a number below. Many of

the Tessies are forced to share boxes. There are any number of Ags who already have girls at other schools and will not be writing for one reason or another.

The Tessie student government is forming a committee to coordinate the Corps Trip activities and aid in correspondence. They will be called on to find more compatible date for the fish that draws a Tessie senior. They will also relocate letters that wind up in such places as the fiscal office or Vortmann's Book Store.

Don't be surprised if you get a letter first. A similar column is appearing in the Daily Lass-O today giving information to the girls in Denton on how to write Aggies.

In the event that you receive a letter and do not wish to take advantage of it, pass it on to someone who would.

It all could prevent a lot of scurrying around at the last minute, stepping on toes and hard feelings.

Gerald Garcia Hunter's Tale: The One(s) That Got Away

I had my nickname changed this weekend from "Dead Eye" to the "Missing Wonder."

WHY? Because my first day out this hunting season was a flop as far as I am concerned, but for the dove it was a laughing matter.

While I was working as a summer intern at the Brenham Banner-Press, my girl and I would go and do some target shooting every chance we could get. At summer's end my aim was deadly and I could not wait for hunting season.

I got my chance Saturday and I muffed it.

My girl's brother-in-law took us to his lease. Early in the afternoon I was more interested in the game at Georgia Tech which I was listening to on a transistor radio than to go out and chase a few birds around the corn patch. But at game's end, I was eager to get going.

As we turned into the pasture which was to be our doves hunting ground, the haves could be seen everywhere. They would light on the fence posts, in the corn patch and at the water hole. But as soon as we stopped

and loaded the guns, they disappeared.

We called a strategy meeting!

My girl and I were to take the flanks and flush the doves to her brother-in-law who would remain in hiding in the corn patch. This worked. Hooray for us.

The only trouble with this plan of action was that I had to walk and walk and walk and walk. More walking than the combined times since I got a car. But since it was paying off, I did not mind. Or was it?

I heard him firing so I thought he was downing them left and right.

As the day came to a close, I started back to the corn patch. I just couldn't wait to see how many he had downed.

As I got there, I started to count. One, two, three, four . . . nine, ten. TEN, just 10 after shooting up a whole box of shells?

Maybe I shouldn't say anything. I also shot up a whole box. Let's make the count three boxes, including the one my girl shot.

But she didn't feel as bad as I did. She did kill ONE.

State Capitol Roundup

Death Penalty Question Arises

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association
AUSTIN—Some attorneys contend that the new code of criminal procedure abolishes the death penalty for crimes in Texas.

They believe that absence of procedures for assessing punishment — where the state asks for execution of a criminal — makes it impossible for a death penalty to stand up in appellate court even if assessed by a jury.

A member of the State Legislature, Rep. Bob Armstrong of Austin, is asking Governor Connally to submit proposed revisions in the

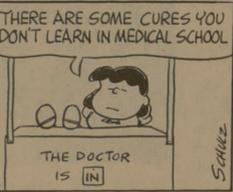
controversial code to a special session of the Legislature. Complains Armstrong: the revision goes too far in requiring accused persons to be warned of their rights against giving statements to police.

Seek Federal Funds

Twenty-five Texas school districts filed early applications for a share of the \$81,000,000 provided under a federal act aimed mainly at helping underprivileged children. Aid will be dispersed at the rate of about \$195 a pupil for those from families with incomes of less than \$2,000 a year.

By Charles M. Schulz

PEANUTS



Tessie Tales By Carolyn Raeke

The Corps Of Cadettes: TWU's Fightin' Females

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country," I type whenever I run out of news. I keep typing it until I firmly believe it and then I quit.

The other day, however, word came to TWU that shook up my typing and in mid-sentence I had to type "all good men and women."

We've been militarized. Recent call-ups for some 650,000 additional GIs for Viet Nam drained the barrel dry.

"What for?" I asked the P.E. teacher who hustled me onto the

soccer field for a fierce bit of calisthenics.

"I don't want a uniform," I pleaded as they took my measurements (now classified information) for a new uniform far different from my old P.E. maroon shorts and white blouse.

"Who says?" I questioned the barracks mother who told me to walk off my house council.

I had always believed that by giving Lady Bird an honorary degree we were exempting ourselves. I said as much and promptly received written correspondence from a "White House spokesman."

"The United States," I read, "needs every able-bodied man and woman now attending non-coeducational colleges and universities. We are training them to fill in the ranks of the armed forces and upon completion of four years with the Texas Woman's University Corps they will be commissioned second lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps."

I swallowed miserably as I jogged from the post office to the barracks, dodging a wildly-driven jeep. My regulation uniform was hot and uncomfortable;

I didn't like the color of it; the material was coarse. I also didn't like getting up at 5:30 every morning and doing 25 push ups before running to breakfast double time. I thought all that sort of thing was fine at College Station but I was strictly a spectator.

"What will happen to Corps Trip?" I asked my commander as I ran by one morning. She is tall and blond and a former Aggie Sweetheart. "Now that we all have to march," I added.

"Well, I suppose the number of beautiful girls watching the pa-

rade will be reduced greatly. With everyone from here marching in the parade will probably be twice as long as usual also."

"What about the Pre-Corps Trip Dance?"

"Class-A uniform I guess." I was out of breath and couldn't ask any more questions. But I managed.

"May I go to the Daily Taps office?" I asked. We had found it necessary to change the name of our newspaper. "It's time to work on this afternoon's edition."

Besides that my senior boots hurt my feet and my saber kept

slamming against my kneecap when I ran; I didn't understand at all why we had to wear those boots and sabers to run around campus unless it was to impress visiting Aggies.

My commander saluted and I trotted into the Public Information Office building.

"Anything new?"

"We're being mobilized," replied my editor.

I trotted back out and disappeared. "AWOL," would read my dishonorable discharge papers, I should care. They'd have to catch me first and I was quite a runner.

NEWS BRIEFS

By The Associated Press

Big Battle Raging North Of Saigon

SAIGON — Hundreds of Vietnamese rangers and Viet Cong fighters were battling late today in the Phu Cu Pass area, a U. S. military spokesman reported.

The Viet Cong suffered heavy losses last week in the area, which is 295 miles northwest of Saigon and 45 miles north of Qui Nhon.

A Vietnamese army ranger unit reported that it was engaged with a large Viet Cong element, possibly one or two battalions.

About 600 men are in a government ranger battalion and 500 to 600 in a Viet Cong battalion.

Another Vietnamese army unit reported making contact at a nearby point with a Viet Cong group believed to be of company size.

Rusk, Gromyko Seek East-West Accord

UNITED NATIONS—Secretary of State Dean Rusk meets with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko Wednesday night in a new quest for possible areas of agreement between the two countries.

Gromyko accepted Rusk's invitation to dine at the secretary of state's suite in the Waldorf Towers, U. S. officials announced. Both are in New York for talks with foreign leaders attending the opening weeks of the U. N. General Assembly.

Gemini 6 Launch Set For Oct. 25

MANNED SPACE CENTER, Houston—Officials were confident today of meeting an Oct. 25 target date for launching Gemini 6, this country's next manned space flight.

A Manned Spacecraft Center spokesman said a machinists' walkout Monday at Cape Kennedy would not delay the launching.

Navy Capt. Walter M. Schirra Jr. and Air Force Maj. Thomas P. Stafford, the astronaut team picked for the two-day mission, started two weeks of rehearsals at Cape Kennedy in preparation for the flight.

Woman Forsakes Son She Abandoned

MIAMI—A Detroit mother undergoing psychiatric tests has told investigators her 13-year-old mute and mentally retarded son is a good boy but she doesn't want him back.

"Someone else must take him now," said Mrs. Victor Thorne, 44, who abandoned her son, Richard, at Miami International Airport last week.

Mrs. Thorne hasn't seen her son since she arrived in Miami Sunday night.

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