

New York City In Smelly Peril

To most Texans, crowded New York City seems remote and removed from comfortable Southern spaces.

A few may have some experience with the "big city" if they live in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio or even El Paso, but no city in the world can compare to New York in size, type of inhabitant and monumental social problems.

The nation was stunned when they saw the Nov. 9, 1965 electric power failure plunge 30 million people and a third of the United States into darkness.

New York became the focal point for observation at the time with people stranded in elevators, on city streets, and in offices.

The lack of electricity had virtually cut off eight million people from the rest of the world, and halted them from their daily activities. All but lovers were happy when the lights came back on.

The crush of millions of people creates many other problems though, among them providing millions of pounds of meat and potatoes by rail, air, and truck each day.

And wherever you find people eating you find garbage. In most communities its disposal isn't exceptionally difficult.

Imagine though, the fume-de-mal in a city the size of New York when the lowly garbage collector goes on strike.

For seven days and seven nights New York's finest have been on strike and 60,000 tons of garbage and refuse presently lie in the streets.

Garbage collectors walked off their job last Friday over a wage dispute. Although it's in defiance of a state law which forbids state employees from striking, the coffee grinds, cigar butts, and orange peelings continue to mount.

The problem doesn't end there. The 10,000 members of the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association also operate the city's snow removal equipment, and as of Thursday a sizeable winter snowstorm was predicted for the New York area.

The perils are ones of emergency vehicles unable to move, disease and fire.

Maybe an enterprising Southern businessman flying over New York a couple of months from now will stamp down the mile-high rubbish obliterating the city and start over again by selling it back to the Indians—cheap.

Great Issues

30 Members Work Hard

When should a committee be a corporation?

Answers may be varied, but one such instance should be the Great Issues Committee of Texas A&M University's Memorial Student Center.

The committee, which lists 30 highly active members, is a segment of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate. Its objectives are primarily to serve students with intellectual, informative speakers and programs.

Each sub-division of the committee actually ranks as a committee within itself.

THE COMMITTEE chairman, Gerald Moore, senior physics major from Arlington, is candid about the committee's objective.

"We're trying to provide speakers and programs which will broaden the scope of a culturally isolated community.

Operating on a \$10,000 budget funded by student activity fees, the Great Issues Committee efforts last year were attended by

more than 35,000 persons.

Of that number, an estimated 30,000 turned out for Space-Fiesta related exhibits.

HYDRO-SPACE FIESTA, chaired this year by Larry Scott, a senior mathematics major from Cleburne, is drawing response from every member of the Great Issues Committee. More than 1,000 hours of planning and arrangements have been socked into the program and related exhibits.

Another sub-division is the Speaker Series, chaired by David Maddox, a junior management major from College Station. That group's presentation this school year has included Martin Agronsky of "Face the Nation" television fame, and John Ciardi, poetry editor for the Saturday Review.

Frances Kimbrough, junior modern language student from Bryan, heads a film series tabbed the "World Around Us." Alfred Lilenthal, a Middle East authority, drew a large audience as one

of five film series speakers for the year.

MOORE, named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, spends the spare moments he can find working on committee projects. He also finds time to teach a senior physics class at A&M Consolidated High School and works part time as a physics curriculum assistant in the university's Creative Application of Technology to Education Center.

"Many of our members spend virtually all their spare time working on Great Issues projects," Moore explained. "They sacrifice time and sometimes grade points to work on these programs which they feel are beneficial to fellow university students and the community."

"It's satisfying to do a job well and advance to another," he continued. "We feel that members gain experience in arranging programs, financing and budget control, public relations and a number of other areas."

SCHEDULING and financing are complex problems for committee members. They realize that big names cost big money and that the magnitude of the names has a direct bearing on the size of audiences.

"We try to find the most knowledgeable people available, work out a suitable financial agreement, then search for a suitable time and place for him to make a presentation," Moore remarked.

Prospective additions to the committee's programs are considered annually. Now under study are informal panel discussions of speaker's subjects before and after presentations.

"There's one good thing about our heavy schedule of programs," Moore pointed out. "If we don't do as good a job as we would like to have done on one program, there's always the opportunity to improve on the next one."

Bulletin Board

TODAY
The Society of Iranian Students at A&M will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the YMCA.
The MSC Bridge Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center.

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State Capital Roundup

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AUSTIN, Tex. — Around and around goes the Texas Liquor Control Board inquiry — and where it stops nobody knows.

Threatened with disclosures that would "blow the top off" irregularities in operations of some of its field personnel, the board heard just enough to rattle its windows at a one-day public hearing here.

Widely-heralded fact-finding proceedings before the three-member board developed little evidence.

But the probe, according to LCB Chairman W. D. Noel of Odessa and First Assistant Atty. Gen. Nola White, coordinator, will continue behind the scenes.

Gov. John Connally said the fact that only five witnesses showed up for the hearing (when 500 had been invited) was "very disappointing."

Ex-inspector William B. Groce and Raymond L. Valenta, among seven Dallas LCB employees fired on December 13, provided most of the testimony. They denied any wrongdoing and demanded exoneration of any part in alleged rigged sale of a confiscated \$78 truck and the reported trading of 11 bottles of confiscated liquor to an auto painter.

Dallas Assistant Dist. Atty. William F. Alexander repeatedly questioned Groce and Valenta about their association with a 417-pound private investigator named Smokey Joe Smith. Smith is under indictment on charges growing out of alleged efforts to "fix" liquor license suspensions. That some partiality was shown

in enforcing liquor laws in the Dallas area, was hinted by the ousted inspectors. But they denied pressure to put anybody out of business or any knowledge of license suspension reductions by the board's state headquarters.

White commented after the hearing that no real evidence of wrongdoing developed. Further hearings in Jasper, Dallas, Odessa and Tyler have been suggested. Meanwhile, new fuel was thrown on the fire by the firing or resignation of the board's supervisor of investigation, John W. Crank. Crank said he quit because he was "fed up." The board said he was relieved of his duties.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
A blue-ribbon constitutional revision commission has set itself a late-May deadline for the processing of study-group proposals for changing the state constitution by sections.

Commission granted its study sub-committee broad leeway as to whether to recommend sweeping "philosophical" rewriting or simple updating of basic laws and elimination of deadwood. Most members appeared to lean toward the latter, and some warned that the legislature is going to do as it pleases anyway with the final handiwork.

COLLEGE SALARIES
A new report from the Coordi-

nating Board, Texas Colleges and University System, has pegged Dallas County Junior College as the highest paying junior college in the state.

Salaries there average \$8,962 annually. But the highest individual income for a junior college teacher, \$13,600, is reported from Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth.

One with the lowest average salary rate is Hill Junior College at Hillsboro. Average salary there is \$6,525 per year.

CAR INSPECTION SLOW
More than 4,250,000 vehicles still have not been inspected for 1968 auto safety stickers reports the Texas Department of Public Safety. April 15 is the deadline.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., DPS director, said only 1,574,367 cars have been through inspection lines. A total of 5,702,862 were inspected in 1967.

Garrison urged drivers to have cars inspected soon in order to avoid those long lines which develop every year.

Inspections will be a little tougher this year. Items covered include steering, wheels, rims and front seat safety belts where anchorages are part of the manufacturer's original equipment. Garrison observed that some drivers may have to install seat belts before they can get a stamp.

Rhodes Scholar Classified I-A After Mailing In Draft Card

REDWOOD FALLS, Minn. (AP) —The Redwood County Draft Board has reclassified Rhodes Scholar Michael A. Fredrickson I-A and rescinded its permission for him to leave the U.S. after the 22-year-old Oxford University student mailed the board his draft card.

In a letter accompanying the board has no "legal or moral draft card, Fredrickson said the

force" over him and that he terminated his relationship with the board. He told the board he does not consider himself registered with the Selective Service system.

The board said the letter would be forwarded to state Selective Service officials.

Reasons for Fredrickson's action were not divulged by the board.

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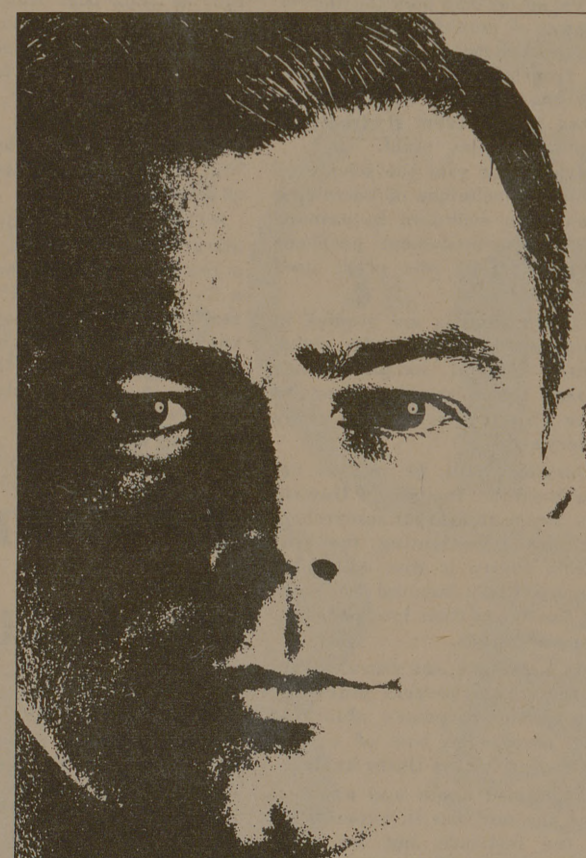
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