

Legislature Panel To Meet

What should be done to improve the effectiveness of the Texas Legislature? Should the state consider adopt-

ing a unicameral system? How about changing the present number of state representatives and senators?

What problems, if any, does the Legislature have with the "conflict of interest" principle abuse of the loving privilege?

These are a few of the questions to be pondered by top state government, business, labor and organizational leaders participating in "Texas Assembly - 1967" which begins Thursday at Texas A&M.

The four-day meeting, jointly sponsored by Texas A&M and Columbia University's American Assembly, is one of 13 seminars scheduled throughout the nation exploring the same subject, "State Legislatures in American Politics."

Lt. Gov. Preston Smith and House Speaker Ben Barnes head the list of participants serving as "Texas Assembly" panelists. Barnes and Smith also will make keynote addresses Friday.

Other top state officials on the agenda include Attorney General Crawford Martin, Secretary of State John Hill, State Senators Ralph Hall, William T. Moore, A. R. Schwartz and J. P. Word and State Representatives R. H. Cory, David Crews, Dewitt Hale, Gus Mutscher and John Wright.

These state officials, along with prominent residents from throughout Texas, will be divided into three "balanced" panels which meet simultaneously and delve into the same specific aspects of the Texas Legislature.

Each panel will conduct three sessions entitled "Improving the Public Image and the Institutional Performance of the Legislature," "The Organizational Structure of the Legislature" and "The Legislature: A Political Reappraisal."

In addition to serving as forums for different points of view, a prime objective of the panel discussions will be the recording of the points on which all participants agree.

Other specific topics posed to the panelists are:

What are the relative advantages of the "citizen" legislator and "professional" legislator?

What changes, if any, should be made in the committee system of the Legislature?

Should the Legislature hold annual sessions?

How should the Legislature re-

act to the increasing amount of interaction it is experiencing in federal-state relationships and in federal-state-local government relationships?

What impact would the emergence of a two-party legislature have upon its effectiveness?

"Texas Assembly" officially opens Thursday afternoon, with Herbert L. Wiltsee of Atlanta, Ga., director of the Southern office of the Council of State Governments, serving as a featured speaker for a banquet that evening.

SACB Gets OK From Senators

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The Senate passed a compromise bill Monday to reactivate the Subversive Activities Control Board as an agency to expose Communist and Communist-front organizations.

The bill was passed by a 65-10 vote only after the adoption of an amendment providing that the SACB will have to handle some cases within the next year or it will cease to exist.

This compromise was approved by a 74-2 vote. The Senate then rejected, 58 to 17, an amendment by Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., to abolish the board on Jan. 1, 1968.

The SACB has been almost wholly inactive in recent years but it was projected into the public eye earlier this year when Simon McHugh Jr., a 29-year-old accountant who married a former White House secretary, was appointed as a \$26,000-a-year member of the board.

This caused a furor in Congress and brought a move by Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., to abolish the agency.

Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois led the fight to reactivate the board, saying a government agency is necessary to expose Communist groups that recruit members and solicit funds under the cover of "fancy, high sounding names."

The SACB was created by the 1950 Internal Security Act but was virtually put out of business about two years ago by court rulings that organizations it found to be subversive could not be required to register with the Justice Department.



Air Force Major Joe H. Machetta (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Machetta, Route 3, Henryetta, Okla., receives the Bronze Star Medal during ceremonies at Ft. Rucker, Ala., Sept. 26. The Award was presented by Colonel William C. Edler, Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations at the fort. Major Machetta is commander of the 16th Weather Squadron's Detachment 9. He entered the Air Force in 1952 and was last stationed in Vietnam. The major, whose wife, Patricia, is with him at the fort, received a master of science degree in 1965 from Texas A&M.

Helpful Aggies Coach Jr. High

Studies of 12 Texas A&M physical education students take them to a new classroom, the practice fields of Bryan Public School junior highs.

There the juniors and seniors coach seventh and eighth grade teams in an intra-city football league designed to encourage participation by as many boys as possible.

Coaching at Anson Jones Junior High under Ronnie Fontonote are John F. Liptak of Washington, Pa.; William F. Huffsmith, Houston; Thomas E. Osborn, Abilene; and Richard W. Muehr, Weimar.

Lamar Junior High student coaches are Michael L. Jenkins, Wichita Falls; Melvin E. Dunlap, San Antonio; William E. Bownds, Houston; and Joel Barton III, Calvert. They work under Lamar staffers Bob Casey, Henry Bonorden, Harry Bond and Max Grenwelle.

Haywood Peterson Jr. at Neal Junior High has Dean Reding, Amarillo; Jack R. Roden, Big Spring; Tommy D. Tomlin, Tyler; and Charles M. Philip, Bryan.

Tomlin, Muehr and Osborn are juniors; the others, seniors.

"It's excellent training for our

students and a service to the community and kids," explained Dr. Carl W. Landis, Health and Physical Education Department head.

Participation at the three schools varies between 50 and 70 per cent. Thirteen teams field about 300 youths.

"The program gives junior high students who wouldn't participate otherwise a chance to play a competitive, directed team sport," noted Dr. Linus J. Dowell, department teacher education chairman.

Seventh and eighth grade teams work out or play games five days a week, near each school's regular ninth grade team. Seventh grade games are on Tuesdays, eighth Wednesdays.

Anson Jones assistant Carlos Jackson says there are drawbacks but the advantages make the program beneficial.

"It's good for the morale of the boys," he commented. "Everybody plays. The kids are at a critical physical development stage. The supervised activity helps them."

"Also, we might find a 'sleeper' who wouldn't normally show in the ninth grade program," Jones pointed out.

From the A&M student's standpoint, the program offers an opportunity to learn to organize and work with groups of boys at the 12 to 14 age level.

"They know the characteristics of a boy at that age, but a group of them is something else," Jackson said.

"All the Aggies who come over here know their stuff," he went on. "Their assistance is a big factor in the success of our athletics."

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'Agriculturalist' To Be Picked Up

The latest issue of the Texas A&M Agriculturalist is now ready to be picked up, says Eddie Renbarger, editor of the student magazine for 1967-68.

The Agriculturalist, a magazine written, edited, published, and circulated by students in the College of Agriculture, will not be mailed out this year, but students must pick up copies in any of the agriculture buildings on campus, Renbarger said.

"This issue was intended for

late spring or early summer distribution, but because we combined two of last year's issues there was a delay in printing," he continued.

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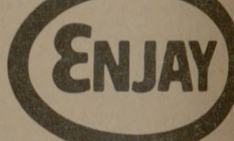
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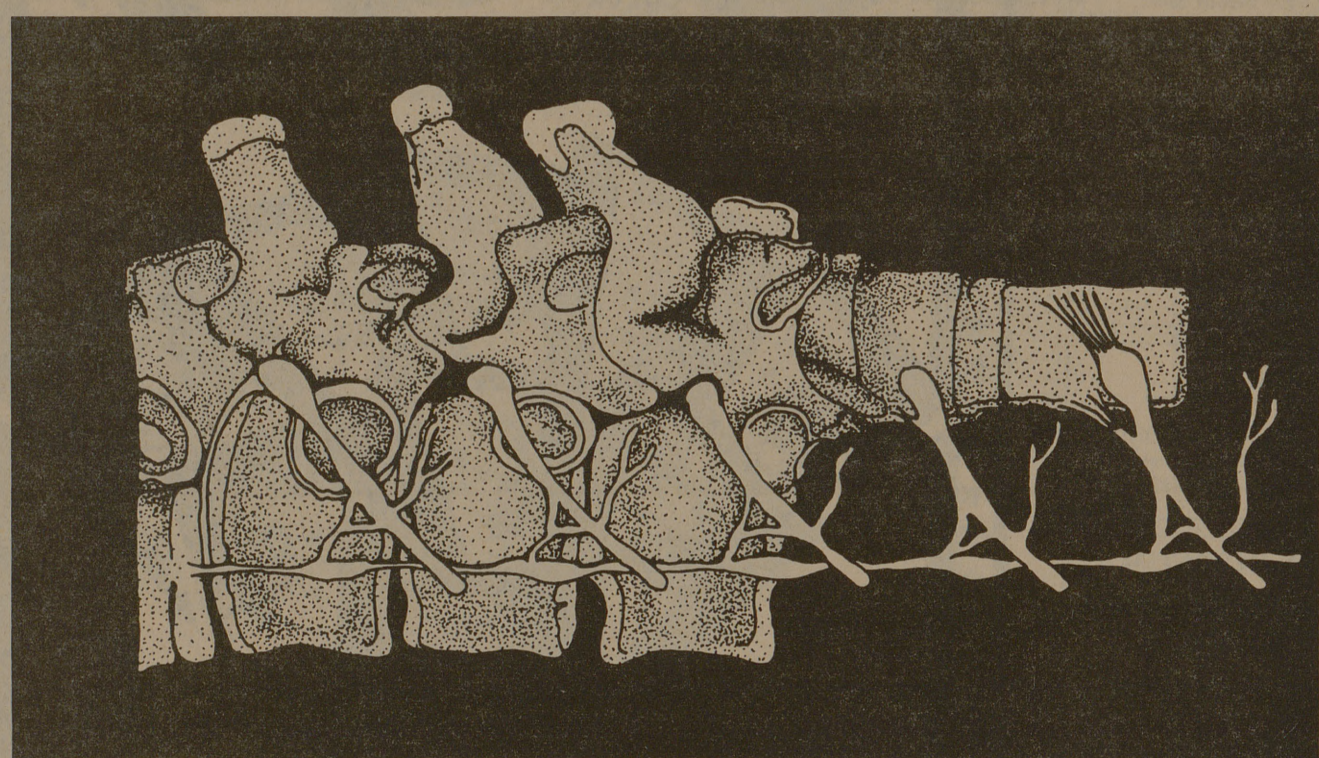
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