

The Strange Case Of H. L. Hummel

Did you hear the story about the traveling salesman and the farmer's daughter? You have. Hhhmmmm. Well how about the strange case of H. L. Hummel?

Hummel, you see, is another anti-war nut who lives in California, a land of many gay people.

Hummel is not a placard bearer, torch carrier, bearded boy, Berkeley beatnik, or even a Hell's Angel. He would even be kicked out of a crowd of high-flying "Make love, not war" hippies because, well, he's too old to love.

And yet the H. L. Hummel in our story has created more trouble and grief than a dozen peace-children lying in front of Dow Chemical Company or blocking supply shipments to Vietnam.

To most people who Hummel has contacted, he has merely been a signature with the address: P. O. Box 497, Susanville, California.

Hummel enjoyed sending anti-war material to widows and parents of servicemen who were killed in Vietnam.

After being contacted by one infuriated woman, the Pentagon, with the help of the Army's Criminal Investigations Division and the FBI, took charge.

"When women are contacted in this matter we're encouraging them to let us know about it," a Pentagon spokesman said.

"This junk is all objectionable from a moral and ethical sense, but legally there is little we can do except appeal to the sender to stop.

"But where we find material that is actionable, we'll take action," he said. Only obscene or seditious material is actionable.

Included in the packet of goodies which Hummel sent were an anti-war essay personally written by H. L. H.; a reprint, one of 100, of an anti-war essay which appeared in the "Christian Century;" and a 150-word anti-war news story bylined by "Wilfred Burchett." No mention was made that Burchett is a Communist.

A call placed to Hummel in California was answered by a woman who said her husband was 87 years old and unable to hear well. She relayed questions to him and he answered into the telephone himself.

The man said he had ordered the 100 reprints from the "Christian Century" because he "wanted to read them."

When asked if he had ever mailed the material to women whose sons or husbands had died in Vietnam, Hummel would only say that he didn't remember, but added "what if I did? I don't see anything wrong with it."

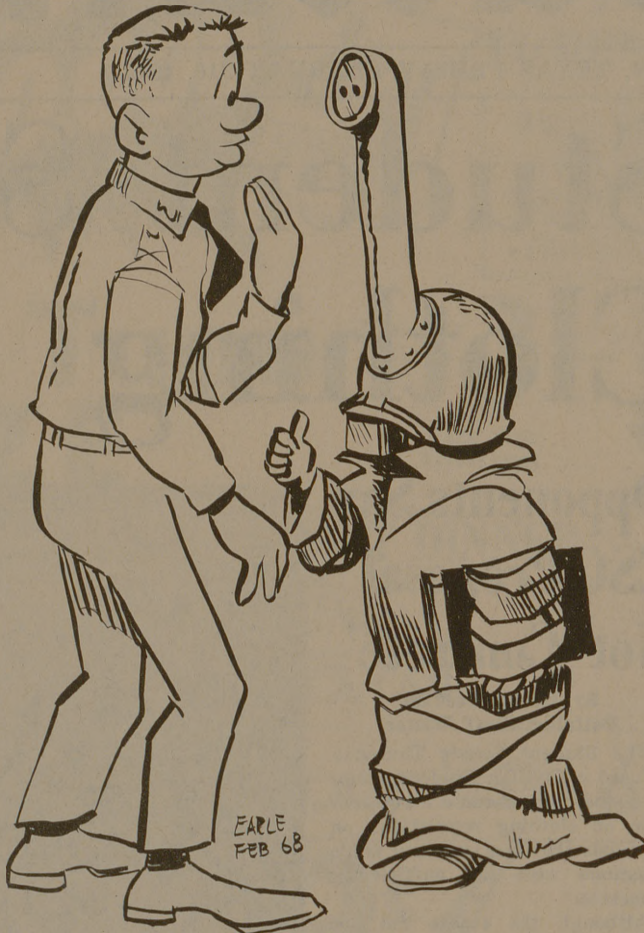
Hummel's essay accused the United States of "bombing hospitals, kindergartens and private homes" and then added "We self-styled civilized people kill thousands for no cause at all which makes us a thousand times the barbarian the cannibal is."

For a widow or a woman whose son was killed to have to receive such letters is an offense against the public good. It should be treated as such by the postal department.

Senile fools who include such activities under their rights as citizens do not realize what added pain they cause to the open wound of a personal loss. We'll take beel-led cattle and sheep like the hippies over the world's Hummels anyway.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"It gives me that 'eye-to-eye' contact that I've been missing."

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion
Just to get the record straight, I would like to correct one date in Davis Mayes' "Research Reveals A&M's True Age" in The Battalion of February 14, 1968. The date "June 13, 1871" should be "June 20, 1871." The commissioners inspected sites in Brazos County on June 13, 1871; they chose the present location of Texas A&M on June 20, 1871. All of our effort has been directed towards establishing the fact that the date of June 20, 1872, which

appears in all chronologies of Texas A&M, is an error. There simply is no longer any doubt that the present site was chosen by the commissioners at their meeting in Houston on June 20, 1871.

Yours very truly,
Ernest Langford
Archivist

Bulletin Board
FRIDAY
The Society of Iranian Students will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the YMCA.
MONDAY
The Pre-Vet Society will have pictures taken for the AggieLand at 7:30 p.m. on the steps of the Memorial Student Center.

Capital Roundup

35 State Candidates File

By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association
AUSTIN—Eleven Democratic and three Republican candidates for governor squared off for an action-packed May 4 primary election as filing deadline closed last week.

Most of the interest centers in the gubernatorial contest. Only one Democratic incumbent in state-wide office, Comptroller Robert S. Calvert, has primary opposition. The lieutenant governor's office and two Supreme Court places being vacated by incumbents are contested by Democrats.

While Republicans provided candidates for all statewide offices except judicial, only in the governor's column is there a GOP primary race. The rest are unopposed.

Here's the way the primary ballots will look:

DEMOCRATIC

Governor—Lt. Gov. Preston Smith of Lubbock; John L. Hill of Houston; Waggoner Carr of Lubbock; Eugene Locke of Dallas; Gordon McLendon of Dallas; Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde; Pat O'Daniel of Dallas; Don Yarborough of Houston; Johnnie Mae Hackworth of Brenham; Edward L. Whittenburg of Houston and Alfonso Veloz of Houston.

Lieutenant Governor—House Speaker Ben Barnes of DeLeon; Rep. Don Gladden and Gene Smith, both of Fort Worth.

Comptroller—Robert S. Calvert and Dallas Blankenship, Paris.

Supreme Court, Place 2—Tom Reavley of Austin and James G. Denton of Amarillo.
Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin, Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler, Agriculture Commissioner John White, Treasurer Jesse James, Railroad Commissioner Jim Langdon, Supreme Court Associate Justice Zollie Steakley, Court of Criminal Appeals Judge W. A. Morrison and Leon Douglas, a

candidate for the Court of Criminal Appeals have no Democratic opposition.

REPUBLICAN

Governor—Paul Eggers of Wichita Falls, Wallace Sisk of Houston and John R. Trice of Dallas.

Republican candidates with no primary opposition are: Lieutenant Governor—Douglas DeCluitt of Waco; Attorney General—Sprousser Wynn of Fort Worth; Treasurer—Manuel Sanchez of Brownsville; Comptroller—John Bennett, San Antonio; Agriculture Commissioner—E. H. Schu-hart of Dalhart; Land Commissioner—Millard Neptune of New Ulm; and Railroad Commissioner—Jim Segret of San Antonio.

DRINK BATTLE RENEWED

Gov. John Connally told a press conference that he may renew his effort to strengthen state liquor laws and legalize and tax liquor by the drink at the special session of the Legislature he must call this year.

Connally said the liquor proposal he made in 1967, which was killed by the Legislature, may well be a part of his program for raising the \$150,000,000 to \$190,000,000 which will be needed to operate state government next year.

He renewed his attack on the "subterfuge" of the private club, and said that his efforts in 1967 to tighten up the liquor law were opposed by some who now profess to be shocked at the shortcomings of the liquor laws.

But Connally said he has not yet decided when to call the Legislature back to Austin. Speculation is that the session will be in June, after the primaries.

He suggested that if the liquor issue is not handled by the first special session, he might call another session to work on it. He also announced that he wants a

strong conflict of interest law to prohibit any member of the Legislature from practicing law in any state agency.

Student Senate

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inate the regulations would contribute to destroying the image of A&M.

"It seems a shame that A&M known for building men and for being a school full of pride, must insult its students, men and women, by insinuating that the students are morally irresponsible and too immature to dress correctly," Senator Sanny Wain said.

Following is the opinion poll that the CSC proposed to the Student Senate:

OPINION POLL ON STUDENT CLOTHING REGULATIONS

Instructions: Vote by marking (X) the one statement you prefer. Should you select the 3rd statement, additional marking is requested. This ballot is to be turned in at the polls when you vote in the general elections.

- () I favor the current clothing regulations as printed below.
 - () I feel there should be no clothing regulations for students.
 - () I feel the current clothing regulations are too strict and should be revised. I favor revising the paragraphs which have been marked (X) below:
- A list of the clothing regulations followed on the ballot.

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SYMBOL DEPLETION

We've almost lost a good word, and we hate to see it go.

The movie industry may feel the same way about words such as colossal, gigantic, sensational and history-making. They're good words—good symbols. But they've been overused, and we tend to pay them little heed. Their effectiveness as symbols is being depleted.

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