

## Special Report

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Life is dreary today in Watts, the ravaged 3.3 square miles of a 46-square mile area of Negro rioting Aug. 11-15.

The fires, pillaging and looting virtually destroyed downtown. Downtown was a three-block segment of 103rd St.

A reporter walking past the rubble estimated 40 charred or shattered shops in one block alone.

Where there were six shoe stores, now there are none.

Of two hardware stores, both are gone. Of a dozen or more clothing stores, none remain.

Of a half-dozen food markets, one stands. Its manager says its brick front and hired guards saved it. It is doing a booming business.

Housewives along the sacked street say pretty much the same thing:

"You can't even buy a pair of socks here now."

"Everything's in a mess for me."

"I have to walk so far now."

"Now we don't have a town to shop in."

Shoppers have to drive or take a 30-minute bus ride to unscathed Compton or Huntington Park.

The now-missing merchants did more than supply goods. For many residents of an area that is largely on public assistance, they extended credit.

Too, there are the personal pangs.

"I was raised here," said Dorothy Banks, 36, sitting in one of the few unruined stores. For four days, on television in her apartment, she watched the rioting. Then she ventured forth, and—

"I just couldn't believe what I saw. I felt hurt. I knew so many of the business people, like Cecilia the florist, and Lillian Martin, who owns a drugstore.

"I didn't cry, but it scared me and my children. They wanted to move, but I said, 'No, I've lived here all my life and we're stayin'.'"

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By JOSEPH E. MOHBAT

WASHINGTON—For hundreds of federal prisoners who yearn for something better, prison walls are about to become "something you return to at night" when other men are returning to their homes.

They will be given a chance to prepare a place for themselves in the nation's labor force in hopes of easing transition to freedom when their sentences are up—a shock that often leads them back to prison.

They will be turned loose from 10 federal institutions each morning, to travel to jobs, work beside free men and return voluntarily to their cells in the evening.

For every step of the way they will be on their own—unescorted, unwatched.

The "work relief program" for which the Federal Bureau of Prisons is now setting machinery into motion, is a provision of the prisoner rehabilitation law signed by President Johnson Sept. 10.

It marks another step in the long campaign to transform U. S. penal institutions from dark holes of confinement and despair to colonies where men who have strayed from the path of lawfulness can make a stab at redirecting their lives.

The law also provides for the establishment of an adult version of "halfway houses"—pre-release guidance centers—that have proved effective with young offenders in easing the transition from prison to private life.

Myrl F. Alexander, director of the Bureau of Prisons, said in an interview a surprising number of community organizations have indicated a willingness to accept workers from nearby institutions.

But he said there would be a gradual approach to the program.

"We're going to start very conservatively and build up some experience so that our mistakes will be held to a minimum," explained the white-haired veteran of two decades of prison work.

During early months of the work release program implementation will be limited to 10 institutions where minimum custody is the rule rather than the exception.

Eligible prisoners from the major security institutions such as those at Leavenworth, Kan., and Marion, Ill., may be transferred to prisons taking part in the program.

These are the institutions at Englewood, Colo.; El Reno, Okla.; Chillicothe, Ohio; Terminal Island, Calif.; Ashland, Ky.; Petersburg, Va.; the National Training School in Washington; Seagoville, Tex.; Milan, Mich.; and Danbury, Conn.

No notorious convict imprisoned for crimes of violence will be in the program. Only prisoners who can use the experience in advance of their release or who can help support their families by using skills they already have will be considered.

The prisoners will stand ready to advance the men up to \$100 for expenses until their first paycheck is received. They will also outfit them with their first suits of clothing until they can afford to buy their own.

The prisoners will pay all their own expenses, and their excess earnings other than used for family support will be held for them until they are released from prison.

Alexander said he hopes the first batch of prisoners will begin the experiment in the next few weeks. Eventually, he said, not more than 5 per cent—or 1,000 to 1,500 federal prisoners—will take part in the program.

The law specifically provides that paid employment of federal prisoners may not result in the displacement of employed workers. Nor may it be used where there is a labor surplus in the area.

## Mortimer's Notes

Automation may even take over politics and sports.

The development of a political computer was announced Friday. Its purpose will be to ungargle, redistricting rulings that states face this year.

According to the Associated Press, the computer works this way:

Data reflecting varying positions on reapportionment, the specific alignment of districts and the criteria imposed by the Supreme Court's "one man, one vote" ruling are compiled and fed into the machine.

After digesting this bill-of-fare, the computer is supposed to come up with various alternative redistricting plans—facilitating the "give and take" of political negotiations."

Another use of the computer was also released Friday: programming football games.

Florida State University said it used the mechanical coach to predict what play a certain team would execute in a given situation.

The university would not say in which game—last year—the computer was used nor if it was successful. The coaches did say that information was fed into a New York computer from the Florida State bench and only seconds later the brain would give its reply.

These two uses for the computer could possibly revolutionize the areas of political science and athletics.

Football coaches would need more than training in physical ed and biology to secure the best jobs. A minor in computer science might also be required.

Brains would almost entirely replace brawn in football, and computer science students would overturn p.e. majors as campus heroes.

Imagine the typical university coaching staff: an experienced, well-rounded man in football and computer science as head coach; an expert in programming as brain coach; an electrical engineer as communications advisor; two p. e. majors as assistant coaches in charge of brawn, and an additional force of assistants with varied backgrounds in language, public relations, education, mathematics and, of course, p. e. and computer science.

Politicians would no longer consider back-slapping, baby-kissing and long-windedness as political assets. Instead, they would consult their computers, arrive at the best solution to governmental problems and simply put them to work.

Computer scientists who were not football-minded would enter politics, and the country would be run smoothly and mechanically.

Taxes would be lowered, wars abolished, diplomatic problems handled with ease, and human error forever cast aside.

And we would rejoice . . . for a while.

But soon the football fans would criticize their alma mater's computer because the opponent had outcomputered them. And politicians would be ostracized for not doling out large government contracts, lush political jobs and federal aid.

And all would come to a happy ending. All computer scientists would enter coaching and politics, and there would be no one left to program the computers, and there would be a great depression for which the computers would be blamed and destroyed, and we would be human again.

## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Gerald Garcia

## Aggie Queen Revision

The method of selecting Aggie Sweethearts needs revising.

At the moment only two phases of the selecting method would be accepted by judging experts.

One is the judging of the semifinalists in their home base—Texas Woman's University—by a selection committee from here composed of staff members and students.

This is good. It gives the selection committee an opportunity to meet and analyze the contestants. This is the way to conduct a contest such as this.

The other is the part which allows members of the selection committee to personally escort the finalists, which were chosen by the panel in the above phase.

Committee members, along with other students, escort each of the finalists for a certain period during the weekend the sweetheart will be announced. The finalists are taken to Town Hall, Midnight Yell Practice and the football game. In between time, the girls are shown the campus and other areas of interest.

This phase is also excellent, because each committee member feels like he knows each contestant and is in better position to vote.

When the sweetheart is announced from the semifinalists group which was picked two weeks prior, she more than likely has to be the very best because she had to be passed by the group that visited TWU and the Aggies that escorted her here.

But what about the girls that did not reach the semifinalists? These are the ones that did not receive the right attention.

The semifinalists are picked from pictures that are submitted and through a personality sketch that comes along with the picture. This method needs to be dropped. Why? Because the girls are not getting a fair treatment.

A picture and a personal sketch does not furnish enough information about a girl. She needs to be seen and talked with before her real personality is displayed.

This is why I suggest that judging for the Aggie Sweetheart start with the group that goes to TWU.

Miss America, Miss International Beauty and other famous contests are not started with pictures and personal sketches.

Throwing all the pictures and personal sheets into an apple basket would be just as good as the method that is now used.

Committee members do not really know what they are keeping or throwing away. They could be drawing all the sour apples and never know it.

Gentlemen, you might ask that the method has worked before. I agree. It has.

But consider. Who is going to take the blame when a sour one escapes phase one and slips by the others?

### Meredith Enrolls In Law School

NEW YORK (CPS)—James Meredith, whose enrollment at the University of Mississippi three years ago set off long, bloody rioting, last week enrolled at the Columbia University Law School.

Meredith, 32, registered at Columbia on a \$2,000 scholarship he had received from the university.

### Short Snorts

State Savings and Loan Commissioner James O. Gerst approved application for a charter for Trinity Valley Savings and Loan Association in Cleveland and heard contested application for Dallas County Savings Association in DeSoto.

U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized emergency loans to farmers in Austin, Camp, Crosby, Donley, Falls, Franklin, Haskell, Reeves, Titus and Yoakum counties.



"I'm sorry about your radio, but I got a little emotional listening to th' Tech game!"

—Mike Reynolds

## Texas Tech Students Gripe About Red Raider Coach

Another coaching shake-up may be near for one of the schools in the Southwest Conference.

Students at Texas Tech are yelling for the scalp of J. T. King. Even after Saturday night's come-from-behind victory over the Aggies, complaints about the Tech mentor's ability flew thick and fast.

"If we had Texas A&M's coaching staff or if A&M had Tech's talent, either team would be capable of being No. 1 in the nation," said one student.

He was possibly alluding to the fact that Tech has been undergoing a building period and this year was their year to contend. Most writers across the state agreed before play ever started that Tech had more than their share of talent.

"The student body has a complex about that Texas game. It has caught the team in the middle and they are scared to death when they get on the field with the Longhorns. King just can't get them over it," remarked another student.

Coach King has recognized the problem and feels one of the difficulties lies in the scheduling of the game. He has made efforts to have the Tech Longhorn clash moved to late November or early December following the Thanksgiving Day battle that has traditionally signaled the end of conference play.

This writer spent the night Saturday in a Texas Tech dormitory. We found more than a casual interest in A&M's new coach, Gene Stallings. As soon as word spread that an Aggie was in the dorm, people began to drop by to pass the time of day (or night as was the case).

The general consensus of opinion was that Tech should have won the game because of their better talent but that A&M would pass them in the next few years if the new trend in coaching at Aggieland proved to be the real thing.

"Everyone was surprised around

### By Charles M. Schulz

**PEANUTS**

1. Snoopy is worried about his dad. Woodstock says "PSYCHIATRIC HELP 5¢".

2. Snoopy is eating cold cereal in the kitchen, looking at a picture of his old high school yearbook.

3. Snoopy asks "HOW OLD IS YOUR FATHER?". Woodstock replies "I THINK HE JUST TURNED FORTY..."

4. Snoopy says "NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT... HE'S RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! FIVE CENTS, PLEASE..."

5. Snoopy says "SETS... ONE TO ONE MATCHING..."

6. Snoopy says "EQUIVALENT SETS... NON-EQUIVALENT SETS... SETS OF ONE... SETS OF TWO..."

7. Snoopy says "RENAMING TWO... 'SUBSETS'... 'JOINING SETS'... 'NUMBER SENTENCES'... 'PLACEHOLDERS'..."

8. Snoopy asks "ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS HOW MUCH IS TWO AND TWO?"

## State Capitol Roundup

By VERN SANFORD  
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AUSTIN — A governor's committee will embark on the most-ambitious effort yet undertaken in Texas to find what's wrong with public schools and to make them better.

Governor John Connally rapidly is completing appointments to his 15-member committee on public school education which was authorized by the 59th Legislature. It is expected to be in session within the next month.

Activities, to a large extent, parallel those of the earlier Governor's Committee on Education Beyond the High School which probed need for higher education. However, this new assignment necessarily is more massive.

A three-year study of the public school system and formulation of a long-range plan to make Texas "a national leader in educational aspiration, commitment and achievement" was directed by the Legislature. Connally insisted the study report be made a part of the school teacher act of 1965.

State financing to the tune of \$100,000,000 next year is provided for—additional funds expected from federal sources.

Every state agency and institution and state and local school officials are directed by the Legislature to cooperate with the committee in a "pervasive inquiry into every facet of Texas public elementary and secondary education."

Meanwhile, the Coordinating Board for Colleges and Universities — a product of the earlier higher education study — has set Oct. 13 for its next meeting here. Session will be the board's first real chance to get down to planning for higher education needs since its organizational meeting Sept. 20.

### Attorney General Rules

A person placed on probation for first-offense driving while intoxicated is not subject to automatic suspension of driver's license, Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr has ruled.

In an opinion requested by Fort Bend County Atty. R. A. Stallings of Richmond, Carr concluded that since a probated sentence is not a final conviction, there is no automatic license suspension. If probation is revoked and judgment becomes final, the license would be suspended at that time, Carr said.

Opinion settled widespread speculation on the part of the new Misdemeanor Probation Law.

In separate opinion, Carr held a newspaper printed by contract and mailed in one county to another county is not a publication for purposes of the Constitution. Secretary of State Crawford C. Martin requested the opinion, referring specifically to the Galveston Tribune, circulated in Jackson County, but printed and mailed in Lavaca County.

### Soldiering

Draft quotas have doubled and local boards longer are as liberal in deferment policies for students.

Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state Selective Service director, still is recommending deferment of two graduate students enrolled for 12 or more semesters.

A student is recommended for deferment if there is evidence to prove he is making progress toward his bachelor's degree in four years, or five if the degree requires additional study, Schwartz said.

A student may take even less than a full year if he is able to complete his college training in 10 or five years.

Colonel Schwartz said draft headquarters would not recommend deferment of students taking less than nine hours.

Those who drop out of school, carry less than the full academic load, or are placed on scholarship probation, can expect termination of deferment.

About 450 Texas doctors have been ordered to take required physical examinations by Texas health boards as part of anticipated calls for doctors, dentists and veterinarians to enter active service duty in January.

At the present time, only those born in 1937 or later will be affected.

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