

Stop the Presses

By Lani Presswood

The Viet Nam conflict has focused the national spotlight on a subject of mounting controversy—treason.

A growing public hostility toward the sandals and sweat-shirt set and their pacifistic placards is currently being witnessed as the American casualty list in Southeast Asia continues to increase.

There has been a good deal of talk about restricting the actions of anti-Viet Nam demonstrators and now a congressman from this very area has formally introduced a bill and constitutional amendment to that effect in the House.

Representative Olin Teague's proposed bill provides a \$10,000 fine, ten years imprisonment, or both, for anyone who, "without authority of the United States during a period of war or armed conflict, knowingly contributes, solicits, collects, or disburses money or anything of value directly or indirectly to the enemies of the United States."

These provisions of the proposed measure may not shake too

many people up but try this on for size:

"The bill also makes it unlawful to make public speeches and lectures or to publicly picket, parade, rally or similarly demonstrate against any lawful measure of the United States related to the conduct of such armed conflict if such activities give aid or encouragement to the enemies of the United States and if they are done with intent to interfere with the successful prosecution by the United States of any armed conflict in which its is engaged."

Now I feel sure that Teague's motives are just ones, and that the decorated veteran really believes that such legislation will actually benefit the country.

All this is well and good but let's take a closer look at the implications of his proposed bill. Though war has not been declared, public protests against a governmental military operation, even in the forms of speeches or pickets, would be grounds for prosecution.

To me, this bill seems to strike at the very heart of the American

system—the freedom to dissent. Those soldiers giving their lives in Viet Nam are supposed to be doing so to defend a set of cherished principles Americans profess to believe in, and surely this freedom is one of the most basic of these principles.

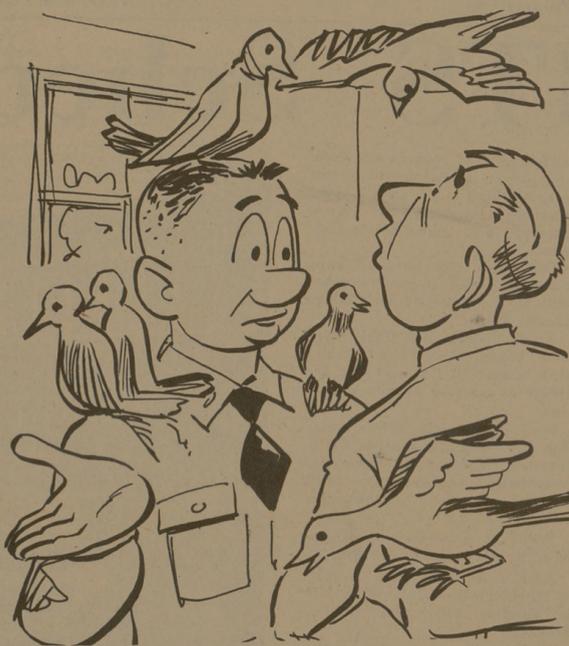
If the man in the street loses his right to speak out on a subject which is still being hotly debated in Congress itself, how much further does a government have to go to be classified as a police state?

Teague contends that "it is not only proper—BUT NECESSARY—that we restrain the beatnik types and the pseudo-intellectuals who insist that the constitution permits them to give aid and encouragement to our enemies and thereby further endanger the lives of those who are called upon to sacrifice so much for the nation."

this may sound good from the podium at a July 4th political rally but it reflects a serious oversimplification and gross distortion of a vital issue which affects very one of us.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I fed this bird on th' window ledge and I guess word got out!"

Editor,

The Battalion:

We would like to urge the entire student body to vote for Jim Baldauf for chairman of the Senate Issues Committee on Tuesday, March 1.

Jim's interest in issues which concern the students of Texas A&M University has been demonstrated many times. That he has the conviction to support his beliefs, and the beliefs of his fellow students, was demonstrated by his organization of the off-campus Johnny Cash show the night of Bonfire.

Jim's participation in the University Honors Program, Contemporary Arts Committee and the Liberal Arts Council show he is a very responsible and dynamic person.

Go to the MSC Tuesday, March 1, and vote Jim Baldauf chairman of the Senate Issues Committee.

Craig Buck '66
Jerry Lummus '66
Ken Vanek '67

Editor's Note: The following statements were contained in a letter written to College Station Cong. Olin E. Teague from Edgar M. "Pop" Buell, area coordinator in North Laos.

We happen to be living in a country where the people have

great respect for their chiefs and superiors. We are also living in a country where the people have great respect for any American, not only showing their appreciation for what they have done in the last five years fighting Communists, but also knowing the America and the Free World is their only salvation.

In North Laos I have never seen these people show their appreciation and thankfulness to the Americans as much as they do you and Cong. Daddario. This was the first time that any representatives of our United States government had ever made an appearance in North Laos to weigh the problems and to see what was being done. It made these people feel for the first time that we few Americans who are working in North Laos had real representation behind us in Washington . . . I am sure that you and Cong. Daddario saw the vital importance of . . . actually getting out in the field—not only for one or two hours at a time but spending days and nights with the people whom we are supporting and asking to fight for us.

Thanks to you all from the hills of North Laos.
Edgar M. "Pop" Buell

Of Mice and Men

By Herky Killingsworth

Can you imagine a guy that could drive 150 miles just to give his girl an engagement ring, even if he had to wake her up and propose to her in pine curlers. Well, I know an Aggie who actually did that last night and it just proves that spring must be here.

Flowers will now soon begin flowering out of their bulbs, model airplane motors will roar in the sky, and the birds and bees will begin doing whatever it is birds and bees do.

I realize these last few days have been miserable. It's easy to remember when you have a car in some bar-ditch between SMU and Aggieland, lost to the fury of the weatherman's icy roads.

But think back, wasn't it only Sunday that the sun-bathers drug out their faded beachwear and headed for the Brazos?

Yes, springtime must be here. And with spring comes that little old bug, the love insect. The love bug was present when that Aggie drove the 150 miles to sacrifice his life to washing dishes and emptying the trash can. What else could explain it?

Soon the highways will be covered with Aggies looking for better hunting grounds in search of deers. A few mooses may be caught instead, but that little bug shows no mercy in love and marriage.

Those highways won't only be hot with Aggies leaving this

place, but imposter, but also begin. Females, stupid but brave, blinding Sully with flashbulbs, will venture onto our dear campus "innocently" questioning the Aggie's behavior.

When you walk down the sidewalk and see at least two females on the same block, you know it's the balling season. It's the Fish Ball, Sophomore Ball, Civilian Ball, Pan-American Ball, Combat Ball, Ring Dance, and we can't forget the Boot Dance, plus a few.

How many Aggies will bite the dust during the season and take that final step? Who'll be the next in your dorm? Write "Dear Herky" or phone IL8-8996 for details.

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By Charles M. Schulz

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