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## Packard Deplores Use Of Surveillance Devices

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Probably the greatest danger to individual freedom today is the proposal of a central data center in Washington containing dossiers on private citizens.

This was the opinion of Vance Packard, author and social critic, as he presented the first of the spring Great Issues lectures Wednesday night in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

"The enormous growth of methods for maintaining surveillance over ordinary citizens is a cause for alarm," Packard said.

He said Americans live in an environment characterized by the observation of private citizens.

"There is massive infringement upon the privacy of our lives," he said.

"Justice Brandeis once said 'The right to be left alone is the most cherished by man,'" Packard emphasized.

He said the increase in the surveillance of private citizens in the past few years is a result of technical changes, the scientific revolution, and growth in organized and impersonal living.

"We are becoming a nation of strangers," Packard said.

He said one of the reasons surveillance has increased is because we have become more affluent. Credit companies and other agencies keep and freely exchange personal information on their customers and clients.

Another reason privacy is being invaded is because we live in a state of cold war during which necessary secrecy must be maintained.

"And finally, surveillance is a perpetuating and self-expanding industry," Packard said.

He said there are several techniques of stripping us of our privacy.

The most obvious and most publicized of these is through mechanical devices, such as tiny micro-

phones which are connected to tape recorders or other monitors. Packard said other less-publicized methods were infrared cameras and closed circuit television.

Another way of invasion of privacy is by personal inventories and the exchange of information with other organizations," Packard said.

He said the government has dossiers on many private citizens now, compiled from tax returns and other information, and a central data bank is now being considered which will contain all material recorded about each individual in the country.

Packard said technical authorities believe it would be relatively easy to establish such a center sometime in the distant future.

"This way we see an erosion of privacy in our country, in the testing of people who will be in important positions in industry and government," Packard said.

He pointed out that there has been an increase in the use of psychological tests for school chil-

dren, and usually their parents are not notified.

"We are also seeing an increase of the use of lie detectors. Last year 300,000 people submitted to the polygraph examination," Packard said.

He emphasized that with the many potentialities for those who would invade our privacy, the individual should forever be on his guard.

### LBJ To Answer Pope's Message On Peace Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson "very much appreciates" Pope Paul's Vietnam peace message and will send a personal reply, the White House said Wednesday.

The Roman Catholic pontiff sent direct messages Wednesday to Johnson, Chief of State Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam and President Ho Chi Minh of North Vietnam urging them to turn the current lunar new year truce into negotiations for peace.

MEANWHILE, U. S. strategists, in addition to taking into account foreign peace appeals, kept a close watch on shooting incidents marring the cease-fire which began Tuesday.

How well the Reds observe the truce figures heavily in Washington deliberations on whether to extend the cease-fire beyond the four days proposed by South Vietnam's allies.

U. S. sources said all options are still open. The general U. S. policy is to seek an end to the war through either peace talks or a scaling down of the fighting without a specific negotiated agreement, or a combination of both.

ONE POSSIBILITY would be quick resumption of full-scale military operations at the end of the four days. Another would be to hold back for an extra three days until the end of the seven-day cease-fire period announced by the Viet Cong.

Still another would be to prolong the lull beyond the seven days.

A peace message from the Pope has been described by Johnson as influential in his thinking a year ago when he extended the halt in U. S. bombing of North Vietnam for a month beyond the 1965 Christmas-New Year truce.

REPORTS FROM Saigon indicated a sizable number of violations of the cease-fire by Communist forces so far—more than two an hour during the first few hours. But Washington authorities said it is too early yet to draw major conclusions from this.

Meanwhile, a State Department spokesman said, the United States will continue to send planes on reconnaissance flights over North Vietnam.

One such plane described as unarmed was shot down. But this, in the assessment of State Department authorities, did not constitute a major truce violation.



PILLAR OF PROGRESS

Workmen remove concrete forms as construction reaches top level of new Services Building.

## Rifle Team Faces Tough Competition

Texas A&M's smallbore shooters have ranked among the nation's top 20 teams the last two years and have never finished lower than second in the nine-member Southwest Rifle Association.

"Unless we have a lot of luck next week, we'll have one of our poorest years—a second place," Officer-in-Charge Maj. Luther G. Crum remarked.

A&M shoots against Sam Houston State this week and takes on the University of Houston and an SWRA championship, Feb. 17.

Major Crum's charges have only one loss in league shooting against Arlington State, Hardin-Simmons, St. Mary's, Trinity, Rice, Texas Tech and Texas. UH, one of the two association schools that give shooting scholarships, is unbeaten.

"HOUSTON has the best team in the Southwest," the Army officer credited.

Arlington State and UH provide scholarships, topnotch equipment and ranges, he noted.

A&M also fires against LSU, Tulane, McNeese State, and Allen Academy and competes in an Oklahoma University 40-team tourney, Kansas State Invitational, San Antonio Fiest Match and Fourth Army ROTC contests. Aggie hopes hide on Christopher M. West, a sophomore from San Antonio who made National Rifle Association All-America as a freshman.

West averaged 272.88 (out of 300) last year and has boosted his norm to 280. Chris has shot 285, six off the association record.

MARION THOMPSON, senior team captain from El Paso, also scores high. Freshmen William A. Herring of Clint and David P. Bailey of Waco have steady hands and eyes, Major Crum added.

Prospects are good for next year. John Whilden of Dallas has

indicated he plans to attend A&M. He lists a 98-95-85 on the three-position target. The 278 is comparable to West's frosh shooting.

Team members expend 50,000 rounds of .22 rimfire ammo a year and practice two afternoons a week. A six-point indoor layout in the Military Science Department, 32-point outdoor and 10-point indoor ranges at Kyle Field are shooting sites. International targets, with a one-eighth inch nine ring and point "bull," are fired.

"The 32-point range is used for freshman instruction," the major said. Equipment and ammunition are provided by the Army. Some team members buy their own rifles and accessories.

The 30-member team includes civilians, Army and Air Force cadets, of which 15 shoot in competition. Membership requirements include fulltime undergraduate student status and a 1.00 grade point ratio.

## Adventurous Sea Captain Speaks For Great Issues

One of the most adventurous ocean-going sailors in history, Robert Manry, will speak here Feb. 17.

Manry, who holds the world's record for captaining the smallest boat ever to cross the Atlantic non-stop, will give his own colorful account of "Tinkerbell's Run to Glory."

His presentation is set for 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom under sponsorship of the MSC Great Issues Committee as a feature of the "World Around Us" series.

"Tinkerbell" is the 13-foot sloop Manry sailed on a 78-day journey across the Atlantic from Falmouth, Mass., to Falmouth, England, in 1965. He has since written a book by the same name.

At the time of his biggest adventure, Manry was a 47-year-old copy editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. He had cruised on Lake Erie, but for many years had been fascinated by stories of other small craft crossing the ocean.

Manry's reason for making the dangerous journey is simple, yet complex.

"There comes a time that one must decide, of one's dreams, ei-

ther to risk everything to achieve them," he emphasized, "or sit for the rest of one's life in the backyard."

On his own, Manry outfitted the tiny craft for the rugged 3,000-mile trip. Equipment included a sextant, ocean charts and a Victory Girl Radio transmitter for sending distress calls. Also aboard were 28 gallons of fresh water, a solar still for freshening salt water, canned food for 90 days, two extra suits of sails, foul weather gear, medicines, books and photo equipment.

"Life" magazine devoted a 10-page spread to Manry's story and color pictures.

## Opinions Varied On Dress Rules



"Better Than Other Campuses"

Junior Wayne Prescott believes that civilian dress "is pretty good" and is better than some of the other nearby campuses.



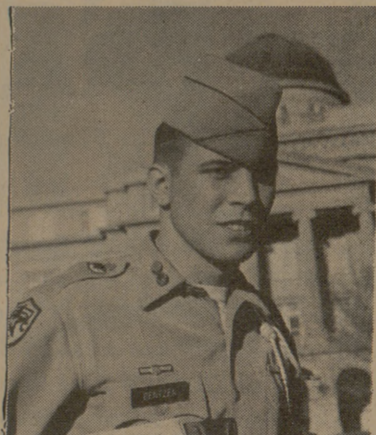
"Wait 'til Spring"

"Students are abiding by the rules of dress now, since it's so cold," says sophomore Ron Hinds, "but when spring and warmer weather arrives we'll be able to tell how serious the problem is on our campus."



"No Real Problem"

"I don't think it is all that bad," says freshman Louis Milner. "I think the students are pretty decent looking. I don't believe it's ever been a real problem and it's certainly not getting any worse."



"Shoes With Socks"

"It's getting worse in some cases," says junior chemical engineer major Gordon Bentzen. "Slacks and sport shirts may be the answer. I'm against blue jeans and shoes without socks."



"There's a Variety"

Marilyn Bishop, freshman, thinks that civilian dress is "fine" and that there are no "extreme cases," but there is a variety that is unlike other college campuses. She also expressed a need for more variety of dress.



SPECIAL CRITIC SPEAKS

Vance Packard, best-seller author and social critic, spoke on the invasion of privacy before capacity crowd in MSC ballroom Thursday night.

## Another Duncan Area Dorm Added To List For Renovation

An extra dormitory has been added to the list of those to be renovated in the Duncan Dining Hall area, according to Frank Nicholas, assistant to the commandant of the Cadet Corps.

Nicholas said Dormitory 8 is being vacated and will be turned over to air-conditioning contractors Monday. Cadets in Squads 9 and 11 and members of Third Wing Staff are being moved to other dormitories in the area.

"We originally told the contractors we could give up two dormitories during the second semester for the renovation work," Col. D. L. Baker, Corps commandant, explained. "After we looked at the registration figures, we decided that by housing two cadets to a room as much as possible in both housing areas, we could give them one more dormitory to work on."

Nicholas said Physical Plant Director W. Howard Budgett had

requested that as many dormitories as possible be vacated in order to facilitate completion of the 12-dormitory air-conditioning project by September.

"We're trying to avoid a situation such as the one in 1964, when construction of the new dormitories continued right up into September and the beginning of sessions," Nicholas explained.

Civilians in Dormitories 10 and 12 have been allocated new rooms in 14 other dormitories, Nicholas said. The Band and Company E-1 have been moved from Dormitories 9 and 11 to Dormitories 1, 3, 5 and 7.

In addition, Companies E-2, F-2 and Fourth Battalion Staff are moving to the western area of the campus.

Commenting on the Corps' traditional housing arrangements, in which virtually all seniors and many juniors have rooms to themselves, Baker said cadets have been fortunate "to go so many years paying for one bed and getting a room with two."

About 950 students, including Corps and civilians, were relocated in order to open dormitories for the project. The 12 buildings, plus Duncan Dining Hall, are to be linked by chill-water pipes for cooling and with new heating units. Radiators were removed from vacant dormitories during the semester break.

The project will provide air-conditioned rooms for 2,400 students in the eastern housing area. Nine air-conditioned dormitories in the other area now house approximately the same number.

## Vet Dean Named Consultant To USAF Surgeon General

Dr. A. A. Price, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, has been appointed national civilian consultant to the U. S. Air Force Surgeon General.

As a consultant, Dean Price will advise the surgeon general on matters pertaining to Air Force relationships with civilian medical agencies.

### Copies Of Review Available In MSC

All students enrolled in the Colleges of Liberal Arts, Sciences and Geo-Sciences may pick up their copy of The Review in the Memorial Student Center this week.

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"On the side of Texas A&M"  
—Adv.

Winner of the Faculty Distinguished Award in teaching at A&M, Dr. Price was a short term consultant to East Pakistan in 1959 through A&M's program with the Agency for International Development. He also served four years as a consultant to the Tropical Medicine and Parasitology Study Section of the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Price joined the College of Veterinary Medicine faculty in 1947 and was named dean in 1957. He earned DVM, MS, and BS degrees at A&M.

During World War II, Dr. Price served as an infantry company commander, battalion executive officer, and battalion commander in the U. S. Army, with combat duty in the European Theater. He is a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.