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A great man was born on this day 236 years ago. His picture is with nearly everyone everyday of the year, and the story of his accomplishments reads as much like mythology as it does history.

Like many of his contemporaries he has become a legend with streets, buildings and monuments named in his

He is of course, our first President, George Washington. Washington remains a symbol of courage, honesty, common sense, loyalty and the word "freedom. His countrymen in the winter of 1776 weren't even

"Americans." They were just "Colonials." A weary, frozen, scared, starving band of ordinary

people on their way to an extraordinary achievement—The United States of America. General Washington knew the pain, cold, dwindling food

and incredible scarcity would test any man. But in the end they won over every obstacle in their

way to self-determination. Maybe you think you're just an ordinary person who can do little individually to help freedom, but you too can maintain the liberty which Washington molded.

Vote. Read. Listen. Learn. Tell. Encourage. But don't ignore freedom.

Ordinary people can produce extraordinary results it's how America happened.

On this day of celebration for Washington's birthday this country is being severly tested. It's difficult to accept a lesser role in the circle of nations, yet every country is becoming stronger and less dependentt on the Western world's biggest power.

With the Washington-like courage which we hope all Americans would maintain, we affirm our support in this nation, its people and government, and hope that justice tion will guide our representatives in b civilian and military segments of our society.

Texas' March Draft Quota Nearly 2,000

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AUSTIN.—State attention continues to center on the embattled Texas Liquor Control Board.

Speaker Ben Barnes appointed a special subcommittee from the House State Affairs Committee to study possible changes in the election laws. Rep. Dick Cory of Victoria, committee chairman, also heads the subcommittee. Other members are Reps. James Slider of Naples, Bill Clayton of Springlake, Cletus Davis of Houston and Roy Garwood of San

Cory stressed that the committee will not investigate Board operations. It will look into the cumbersome liquor laws which have not been modernized since they were first adopted in 1935. Chairman Cory says the panel will be ready with its recommendations (which conceivably could include legislation of liquor-bythe-drink sales) "whenever Governor Connally calls a special session of the Legislature."

LCB itself has drafted a set of recommendations which include the provision that no private clubs, veterans or fraternal organization can serve liquor over the bar in dry areas without local-option election approval.

A veteran lawman, O. N. (Newt) Humphreys Jr., was chosen by the Board to take the vacant job as assistant to Administrator Coke Stevenson Jr. Humphreys, 43, is a native of Brenham. His father was chief of police there. The new LCB assistant chief has been with the Texas Department of Public Safety since 1948 and for 11 years has been head of its intelligence division.

His selection led to speculation that the LCB might in a few months move Humphreys up to administrator. But Stevenson said that he has no intention of resigning while the agency is under

In a unique way, the LCB situation got involved in the governor's race. Lieut. Gov. Preston Smith was critical of the decision Dallas, one of Smith's opponents by Barnes to name a special committee. Then Eugene Locke of in the Governor's race. said the liquor laws obviously need revision and that Smith should have provided leadership toward that

Gov. John Connally's declaration that state legislators have been involved in "influence peddling" efforts with Stevenson, and his refusal to grant special treatment kept his salary down, led to some checking.

A study of the appropriations

laws for the past 10 years shows that Stevenson's salary was gen-

erally held to about \$4,000 less wise, there will be no money for would be rebellious toward any than those of comparable department heads. It was only last Sept. 1 that his salary was

other agency heads.

DRAFT QUOTA UP SHARPLY Texas draft boards next month must furnish the largest monthly quota of young men for military service in nearly two years.

Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state Selective Service director, said the local boards have been called on to provide 1,948 men-most since the 2,012-man quota of November, 1966. Low point in the interim was 674 men last Febru-

This year's monthly requests have been 1,165 men in February and 1,659 in January.

National call for March induction is 39,000 men. All are for • FOR JUNE—Legislators won't the Army.

SPECIAL SESSION TALKS With all of the 1968 candidates now on the line and campaigns still in low gear, favorite capitol speculation is the date of the upcoming special legislative ses-

Governor Connally must call one in order to pass a 1969 budget and a new tax bill. This has to be done before September 1, start of the next fiscal year. Othercontinuation of state services. Big question is when?

It has been widely assumed brought to within \$1,000 of two that Connally will wait until around June 3 when the primary elections will be over.

> Since the governor said that he may ask legislators to consider liquor-by-the-drink legalization and conflict-of-interests curbs, speculation on the session's date has flared anew. It is felt that he may have an earlier date in mind, like maybe March 4. Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel "predicted" this starting time in a Valentine Day letter to senators. Later he said he wrote with "tongue in cheek" and wasn't really serious.

Arguments run something like

vote for a big tax bill with elections staring them in the face, and will resent having campaigns interrupted. Early session would put friends as well as foes on the spot and might result in defeat of some. Lawmakers are reluctant to vote for tax measures until the last minute, anyway; and along about July and August, they can't put it off any longer.

• FOR MARCH - After their election lame duck legislators hitting a train.

tax program or other controversial measures submitted by the governor. More time might be needed to pass a major tax bill than would be allowed by a June session. New Democratic nominee for governor will be known by June, and the legislators may be inclined to look to him for leader-

Only man really in position to know is John Connally. He says he hasn't made up his mind - and might not for several weeks. But adds: "Any date is a possibility."

ship and ignore Connally's pro-

posals.

COURTS SPEAK

Texas Supreme Court has held that: Cities should not license door-to-door insurance salesmen (in a case originating in Hillsboro.); City of Beaumont and its music commission are not responsible for injuries to a woman who fell while attempting to return to her seat at a concert in the city auditorium; Henderson County district court must consider a land vacancy claim; A jury trial must be held in an Amarillo man's suit against a railroad after the driver of a car in which he was a passenger crashed while trying to avoid

High court also agreed to arguments on March 27 in Antonio case involving a fa right to prevent a divorced from legally changing the a of their child.

Court of Criminal Appeals firmed the death penalty ass 19-year-old Johnny Rudy quez for murder of a Be nurse-one of five persons he accused of slaying within hours April 25, 1966. Tra death extended from (Christi, through Beeville and

Wilson County. FISHING AGREEMENT Texas and Louisiana fisher soon will be able to fish in dary waters of the two s with license or exemption

either. Parks and Wildlife Comm signed such an agreemer Louisiana officials. It take fect in 30 days and appli Sabine Pass, Sabine Lake, T Bend Reservoir and Caddo

PWC Chairman Will Odor this reciprocal arrangement maxed two years of work expressed hope that Texas work out similar pacts with kansas and Oklahoma.

Odom said that no tworeciprocal hunting license be adopted.

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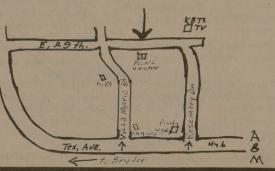
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