

WHAT OUR TROOPS FACE IN THE MEKONG DELTA

Vietnamese infantrymen and rangers ride armored personnel carriers through the muck of the Mekong Delta during a search and clear operation southwest of My Tho, about 60 miles from Saigon last week. Terrain of this kind is faced by several battalions of the U. S. 25th Division which have moved into this area of South Vietnam. (AP Wire-photo)

Foreign Ags Entertain At Prairie View A&M

By MIKE PLAKE
Battalion Staff Writer
The Texas International Students helped initiate Prairie View A&M's new Health and Physical center Monday with a program entitled "International Night."

The night's events began early Monday morning when International Day was declared, and all foreign students on the Prairie View campus were given special honors.

At 7 p.m., three carloads of A&M students representing 13 countries walked into the newly-constructed center while a local band played the processional.

For the following two hours, the foreign Aggies entertained their hosts with eight-minute performances, covering fields from judo exercises to Mexican ballads. In each act, the performer wore the clothes of his native land.

An audience of several hundred, including guests and dignitaries from Houston, saw the program.

The night's activities were completed by a reception, in which the Aggie visitors visited with the Prairie View faculty.

"Over the years some lasting friendships have been formed through this occasion," Robert L. Melcher, foreign student advisor, said.

The official program included a judo exhibition by Donald Scafe, Canada, and Jose Lopez, Dominican Republic; "Charcaz," an Armenian folk dance by Higus Gasperian, Iran; "Don Huastecas," a Mexican ballad and "Odiame," a Peruvian folk song, both with guitar accompaniment by Jose Adame, Mexico; Ruben Bazan, Mexico; Octavio Arias, Panama.

"Solamente una vez ame" (Only Once I Loved), piano selection by Jose Flores, Dominican Republic; "Tinkling" (Dance of the Rice Birds), by Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Ibarbia, Philippines, and Mr. and Mrs. Romero Obordo, Philippines; "Babkya Mo Nen-

eng" (Your Wooden Slippers), a Philippines folk song, by Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Ibarbia.

"Chang Yong de Fang" (In a Very Far Place), Chinese folk song by Justin Liu; "You Are My First Love," flute and drum duet, by Abdul Azeez, Pakistan, and Muhammad Akhtar, Pakistan; "Play for Me," flute solo by Abdul Azeez; "Las Chapanecas" (The Girls From the State of

Cornell Announces Ag Assistantships

Dean L. Linscott, graduate committee Department of Agronomy, Cornell University, announced graduate assistantships are available in the Department of Agronomy at Cornell.

Students who might be considering graduate work should contact Dr. Morris E. Bloodworth, head of the Soil and Crop Science, Texas A&M University, for more information.

Chapas), by Mrs. Joel Maltos. The program was completed with a presentation of international dress styles by Mrs. Joel Maltos, Mexico; Mrs. Jung Uck Seo and daughter, Korea; Mrs. Horace Jacob, India; Mrs. Ashraf Alam, Pakistan; Mrs. Ramon Ibarbia, Philippines, and Mrs. Luis Capurro, Mrs. Orlando Ruiz, and Mrs. Hugo Stagno, all of Argentina.

In addition, several people traveled with the Aggies: Bennie Zinn, associate dean of students; Miss Sadie Hatfield, chairman of the University Hospitality Committee; Dwight Landua, graduate student from the U. S.; Austin Kerley, director, counseling and testing center, Texas A&M; Jung Uck Sea; Ashraf Alam; Muhammad Akhtar; Abdul Azeez, Mrs. Daniel Gramatges, Cuba.

Following the reception, the A&M troupe stopped in Hempstead, where President Earl Rudder treated them to an evening meal.

Baptist Pastor Addresses Grads

Dr. Landrum Pinson Leavell, II, Wichita Falls pastor and Baptist denominational leader, will deliver the commencement address to Texas A&M's January graduating class.

A&M President Earl Rudder announced Dr. Leavell's acceptance as speaker for the 10 a.m. Jan. 21 graduation exercises in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Dr. Leavell replaces the earlier announced speaker, Dr. M. B. Carroll, pastor of the East Grand Baptist Church in Dallas, who died Dec. 27.

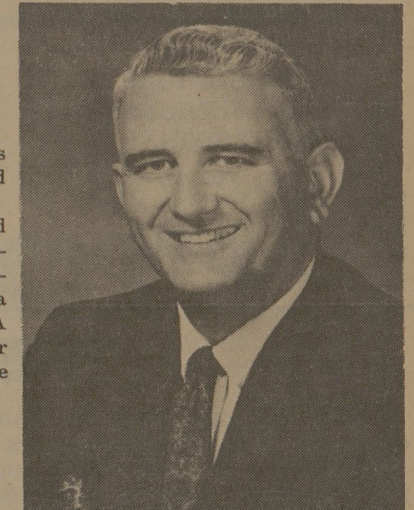
Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls since 1963, Dr. Leavell previously served as pastor of several Mississippi

churches, among them the First Baptist Church of Gulfport.

Dr. Leavell is a member of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He is a former member of the Home Mission Board and has served on several other state and convention boards and agencies.

The Ripley, Tenn., native earned the A.B. degree at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. Ordained to the ministry in July, 1948, he entered the New Orleans Seminary where he added the B.D. and Th.D. degrees.

Active in civic affairs, Dr. Leavell is a member of the Southwest Rotary Club in Wichita Falls. He is married and has four children.



DR. L. LEAVELL, II

'Monique' Casting Begins Tonight In Guion Hall

Casting will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Wednesday in the Fallout Theater Workshop in Guion Hall for the Aggie Players production of "Monique," a new French play which has just been introduced in this country.

C. K. Esten, Aggie Players director, said "Monique" is a sophisticated murder mystery, the first of its kind to be attempted recently by the local stage group.

The cast will include 11 characters — five men and six women.

Anyone in the community interested in working in the production is invited to attend the casting, Esten said.

The play will open April 6 and continue through April 12.

Civilian Rep

Applications for Freshman Representative to the Civilian Student Council are now being accepted by H. S. Perry in the Dorn 22 lounge. Applicant must have posted a 1.5 or better at mid-semester. Deadline for filing is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Jury Chosen For Baker Trial

By MARTHA COLE
WASHINGTON (AP) — A jury of six men and six women was chosen Monday to try Bobby Baker on multiple charges. Six alternates — four men and two women — also were picked.

Both the government and defense expressed satisfaction with the selection after a day of questioning a panel, and with federal Judge Oliver Gasch taking extraordinary precautions to get and maintain a fair and impartial jury.

The judge announced that the jury would be locked up each

night during the trial, which he said is expected to run from two months to 10 weeks.

Baker, 38-year-old former secretary to the Senate's Democratic majority and confidant to many of the senators, including Lyndon B. Johnson, watched attentively as the panel was questioned.

And as the jury and alternates were sworn, Baker arose and faced them.

The questioning began the trial which is expected to include the issue of electronic surveillance of hotel or office suites of Baker

acquaintances. The government maintains the admitted bugging operations had no connection with the indictments charging Baker with income tax evasion, larceny and conspiracy.

He pleaded innocent at the time of his indictment a year ago.

Gasch emphasized that "both the accused and the government are entitled to have this case tried by a fair and impartial jury."

He recognized, Gasch said, that there would be extensive press coverage of the trial, and said that this is in accord with the principles of American society.

"I must also take note of the decision in the Sheppard case," he said. In that case the Supreme Court ruled that Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was deprived of his constitutional right to a fair trial because the jury that convicted him of killing his wife wasn't shielded from prejudicial publicity. A second trial won him acquittal.

Baker sat at a table with his four attorneys, including the noted trial lawyer Edward Bennett Williams.

Gasch first excused those who said they are acquainted with Williams or the other lawyers. He excused those also who said that they had formed an opinion about the case.

Remarking that there had been many news stories about the case, particularly in weekly magazines, Gasch asked the panel if they subscribed to or read regularly the following:

National Review, U. S. News and World Report, New Republic, the Nation, Time and Newsweek.

Many said they subscribed to one or more of the magazines; some said they read them; but none said they had formed an opinion from their reading.

Gasch asked also if any knew the senators and two members of the staff of the Senate Rules Committee. The Rules Committee, which conducted an investigation, issued a denunciation of Baker in June 1965 saying the used "the political influence of his public office to feather his own nest."

Baker made \$19,600 a year in his Senate post, but he built holdings which he estimated as worth \$2 million in such diverse fields as vending machines, real estate, and law.

Summer Institute Offered For Nuclear Engineering

By RICHARD CAMPBELL
Nuclear engineering does not take a vacation even during the vacation season.

Starting concurrently with the Texas A&M summer session will be a nuclear engineering summer institute sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The AEC has granted \$20,000 to be used on the A&M campus for the institute.

The institute will be conducted for 15 teachers from colleges throughout the nation.

The director of the institute will be Dr. Robert G. Cochran, head of A&M's nuclear engineering department. Professor Ronald

Williams of Del Mar College in Corpus Christi will serve as the tentative systems director.

"Because the teachers come from all over the United States, the nation as a whole and A&M in particular benefit from their knowledge," said Dr. Donald E. Emon, professor of nuclear engineering at A&M and last year's director.

The curriculum will include lectures in the mornings and labs in the afternoons five days a week. There will be two six-week periods, the first starting concurrently with the first summer session. The teachers will be exposed to all of the theories, uses, and controls of the field of radiation.

All of the teachers also receive, free from the government, a radiation detection and counting system to take back to their respective schools.

The nuclear engineering lab in Room 310 of the Engineering

Building will be used as well as the Nuclear Science Center and the AGN-201 reactor.

There will be a tentative field trip to better integrate the teachers in the use of nuclear engineering in radiation. Last year a field trip was taken to the NASA space center in Houston. Other extra-curricular activities are planned.

'67 Inspection Going Slowly

AUSTIN — Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, reminded Texas motorists that most vehicles have not yet received their 1967 inspection stickers.

"The inspection period is two-thirds over and only about one-third of the vehicles have been inspected," said Garrison. "This means that during the 14 weeks remaining before the April 15 deadline for inspections, more than twice as many persons each week must have their car inspected to avoid long lines forming at the end of the period."

In urging motorists to have their vehicle inspected at an early date, Garrison pointed out that official stations are easily identified by the standard sign displayed at or near the service entrance of the garage.

He advised that inspection stations are being urged to request permission to inspect any vehicle brought into the garage for repairs or regular service.

"In this way," Garrison pointed out, "time will be saved for the motorist as well as for the inspection station."

And if you have not had your vehicle inspected, take it to one of the 5,500 authorized inspection stations for a "check-up" and start the new year off right with a safe vehicle, he said.

Phi Delta Sigma Names Officers For Next Year

Phi Delta Sigma, honorary fraternity, has named officers for 1967.

David Barton was elected president; Tom Lee, vice president; Mark Durbon, secretary; Tully Shalan, treasurer; Ben Dial, historian; Scotty Barrett, parliamentarian; Larry Adams, chaplain; and Joe Lipscomb, sergeant-at-arms.

Durbon said the group is making plans for spring rush and will announce them "shortly before the end of the semester." The opening date of rush has not been set, but he said it will be sometime early in February.

A new pledge policy, now being formulated, will be in effect for the spring rush, Durbon added.



ENGINEERING GRANT

C. A. Altenbern, (left) a Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America official, presents a \$1,000 grant from his company to Texas A&M's College of Engineering. Accepting for A&M are Development Director Dorsey McCrory and Engineering Dean Fred Benson. Altenbern called the award "an investment in the future."

Aggie Band, Ross Volunteers Invited To Inaugural Parade

Lt. Gov. Preston Smith has designated the Texas Aggie Band to lead him in the Governor's Inaugural Parade at Austin Jan. 17.

The band, directed by Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, and Ross Volunteers will represent Texas A&M in the state ceremonies.

Gov. John Connally and Smith will take the oath of office at noon. Scene of the inauguration will be a special platform at the Capitol building south entrance.

The Ross Volunteers assemble in the capitol rotunda at 11:30 a.m. The governor's honor guard will form a lane through the

south entrance to the platform through which the ranking state official and his party will pass.

The band and RVs will march in the 3 p.m. parade.

Colonel Adams said the 255-man band will be one of four leading units in the inaugural parade. The Aggie Band will precede the lieutenant governor. Lubbock High School's band will also march in the parade, at his invitation. Smith attended Lubbock High.

Connally chose the University of Texas and Floresville High School bands for the parade.

Drum majors William M. Hensley of San Antonio, Freeman J. Jarrell of Dallas and Donald C. Burleson of Pasadena will direct the band over the Congress Avenue parade route to the capitol. The organization journeys to Austin on seven buses Tuesday morning and returns immediately after the parade.

The band plays at an 8 p.m. A&M-Texas basketball game at College Station, following a late supper.

Colonel Adams announced the band will participate in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Feb. 22.

Educational TV In For Busy Month

Two remote videotape recordings will consume most of the time of the staff of Educational Television this month, reports ETV Director Mel Chastain.

The Engineering Building will be the site of the first videotaping. The programs presented by a visiting engineer will be recorded Jan. 19-20.

The next event to be videotaped by ETV will be the Executive Development Course sponsored by the 3M Corporation. The three-hour session will be conducted Jan. 24 at the Ramada Inn.

The ETV staff is also getting ready to present another course, Mathematics 122, the spring semester. The calculus course is the second half of Mathematics 121 which was presented by ETV this semester.

The department is also involved in videotaping all the Texas A&M home basketball games. Coach Shelby Metcalf looks at the instant replay during halftimes in order to determine his strategy for the second half, according to Chastain.

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