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## TTI Staffer Writes Paper On Mackinder

ransportation researcher is auhor of the article "Mackinder's Heartland and Escalation Ratcht" which appears in the Novemer issue of Military Review, the nagazine of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Colege at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The author is William D. ranklin, assistant research conomist in the Texas Transortation Institute.

His article presents the widely accepted heartland theories of the late Sir Halford J. Mackinder, a famous British geograher, and examines them in the ight of thermonuclear conflict and limited war, since they have served as the basis for most analyses of national strategy since 1942.

THE HEARTLAND WAS considered by Mackinder as the pivot area of world power, according to the article. He viewed the world as a Mercator projection in attributing overwhelming imortance to the continental heartand—"Who rules eastern Europe commands the hearthand; who rules the heartland commands the world."

In his article Franklin linked the Mackinder theory with a concept in economics relating to nonreversible cyclical fluctuations in economic activity which results in what is known as a ratchet ef-

Such a concept would be appropriate in relation to controlled scalation. With each step upvard on the escalation scale, it ecomes progressively more difficult to move back down the scale, thereby resulting in a nonreversible ratchet effect.

This means that each decision escalate must be considered carefully at the highest military and civilian decision-making levels before being implemented, Franklin states.

## **Prof Scrutinizes Education Topics**

Dr. Roger L. Harrell of Texas A&M is scrutinizing, first-hand, workings of the U.S. Office of Education and federal-state educational relationships.

The assistant professor of education is on a year's leave of absence to participate in a model training course conducted by the National Institute of Public Af-

Harrell works in various positions in the Washington office and attends weekend institutes along with other course work.

with Office of Education programs, other agencies concerned with education and federal-state relationships of major departments and agencies whose responsibilities are related to federal programs," explained Dr. Paul Hensarling, A&M's Education and Psychology Department

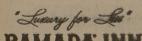
"The course supplements work experience for a better understanding of how national policies for education are developed and mplemented," he went on.

Democratic government theory, political and policy-making processes are among topics studied. Two-day conferences next June will assess the pilot program.

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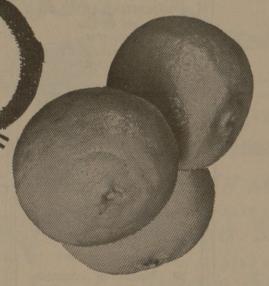
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