

The Battalion

Friday — Cloudy, rain showers, winds southeast 10-15 m.p.h. becoming northerly early afternoon 10-20. High 49, low 38.
Saturday — Cloudy to partly cloudy, winds north, 15-25 m.p.h. High 35, low 27.

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'AMERICAN DREAM' "Mommy" (Mrs. Jan Ganaway) directs one of several stinging remarks at "Grandma" (Mrs. Florence Farr) during rehearsals for the Fallout Theater production of Edward Albee's "The American Dream." Other characters include "Daddy" (David White) and "Mrs. Barker" (Mrs. Millie Faye). See Story, Column 5.

Cong Human Wave Assault Crushed By Yank Battalion

By EDWIN Q. WHITE
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SAIGON (AP) — Defensive fire of an American infantry outfit and its artillery virtually destroyed a 350-man Viet Cong battalion Wednesday.

A five-hour fight 31 miles northwest of Saigon pointed up the price the Communists are

paying in blood for their offensive efforts of the new year, win, lose or draw.

U. S. spokesmen announced 103 of the enemy died — many from howitzer shells that gunners call "Killer Juniors"—in a human wave assault on a bivouac of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division.

The Viet Cong battalion, which a prisoner told interrogators had North Vietnamese as replacements for half its ranks, could be written off at least temporarily as a fighting force.

DESTRUCTION of an American contingent of battalion size or larger has long been a propaganda objective of the Red high command, which has never publicly displayed concern about sacrificing Communist manpower.

A North Vietnamese raid by night on the U. S. air strip at Kontum, in the central highlands 260 miles northeast of Saigon, blasted an unspecified number of helicopters and motor vehicles.

Twenty-five or 30 satchel charges wrought damage that the U. S. Command called moderate and seven Americans were killed in a 20-minute skirmish. The enemy left 14 uninformed dead within the compound.

OTHER enemy-initiated operations dotted the countryside from the Mekong Delta in the south to the 1st Corps area in the north. The Viet Cong and North Vietnamese were reported to have inflicted almost as many casualties on civilians as on military units.

But American units were also on the move.

Troops of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade reported they killed 147 enemy soldiers in a full day of action Tuesday in the central lowlands 350 miles northeast of Saigon. They said most fell under artillery fire and there were no American casualties.

A BRIGADE of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, sweeping again across the Que Son Valley south of Da Nang, located the bodies of 147 North Vietnamese soldiers killed in the recent five-day engagement around cavalry landing zones in the valley. The U. S. Command said this raised the enemy toll to 562 killed.

Air action over North Vietnam Tuesday was again hampered by a monsoon cloud cover. U. S. pilots flew 85 strike missions, including some radar-guided raids on airfields in the Hanoi-Hai-phong sector, but the weather prevented detailed damage assessments.

Other Rotary Community Series presentations scheduled this spring include opera star Mary Costa March 8 at A&M, and pianist Lorin Hollander April 9 at the Bryan Civic Auditorium.

Among songs to be heard in the show are "Who Can I Turn To?" "A Wonderful Day Like Today," "Look at That Face," "Feeling Good," "Where Would You Be?" "My First Love Song," and "The Joker."

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'FIRST LOVE SONG' Edward Earle as "Cocky" sings the tune "My First Love Song" to "The Girl," played by Lisa Damon, in the hit musical "The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd." The Rotary - Town Hall series performance is set for Feb. 13 in Bryan Civic Auditorium.

Rotary-Town Hall Series Sets 'Roar Of Greasepaint' Feb. 13

A hit musical, "Roar of the Greasepaint, The Smell of the Crowd," is slated Feb. 13 in the Bryan Civic Auditorium.

Edward Earle, who has been associated with the show since its pre-Broadway days, will direct and star in the production sponsored by the Bryan Rotary Club in conjunction with the Texas A&M Memorial Student Center Town Hall Committee.

Earle, who began his theatrical career at the age of three, has been featured in more than 25 musical and dramatic productions. He played in several films, including "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and the "Ten Commandments."

Television fans have seen Earle First Bank & Trust now pays 5% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.

A&M Gets \$250,000 For Doctoral Study

Globetrotters To Appear Feb. 6 In G. Rollie White

The Harlem Globetrotters, who have played to capacity crowds in earlier appearances here, will play an exhibition basketball game Feb. 6 at Texas A&M.

Starring in the 8 p.m. tussle at G. Rollie White Coliseum, under sponsorship of the Memorial Student Center Town Hall Committee, will be Meadowlark Lemon, the court jester and floor leader.

Meadowlark, now 32, is a 13-year veteran with the Trotters. "My high school coach in Wilmington, N. C., thought I had a future in basketball," Meadowlark recalled. "He drove me to

Raleigh to see a Globetrotter game. The Trotters put me in uniform, making a crazy dream come true."

UNCLE SAM interfered with Meadowlark's plans shortly after he made the team, calling him up for an Army hitch. But he played with the Globies when he earned a furlough while the team was touring Germany. The late Abe Saperstein promised Lemon a Trotter uniform when he was discharged.

Although it would be hard to term Meadowlark as "just another player," that's what he was until a strange combination of

circumstances made him the quint's jester. Goose Tatum left the team. Sam Wheeler suffered a broken knee and Showboat Hall fell by the wayside with pneumonia.

The six-foot two-inch Lemon was assigned to handle the comedy. And he has been handling the chore ever since.

THE GLOBETROTTERS, no doubt the winningest team in basketball, average 6-6 per player, with the shortest being 6-1 guard Fred (Curly) Neal and the tallest Frank Stephens at 6-10. Neal played college ball at Smith University, while Stephens stuffed baskets at Virginia State.

Providing the opposition for the Globetrotters at Aggieland will be the Washington Generals, formerly known as the Washington Nationals.

Town Hall Chairman Robert Gonzales said tickets for the performance will go on sale Monday at the MSC Student Program Office.

Rusk Defends 'Firm Stand' Against Reds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk said Wednesday the integrity of the United States under its mutual security agreements "is a principal pillar of peace."

Rusk said the United States during the last 20 years has tried to build peace in the world but that it has been necessary for this country to demonstrate firmness in the face of aggression.

"IMAGINE how a map of the world would be drawn today had the United States not used firmness," he said. "Iran, Turkey, Greece, the Congo, Southeast Asia."

"It's easy to say some place is too far away... those fellows don't mean what they say... one more bite will satisfy them... in any event it's none of our business," Rusk added.

"But there is a struggle going on in the world between those who would organize as under the United Nations charter and those who would organize under what they call the world revolution," he said. "That struggle has not been solved. The United States has had to be firm in order to stabilize the peace."

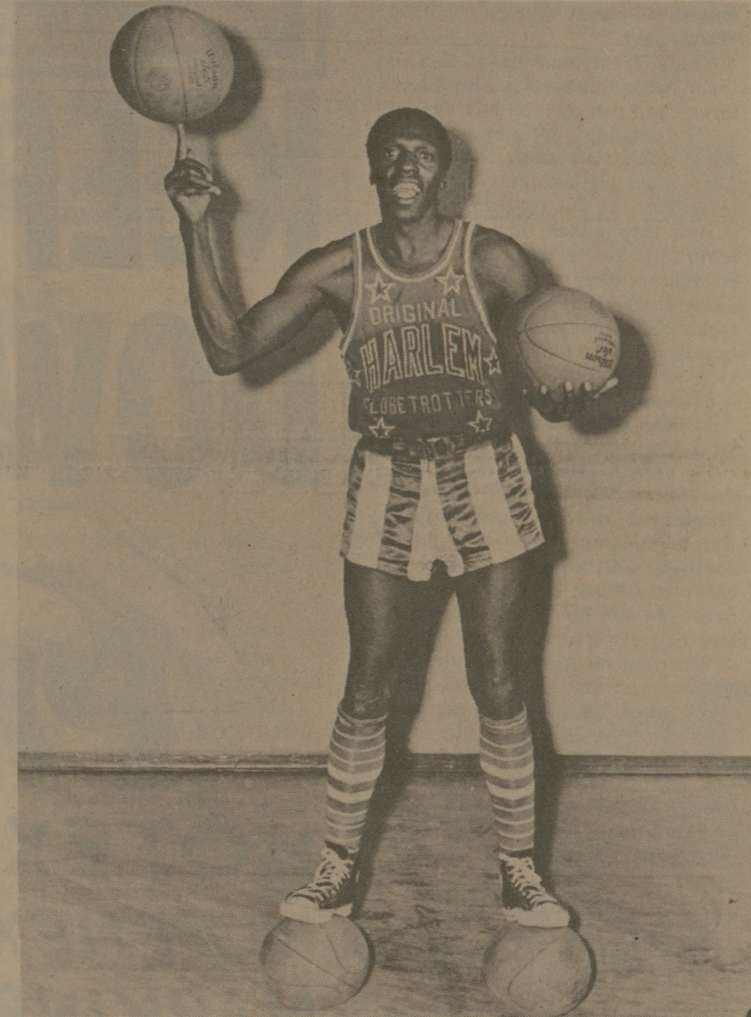
RUSK MADE his remarks at the 1968 Share in Freedom conference held in association with the U. S. Industrial Payroll Savings Committee to promote sale of U. S. Savings Bonds.

Rusk, as he did at his news conference last week, declined to comment directly on the latest proposal by North Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh who said negotiations will begin as soon as the United States stopped bombing the North.

PRESIDENT Johnson said last September in San Antonio, "The United States is willing immediately to stop aerial and naval bombardment of North Vietnam when this will lead promptly to productive discussion."

"We would assume," he added, "that while discussions proceed, North Vietnam would not take advantage of the bombing cessation or limitation."

Rusk said today of Trinh's statement: "We need to find out how his statement and the San Antonio formula fit together. I am sure the United States will meet them more than half way but there is also no doubt that the security of the nations of Southeast Asia is important to us. They will have to be able to live in peace without molestations from outside."



MEADOWLARK LEMON Comedy star Meadowlark Lemon of the Harlem Globetrotters will lead his team into an exhibition basketball game Feb. 6 in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The performance is sponsored again this year by the Town Hall Committee.

Nugent To Speak Tonight In MSC On 'Africa In Revolt'

John Peer Nugent, formerly chief African correspondent for Newsweek Magazine, will speak tonight at Texas A&M.

The writer-adventurer will discuss "Africa in Revolt—What's Happening Now" in an 8 p.m. presentation in the A&M Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Nugent's visit is sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee as part of its annual speaker series.

A native of New York, Nugent became a political correspondent for Newsweek in 1956 and early in 1961 opened the magazine's first African bureau.

Nugent spent much of 1961 through 1963 in the Congo covering the United Nations' attempt to end the secession of Moise Tshombe. It was during this time, near Elizabethville, that he was attacked by a band of Balubas, a tribe known for hard work and eating people.

In Rwanda, Nugent covered the near-genocide of 10,000 tall Watutsi as their bodies were dumped into crocodile infested rivers. Nugent was declared a "prohibited immigrant" in South Africa after he interviewed Nobel University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M" —Adv.

Peace Prize winner Albert Lutuli. The traveler was present in Guinea when the Africa republic became the first black land to embrace Communism and later drop it.

'American Dream' To Open Tonight

A faculty-student presentation, "The American Dream," is set for tonight, Friday and Saturday performances in Guion Hall's Fallout Theater.

Staged in cooperation with the Aggie Players and directed by English Instructor Robert Archer, "The American Dream" is a 70-minute one-act comedy by Edward Albee, better known for writing "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

Curtain time is 8 p.m. nightly. The cast includes Mrs. John Gannaway as mommy, Florence Farr as grandma, Mrs. Robert Foye as Mrs. Barker, David White as daddy, and Paul Sittler as the young man.

Tickets will be available at the door at 50 cents per student. Archer said a post-curtain-call discussion of the play is planned on stage each evening for audience benefit.

HEW Provides 15 Fellowships For Graduates

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has awarded Texas A&M 15 National Defense Graduate Fellowships totaling approximately \$250,000 for doctoral study leading to college teaching careers, announced A&M Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall.

Hall said each recipient is eligible for stipends totaling \$6,600 during a three-year period, plus an annual \$400 allowance per dependent. Additional smaller stipends are available for summer study.

The university will receive an annual allowance of \$2,500 per fellowship to cover tuition and fees and help defray educational costs, the dean noted.

He said the fellowships will be awarded for study beginning with the 1968-69 academic year.

HEW listed the following 21 fields in which the fellowships can be applied: agricultural economics-sociology, animal science, bio-chemistry, biology, chemical engineering, chemistry, civil engineering and economics.

Also entomology, geology-geography, geophysics, industrial education, mechanical engineering, oceanography-meteorology, petroleum engineering, physics, plant sciences, soil-crop sciences, statistics and nuclear engineering.

Hall said applications and inquiries should be directed to his office or to the heads of the respective departments.

Draft Quota For February Set At 1,165

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' draft quota for February is 1,165 men, 5 per cent of the national draft call of 23,300, the State Selective Service director said Wednesday.

Col. Morris S. Schwartz said Texas Selective Service boards have been instructed to forward 4,590 men in February for pre-induction examinations, compared to 5,455 for this month.

The February draft quota compares to 1,659 for this month, 924 for December, 1,159 for November, 977 for October and 1,180 for September.

CD Shelter Course Opens This Month

Twenty men from over the state are expected for a Civil Defense shelter management course Jan. 22-26 at Texas A&M.

Dr. Willis R. Bodine, coordinator of Civil Defense Training for A&M's Engineering Extension Service, said the 32-hour course will emphasize methods, techniques and procedures of planning, organizing and conducting local shelter management training programs.

Stress also will be on staff requirements, supplies and equipment, shelter entry, operations, living and exit from shelter.

Aiding Bodine in teaching the course will be staffers Robert Schnatterly and George Martin, plus two Texas Civil Defense officials—plans and operations officer Frank Cox and public information officer Jim Robinson.

Bodine said the curriculum covers responsibilities of state and local officials in major areas of civil defense. Participants, he noted, will include public officials, civil defense directors, deputy directors, department heads and key staff members.

Classes are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in A&M's Memorial Student Center.

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