

"I consider myself lucky! Think of th' Christmas gifts I'd be out if my 'Dear Johns' came after Christmas instead of before!"

## A Nation Is Dying

Has the United States adopted a double standard in regard to who should and who should not have "freedom"? The U.S. has announced its support of Britain in the current struggle to bring "rebellious" Rhodesia back into the British realm, while the British continue to deliver goods to our North Vietnamese enemies.

Rhodesia declared her independence from Great Britain more than a year ago as many other African Commonwealth countries have in the past. Even though some were military distastorships, most received recognition of independence from the British government without any type of struggle.

But the British Labor Government has placed a strangling blockade on Rhodesia in an attempt to choke its independence, and we have agreed to respect it. Britain recently went before the United Nations in an effort to receive the cooperation of that "Peace-Loving" world body in acknowledging many sanctions against the infant democracy.

The newly independent government of Rhodesia has been falsely smeared as a "rebellious outlaw" and an "unconstitutional" government. But there have been NO changes within the government since its break with the commonwealth. The ONLY change that independence has brought it the right of Rhodesia to conduct its own foreign affairs.

In 1939, Britain promised Rhodesia independence any time the people of Rhodesia felt they could assume the responsibility, but Rhodesians refused to break with the Commonwealth because her government VOLUNTARILY decided to wait until after the war so their full energies could be devoted to the British war effort!

Is Britain now repaying Rhodesia for her patriotism in time of need by disregarding the 27-year-old promise and crushing its bid for independence?

There was a similar case in 1776, when the thirteen colonies declared their independence from Britain. They also stood alone against the powerful empire and unbelievable odds until France came to the aid of the U.S. by recognizing the new democracy and giving it both moral and physical support.

Rhodesia is now looking for its "France". Time is running out for Rhodesia's bid for independence because few nations have recognized their own past struggle for Freedom in that of Rhodesia.

The U.S. shouldn't feel obligated to help Britain when they refuse to help us. Instead we should stand beside Rhodesia and try to keep those few friends that we still have.

## Squire Lectures At San Marcos

Dr. Charles F. Squire, associate dean of Texas A&M's College of Science, will complete two days of lectures Friday at Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos.

Professor Squire, a noted contributor to research in low temperature physics, is lecturing, meeting informally with students, and assisting faculty members with curriculum and research problems.

His visit is under the auspices of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics as part of a nationwide program to stimulate interest in physics. Now in its tenth year, the program is supported by the National Science Foundation.

## Dominican Official Concludes Ag Tour

Persio Franco, Ministry of Agriculture marketing director for the Dominican Republic, concludes a five-week study tour of Texas and Washington, D. C., at A&M this week.

He has traveled extensively in the state, visiting fruit and vegetable market process centers. Franco was accompanied by Dr. H. B. Sorensen of A&M's Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department.

The trip was sponsored by AID-Dominican Republic, a contract administered for A&M by the Office of International Programs. The tour included visits in Houston, Dallas, San Angelo, Lubbock and Tyler, among others.

Franco will cooperate with an A&M-trained member of the Agency for International Development team in the Republic for marketing studies and bettering market conditions.

## Range Science Prof Elected To Office

National Recognition has been received by a Texas A&M professor of Range Science. Dr. E. J. Dyksterhuis has been elected as President-elect of the American Society of Range Management.

Dr. Dyksterhuis, a charter member of the Society, has long been active in its affairs, having served as a director in its early days, and on several important committees since. He is recognized by others in the field as one of its leading scientists.

After serving one year as President-elect, Dr. Dyksterhuis will assume the responsibilities as President of the Society for a one-year term. He will be joined by eight others, prominent in the Range Management field, who make up the executive group of the Society.

Others elected as directors to assume office for three-year terms with Dr. Dyksterhuis are Laurence E. Riordan of Denver, Assistant Director, Colorado Game, Fish and Parks Department; and Sherman Ewing, cattle rancher of Claresholm, Alberta, Canada.

## — Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion; Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend one of our fellow students for the highest position in our class — that of class president. Mac Spears, our candidate, has demonstrated his leadership ability in various ways. In high school he was an honorable mention AAAA football player; president of the key club; and member of the National Honor Society. In scouting he attained the rank of Eagle and also received the God and Country Award. Since coming to A&M, Mac has been selected as a Fish Yell Leader and has participated in the honors courses of outstanding students.

Another important reason we support Spears is that he is the

only candidate who has offered a definite program to improve our class. Mac seeks to establish a "Fish Council" composed of two freshmen from the Army ROTC, Air Force ROTC, and civilians. These council members would be used to advise the officers what the class wants rather than having those few officers arbitrarily decide. Besides functioning as a voice for the freshmen, it would tend to help unite our class of '70. We feel that Mac Spears is an outstanding candidate with a very worthwhile program which merits the united support of our class.

Thank you,  
Rusty Stallings (Co. H-1)  
John Falls (civilian)  
Paul Tannehill (sqd. 1)  
David Hoelsherr (Co. D-1)

## Democrats Survey Last Elections

By GARDNER L. BRIDGE WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders surveying the wreckage of last month's election drives in many parts of the country are asking: What happened?

Not a few of them are blaming the Democratic National Committee for some of their troubles. One member, Mark Halloran of Missouri, said "being on the national committee is like belonging to a Mickey Mouse club."

State chairmen and national committeemen responding to an Associated Press survey said the committee must be revitalized before the 1968 national elections.

President Johnson already is busy on the telephone, discussing organizational problems with party officials in Washington and around the country.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey is asking all state party leaders to submit their analyses of last month's defeats, along with recommendations for the 1968 campaign.

Although the national committee had some defenders, most of the party leaders replying to the AP poll contended it failed to function effectively this year. Of the replies received from about 40 states, 60 per cent were critical. Fewer than 20 per cent praised the committee's work.

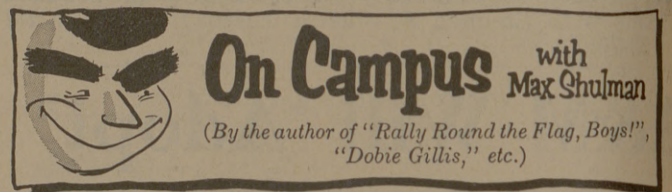
Eugene Wyman, California national committeeman, said the committee began to fall apart in the Kennedy administration. He said that unless it is rebuilt in the next two years there may be a "general disintegration" of party organizations throughout the country.

Democratic national officials interviewed in Washington, agreed that coordination with some state groups has been less effective than it could be, and they said some activities have been curtailed because of money problems.

The committee's acting treasurer, John B. Criswell, insisted, however, that "we did as much as has been done in the past" in mid-term elections and "much more in some areas."

Criswell is starting a drive to sign up enough \$10-a-year sustaining members to wipe out the party's \$1 million debt. As an economy move, the committee cut its staff from 97 to 76 employees during the past year, reducing the \$15,000 weekly payroll by one-third.

Party leaders discount speculation that National Chairman John M. Bailey might be on the way out. Many state leaders praised Bailey's ability and said they see little reason for Johnson to replace him.



## 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

I know how busy you are—studying, going to class, helping old grads find their dentures after Homecoming—but, hark, the Yuletide is almost upon us and it's time we turned our thoughts to Christmas shopping.

We'll start with the hardest gift problem of all: what to give the man who has everything. Well sir, here are some things I'll bet he doesn't have: 1) A dentist's chair. 2) A Mach number. 3) A street map of Perth, Australia. 4) Fifty pounds of chicken fat. 5) A pack of Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades.

"What?" you exclaim, your eyebrows leaping in wild incredulity. "The man who has everything doesn't have Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades? What arrant nonsense!" you scoff, making a coarse gesture.

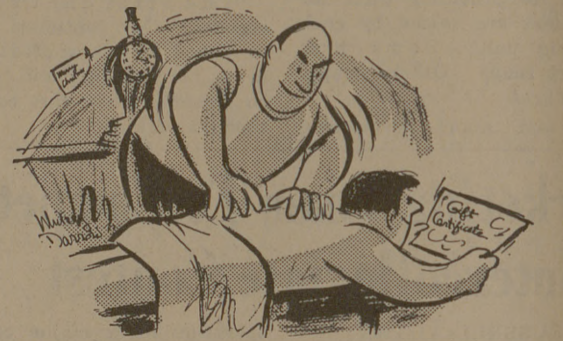
But I insist. The man who has everything doesn't have Personna because everyone in the dorm is always borrowing them. And small wonder! Wouldn't you be there with an empty razor and a supplicating side if you heard somebody had super-blades that were super-sharp and super-durable; that scrape not, neither do they nick; that shave you easily and breezily, quickly and slickly, scratchlessly and matchlessly; that come both in Double-Edge style and Injector style? Of course you would!

So here is our first gift suggestion. If you know a man who shaves with Personna, give him a safe.

Next let us take up the thorny problem of buying gifts when you have no money. Well sir, there are many wonderful gifts which cost hardly anything. A bottle of good clear water, for example, is always welcome. A nice smooth rock makes a charming paperweight. In fact, one Christmas back in my own college days, these are exactly the gifts I gave a beautiful coed named Norma Glebe. I took a rock, a bottle of water, a bit of ribbon, and attached a card with this tender sentiment:

Here's some water  
And here's a rock.  
I love you, daughter,  
Around the clock.

Norma was so moved, she seized the rock, smashed the bottle, and plunged the jagged edge into my sternum.



Here now is a lovely gift for an American History major—a bronze statuette of Millard Fillmore with a clock in the stomach. (Mr. Fillmore, incidentally, was the only American president with a clock in his stomach. James K. Polk had a stem-winder in his head and William Henry Harrison chimed the quarter-hour, but only Mr. Fillmore of all our chief executives had a clock in his stomach. Franklin Pierce had a sweep second hand and Zachary Taylor had 17 jewels and Martin Van Buren ticked but, I repeat, Mr. Fillmore and Mr. Fillmore alone had a clock in his stomach. Moreover, Mr. Fillmore was the first president with power steering. No wonder they called him "Old Hickory!")

But I digress. Returning to Christmas gifts, here's one that's sure to please—a gift certificate from the American Society of Chiropractors. Accompanying each certificate is this fetching little poem:

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year,  
Joyous sacro-iliac!  
May your spine forever shine,  
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## Twenty-Five YMCA Delegates To Visit Chicago National Assembly In December

Twenty-five YMCA delegates from Texas A&M University will participate in a YMCA-YWCA national assembly Dec. 27-Jan. 1 in Chicago, Ill.

"We will have the largest delegation of any school outside Illinois," commented J. Gordon Gay, YMCA secretary who will accompany the delegates. "Our delegates are top leaders from

junior, sophomore and freshman classes."

Gay said the conference is staged every four years on a Town Hall basis for study of problems and a review of programs to be emphasized during the next four years.

Tom Bell of Montgomery, Ala., is project chairman. He said the A&M delegation will leave College Station by chartered bus Dec. 26 and return Jan. 2. Delegates from the University of Texas, Prairie View and SMU will

share the bus.

An estimated 1,500 students are expected for the eighth assembly at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Gay said A&M delegates have sold candy and worked at odd jobs to raise funds for the trip. Each delegate will pay at least half his expenses, he added.

Bell, Wayne Prescott of Houston, Clarence Daugherty of San Antonio and David Maddox and David Gay of College Station will lead discussion groups during the conference.

## Foreign Students Plan Party Here

International students and their families at Texas A&M University will be guests of honor at a Christmas party Friday night at A&M's Memorial Student Center.

Dr. Jack D. Gray, International Programs Office director, said 600 international students and families will be joined by faculty-staff and interested townspeople. The party is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom. Refreshments will be served.

## Visiting Professor Presented Honor

Dr. Tim Moore Stinnett of Texas A&M was presented honorary life membership in the American Association of School Administrators by its executive committee.

Visiting professor in A&M's Education and Psychology Department, Dr. Stinnett was formerly assistant executive secretary

of the National Education Association. The professor is consultant for the new University of West Florida at Pensacola.

The AASA life membership was voted unanimously by the executive committee. Association president is Harold Spears, San Francisco superintendent of schools.

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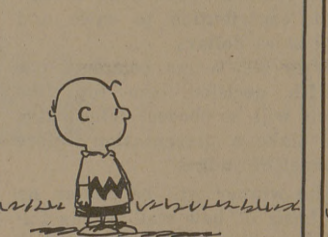
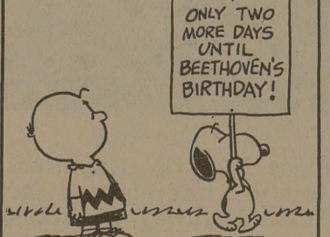
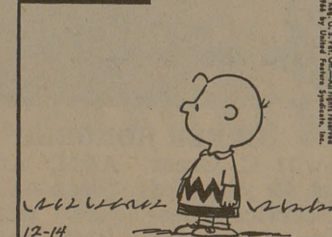
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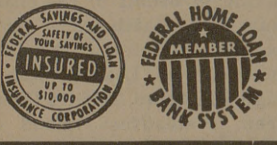
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