

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Oh, I'm as warm as I can be, but I can't move!"

Nuclear Scientists Will Participate In Confab Here

Nuclear scientists and engineers from as far away as Italy and Japan will participate in a national conference on "Coupled Reactor Kinetics" here Jan. 23-24.

Dr. C. G. Chezem, Texas A&M visiting professor from Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and co-chairman for the two-day meeting, said 27 papers will be presented on topics ranging from the use of nuclear reactors for rocket propulsion to "breeding" Plutonium-239.

Approximately 150 persons are expected to participate in the conference. Included are delegations from the University of California's Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, the University of Illinois, Purdue, the University of Texas, Iowa State University, University of Arizona, the Space Nuclear Propulsion Office of Douglas Aircraft, Westinghouse Atomic Power Laboratory, Allis-Chalmers, General Electric, Martin Aircraft and General Dynamics.

Foreign countries to be represented at the conference include Italy, Germany, Japan and Argentina.

Following the two-day session at A&M, the delegates will tour NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center at Houston.

The conference is co-sponsored by the North Texas Section of the American Nuclear Society and Texas A&M.

At The Movies with Bob Borders

Matt Helm is back. This time the girl is Ann-Margaret.

You don't like Dean Martin's singing? Bring ear plugs.

You don't like Dean Martin? Come anyhow and look at Ann-Margaret.

You don't like Ann-Margaret? What are you, some kind of a nut?

She doesn't have to act, all she has to do is be there. In fact, it would probably be better if she didn't act. She'll never have to worry about dust collecting on her Oscars.

This time the plot, or whatever it is, revolves around the planned incineration of Washington by "Big O."

Helm takes time out from his busy schedule as Slaymate photographer when Miss January tries to give him the hot-foot.

With everybody thinking he's dead and all the Slaymates wearing black mini-trenchcoats in mourning, Helm is off to Monaco in an effort to throw a wrench into "Big O's" machinery.

He manages to throw plenty. But with wrenches he's not so lucky; he's too busy this time for much extra-curricular activity. You've got to remember he's not as young as he used to be.

It turns out that "Big O's" head guy, played by Karl Malden, had cleverly concealed his headquarters on an island a few hundred yards off the Monaco beach and he commutes in a discreet little air-boat designed to attract as little attention as possible.

Helm's main adversary is a stout guy with a stainless steel plate in his head. Original, huh?

As usual, the odds are about even: one army versus one Matt Helm. The army is mercifully annihilated, but Helm ends up with a nasty bruise on his cheek. Or is it lipstick. Things become so bobbled near the end you're not sure about anything.

Remember the "Silencers" gun? Helm's arsenal this go-round has a delayed-action gun. You pull the trigger and it goes off four seconds later. As you've probably figured out, all the bad guys shoot themselves.

It's not much compared with his "Silencers" equipment, but he gets plenty of use out of it.

A brief appearance is put in by Dino, Desi, and Billy, during which Dino has a chance to say his catchy line "Now you're getting with it, Dad." This has deep significance for the moviegoer and allows him to elbow his neighbor and say "Ha, ha, that's his son who said that. Ha, ha."

The main complaint about the movie is that it tries to get too much mileage out of the situations, sometimes stretching them to the yawning point.

The story follows the set formula, with Helm getting caught the recommended number of times, and killing the recommended number of adversaries.

It has all the elements; a good guy, a bad guy, in fact several bad guys, lots of pretty girls, and plenty of color. It doesn't quite hit the bull's eye, but it scores a near miss, which is better than most do.

In spite of everything, or maybe because of everything especially Ann-Margaret, it manages to be an enjoyable and entertaining film.

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Purchasing Department Lists Unique Items During Year

Operating a big business of providing excellence in education necessitates a myriad of activity beyond bricks and books.

During 1966, as A&M's purchasing department, bought such unique items as:

- A dozen crayfish for the Biology Department.
- Fifty pounds of marble dust for the Intramural Department.
- Two dozen sponges for Connally Technical Institute at Waco.
- 30,000 pounds of molasses for the Animal Science Department.
- Two Spanish goats for the Radiation Biology Laboratory.
- Ten live cocoons for the Entomology Department.

DONALD WALSH, technical buyer for the Purchasing Department, handles orders for such items as a \$111,172 quadrupole magnet and power supply for A&M's \$6 million Cyclotron Institute, recalls an order of much smaller magnitude which caused more problems.

"By law, we are required to buy quality merchandise," he explained.

plained. "But the Veterinary Hospital needed two horses in poor condition for an experiment. When our Board of Control checked the order, we had to write many, many letters to clear up questions."

The lack of availability of copper because of the Viet Nam War caused some anxious moments for Walsh recently. He needed 100,000 feet of various sizes of copper cable for the cyclotron, but suppliers quoted delivery estimates of six months.

WALSH DID SOME digging and came up with a priority rating from the U. S. Defense Department. Delivery dates were quickly scaled down to two to three weeks.

The vastness of A&M's operations is reflected in the \$36,283,810 expenditures for the 1965-66 academic year.

Value of the university to the community is intangible, but powerful. A&M Controller Clark Diebel estimates each student spends \$1,400 a year at the university and in the community. Thus, when enrollment climbs 1,000 students, the result is

equal to a \$1.4 million industry moving into the Bryan-College Station area.

TOM CHERRY, A&M vice president for business affairs, points out A&M's 1966-67 payroll alone exceeds \$20 million. He said A&M has 5,301 employees living in the Bryan-College Station area.

A recent survey shows A&M's economic impact on the Bryan-College Station community now totals more than \$38 million yearly.

Cherry estimated A&M's 10,706 students spend more than \$14 million yearly above university fees, for food, housing, clothing, school supplies, recreation and other expenses.

One of the activity hubs on campus is the Memorial Student Center, where students cashed a record \$1.6 million in checks, surpassing the old mark by almost \$200,000.

PHYSICAL PLANT officials drew some analogies regarding utility operations. They estimated the utility plant, which services the university, burns enough natural gas each year to heat 13,500 two-bedroom homes, and produces enough steam for a commercial laundry to wash 370,700 pounds of clothing.

Electricity produced by the plant would air condition 9,100 two-bedroom homes for a year. And the water pumped through the plant would fill the annual needs of 6,800 families of five.

THE 5,400 Aggies who eat regularly in A&M Dining Halls put away seven million pounds of food annually, reported Fred Dollar, food services director. Included on the year's menu is almost a quarter-million pounds of steak, the same number of gallons of milk and half that much coffee.

Dollar said the Aggies have a sweet tooth, indicated by the 300,000 pounds of sugar used each year. Much of this goes in pastries, a favorite with the Aggies.

Food service purchases in the community exceed \$1 million annually, Dollar estimated.

SINCE A&M's first graduating class in 1879, the university has conferred 45,951 degrees and 62 honorary degrees. Thousands of additional students have attended classes.

Senator Says Viet Supplies Being Stolen Or Diverted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska, estimated Thursday that about 20 per cent of U.S. foreign aid shipments to Vietnam had been stolen or diverted in that country last year.

Gruening, chairman of a Senate subcommittee on foreign aid, estimated the over-all losses in economic aid at \$91 million but noted that some other sources had estimated losses as high as 40 to 50 per cent.

The Agency for International Development AID, in a report to President Johnson last Monday, estimated that losses were no more than five to six per cent "in recent months."

AID Administrator William S. Gaud later told reporters that by "recent months" he meant the final two months of the year. He said that estimates out of Saigon earlier that day applying the five to six per cent loss figure to all of 1966 were in error.

Gruening's estimate of 20 per cent losses for the year was close to the consensus reported in a series of articles written in November by Associated Press staffers Fred S. Hoffman and Hugh A. Mulligan after a two-month, on-the-scene study of the problem.

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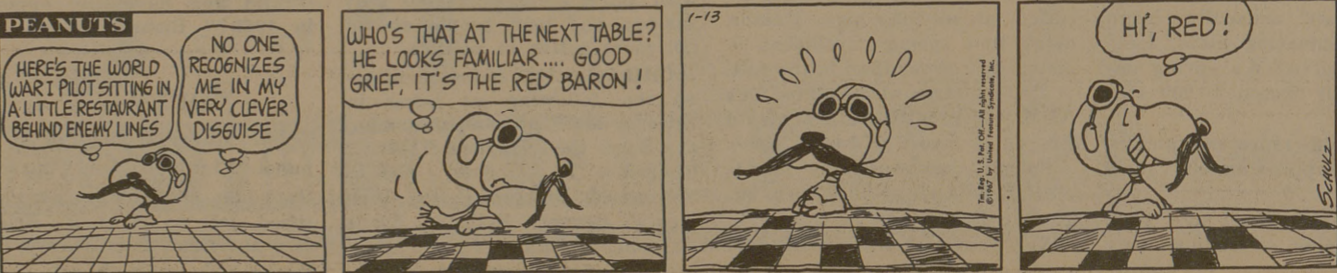
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