

# F-111 In Vietnam, Ups Combat Power

The United States is about to introduce one of two new aircraft which will greatly increase combat effectiveness while lowering operating and shipping costs.

Six of the controversial F-111 swing-wing bombers will be introduced into the Vietnam war in about two weeks.

They are the first of the newly-developed aircraft to be used in combat, and if successful, are destined to replace the F-105's, which are no longer in production but are being shot down over North Vietnam daily.

Air Force spokesmen say the F-111 will fly farther and faster than any other aircraft in the military inventory. It can carry up to 50,000 pounds of bombs, can maintain supersonic speeds in any weather and at any level, day or night, and could carry any weapon, conventional or nuclear.

The spokesmen say the bomber is more accurate than any other bomber and is more effective in eluding enemy ground fire.

The bomber will be used for low level raids on Hanoi and other heavily defended targets where it can be flown at supersonic speeds at low level for a long period of time.

The introduction of the plane could lead to a reduction in the number of fighter aircraft needed and thus a possible reduction in the cost of maintaining an efficient and effective striking force.

Within the next two years, should the war continue, the Air Force will also have the new C-5A transport which is being produced by Lockheed.

Larger than any aircraft to have ever flown, it will have the capability of carrying 350,000 pounds of cargo.

Translated into more meaningful terms, that might be six Greyhound buses; or 400 combat troops with their equipment; or a tank, several jeeps, an artillery piece and 150 combat troops, or any combination which adds up to a capability more than twice as great as any plane we now have.

Both planes represent the continuing and mounting pressure which is brought to bear against the enemy and yet at less expense to the taxpayer.

# Local Tax Addition Social Phenomena

Bryan voters recently did what most other Texas towns had done in the past few weeks, and passed the thing that hurts the least—a one per cent city sales tax.

That way the increased costs of city services can be met while the taxpayer only vaguely realizes the loss of a few pennies on each item he buys.

For taxpayers to swallow the proposition of a 10 per cent federal income tax surcharge is a gagging gulp.

In some states, added to federal taxes are state income tax deductions. And, in the cities of many states, tax at that level provides still further revenue for the costs of providing government service and benefits.

The local option city sales tax vote which was passed in Bryan is a sociological and psychological phenomena.

People who are radically opposed to any further payments to the federal government were probably willing to vote in a one per cent increase at the local level.

The community is like a breathing, living person with which an individual can identify for his job, his education, his recreation, his family—his security.

The federal and state governments remain too impersonal, at a level where the words "bureaucracy" and "waste" are too often dropped.

Like other Texas citizens, Bryan voters were willing to increase city sales taxes to three cents.

And there was also another important factor—they had a choice to pass it or reject it.

The issue points up the fact that taxes, tax forms or even how much (within reason) taxes are paid is not necessarily repulsive—it's who is being paid.

On the one hand, President Johnson asks for an increase to stem the "tide of inflation" and people cringe.

On the other hand, citizens go to the polls and pass a tax increase at the local level. The services which are being supported by the increase will benefit them directly; it's easier to see just how their dollar is being spent, and it's nice to drive on the new roads which can now be built.

But no matter what the issue or its importance, the Bryan vote illustrated the apathy of an entire nation—only 15 per cent of the eligible voters voted.

# Bulletin Board

- TODAY**
- The Lower Trinity Valley Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.
  - The Russian Club will hear Dr. K. H. Ro of the Department of Political Science speak on the Moscow-Peking rivalry in Asia at Room 3D of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.
  - The Leaders In World Agriculture will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Engineering Building.
  - The Deep East Texas Hometown Club will elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3A of the Memorial Student Center.
  - The Amarillo Hometown Club will make plans for an Easter party at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Academic Building.
  - The Mechanical Engineering Seminar Program will hear Mike D. Batey and Bill Nicks, engineers for Southwest Bell Telephone Co. in Houston, speaking about Bell's management training program for engineers at 10 a.m. in Room 303 of Fernier Hall.
  - The Fort Worth Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the Memorial Student Center.

# THE BATTALION

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# CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



EARLE  
"There's an ad here for a second-hand car that would make an excellent faculty car or a fair second car for a student!"

# Sound Off

To the Class of '69:  
My name is Bud Welch, and I am campaigning for the position of your class vice-president. My job as vice-president would involve the organization and coordination of our class through the Senior Council.

I hope to speak to each of you individually, but this letter may have to be a substitute. Our Senior year should be our most active, and I shall do my best to make it a year for you to remember.

Candidate for Vice-President  
Bud Welch '69

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Editor,  
The Battalion:

All right, Ags—You have had plenty of time to think about what is going to happen on March 28th. You have had time to sit in your "bull" sessions and talk about it. But, remember Ags, talk is cheap and talk never got you to the polls.

Do you know enough now to go to the polls next Thursday and voice your feelings? Do you think what you say with your power to vote will be effective? Do you know how to make your feelings effective? You can, you know, if you voice your feelings as a body, a body of Aggies!

A concerted effort by you will get something done. Think about it! Look at the responsibilities. Draw some conclusions. Act on these obvious conclusions.

Above all, Ags, remember one thing. After all is said and done, you know where the responsibility lies, at the polls.

Clifford Tice '69

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Editor,  
The Battalion:

I am writing this letter in reference to the upcoming elections and one of the candidates running for yell leader.

The candidate I am referring to is Garry Mauro, class of 1970. Garry is running because he would like to see A&M united once again. He, along with many others are tired of seeing a great school like A&M being ruined by a split in the student body because some of us are not in the Corps of Cadets. We feel that being in the Corps is not a prerequisite to being an Aggie. Rather having that true Fighting Texas Aggie Spirit is what makes a real Aggie.

Garry would also like to see more spirit exhibited by the civilian students. He would like to see more civilians out at the yell practices and would work toward this goal if elected. Garry has been said to be the most spirited non-reg on campus.

I personally would like to see Garry Mauro elected yell leader not just because he is a non-reg but because I believe he can do a lot for A&M. Let's all get out and vote on March 28 and remem-

# Sex, Colleges—Should They Mix?

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An educator said Monday colleges have no business meddling with the sex lives of their students.

"I believe that college students have the right to pursue their personal lives without the interference of overzealous administrators," said Dr. Marvin Buncher, vice president for student affairs at Point Park College.

"The college," he said in a lecture, "should not establish standards of student dress, dictate the length of the male tresses, or attempt to regulate the sexual morality of the students."

Buncher said a sexual evolution is taking place on college campuses. He said there appear to be five reasons for this: (1) the use of birth control pills, (2) a chemo-therapeutic approach to venereal disease, (3) the use of drugs, narcotics and alcohol, (4) the "chronic exposure of sex manifestations via the mass media, and (5) "an unknown quantity is the so-called 'stress syndrome' based on the uncertainties of the world situation."

# Arts Group Sets 'Citizen Kane'

"Citizen Kane," Orson Wells' first and most famous film, will be the Contemporary Arts Committee's feature at 8 p.m. Monday in the Memorial Student Center Ball Room.

"We have fewer than 100 season passes left which will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis," according to Mark Schumann, film series chairman.

He added that single admissions will be sold at the door for "Citizen Kane" for 50 cents per student and 75 cents for faculty.

An American color film, "The Adventures of \*," is the second feature.

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**PEANUTS**

By Charles M. Schulz

WELL, WE LOST OUR FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON...

I WONDER HOW OUR NEW MANAGER WILL TAKE THIS DEFEAT?

BOOT! BOOT! BOOT!

I HATE LOSING!