

Booby Trap Now Under New Cover

In boot camp, in special training, in jump school, in survival school and in Army magazines the Vietnam-bound recruit is introduced to "booby trap" warfare.

One Army source has reported that at least one third of American casualties in Vietnam are due to cleverly disguised traps. Everything is a target for mine—roads, fences, trees, tall grass, coconuts, rice caches, abandoned weapons and motor vehicles.

But never underestimate the Viet Cong in their ability to discover new and ingenious methods of utilizing American combat weaknesses for new traps.

Nude girls swimming in pools or standing in doorways or bushes are being used increasingly by the Viet Cong to bait traps for U. S. servicemen in Vietnam, according to a Marine Corps publication as reported in the Houston Post.

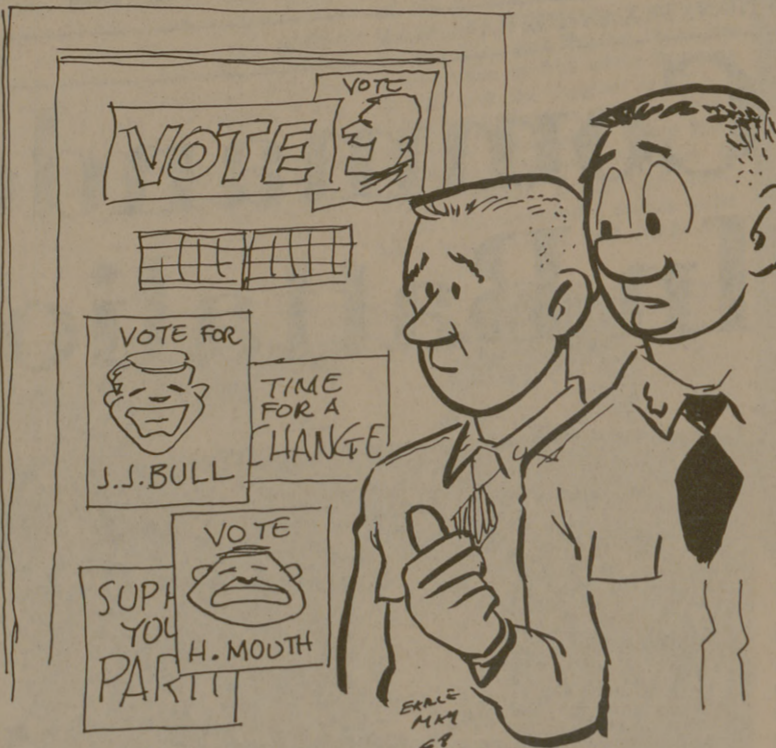
"Troop commanders on all levels have been asked to warn personnel to be wary of attempts to 'seduce and destroy,'" the article said.

Recently, five Marines joined three Vietnamese girls swimming in a river and apparently were captured. One of the men was found a few days later, naked and mutilated, but the other four have not been seen since.

Another Marine who disappeared was invited into a hut by a scantily clad girl who offered him "a cold beer."

Servicemen are still being given intensive training to warm them of punji stakes under foot, and they're beginning to recognize the signs.

The new female warfare is a little more difficult to combat, but the saying "beware of 'booby traps'" is taking on new meaning. Should the situation ever arise, proceed slowly.



"Now remember, let's not mention politics when we talk with him!"

State Capital Roundup

Governor's Vote Tops Party Primaries

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN—Hard-driving candidates for governor are coming down the stretch after a long campaign which has failed to fire up the voters.

Probably about 50 per cent of the total eligible electorate of just over four million will decide the outcome Saturday.

Strong Democratic runners include Lt. Gov. Preston Smith, John Hill, Waggoner Carr, Eugene Locke, Don Yarborough, Dolph Briscoe and Edward L. Whittenburg. Pat O'Daniel has campaigned extensively in recent weeks. Other candidates, Johnnie Mae Hackworth and Alfonso Veloz, have done little campaigning.

In the Republican primary, a warm gubernatorial contest features Paul Eggers, John R. Trice and Wallace Sisk.

Another hard-fought contest on the Democratic ballot pits House Speaker Ben Barnes against Don Gladden and Gene Smith for lieutenant governor.

There are two State Supreme Court races in the Democratic primary:

Place 1—Matt Davis vs. Sears McGee.

Place 2—Tom Reavley vs. James G. Denton.

Comptroller Robert S. Calvert is opposed by Dallas Blankenship, Democratic, Republican and American parties have scheduled referendums on legalizing sale of mixed alcoholic beverages on local

option, pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing, also on local option, and establishment of a state milk-price-fixing commission.

Democrats expect sharp fighting in their precinct conventions Saturday which decide makeup of the national presidential nominating convention delegation and shape of the state party organization. Gov. John Connally is campaigning for favorite son presidential designation, leadership of the national convention delegation and binding of delegates under the unit rule. Liberal opposition opposes both Connally as favorite son and the unit rule. Republican conventions Saturday will see strong efforts to name Sen. John Tower as their favorite son candidate.

draws County man sentenced to life imprisonment as an habitual criminal. Court also ordered a new trial in a Lubbock County murder case and closed the book on 21-year-old Kenneth Allen McDuff's unsuccessful appeal from the death penalty for murder of three teen-agers in Tarrant County a year and a half ago.

EDUCATION CONFERENCE
The top official with the U.S. Office of Education made a plea for expanded bilingual education programs here during the first session of the National Conference on Educational Opportunities for Mexican-Americans.

Harold Howe II, U.S. Commissioner of Education, said local school districts have failed Mexican-American children because our society has treated persons who are different as inferior.

He said bilingual education gives proper dignity to the Spanish-speaking by not making their language and customs appear inferior.

Voters have been warned they cannot participate in affairs of the new American Party supporting George Wallace for president if they vote in either the GOP or Demo primaries Saturday or go to major party conventions. American Party needs 14,000 members to get Wallace on the November ballot.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES
Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin has held that the "open meetings" law of 1967 is valid and constitutional. Opinion cleared the way for first court action (at Brownsville) under the new act. Cameron County Criminal Dist. Atty. F. T. Graham requested the opinion after the Brownsville Herald complained its reporter was barred for an hour from a meeting of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board last January 25.

COURTS SPEAK
In an important new opinion, Court of Criminal Appeals has held that trial judges must interrupt criminal trials and get a jury verdict on a question of sanity if the issue is raised by evidence.

Following that decision, Court reversed two convictions, ordering new trials for a young Petersburg woman accused of stabbing a baby to death and for an An-

Editor,
The Battalion:

I love a parade. I especially loved the Fiesta Parade in San Antonio. Having been raised there and having attended the parade each year since I was a small child in the early '20's, to me it is a most spectacular event. To me there is nothing like it other than the great State of Texas which also has the Aggies.

Since 1948 I have been an Aggie fan and have argued many times for them. I had never seen the Aggie Band except on television when they are usually cut off by the commentator. You will never know the thrill and pride I felt when I saw them lead the Fiesta Parade this year. To me they are the greatest and I hope someday to see an Aggie-Texas football game live instead of on television. However, I don't trust myself too far around the Texas fans.

The marching and playing of your band is superb. Thank you again for the unusual treat.

Mrs. Robert Patterson
Victoria

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Editor,
The Battalion:

It has been brought to my attention that my article of the 30th has been taken as a direct attempt to attack a particular individual on this campus. It has also been brought to my attention that it would at this time be personally prudent for me to state that I bore no malice toward and group or individual. My intent was to point out that although one may disagree with another's appearance, his right of disagreement does not extend to the point that the other's rights are violated due to said extension.

Bulletin Board

TODAY

The Texas A&M Marine Biology Association will begin its annual field trip through Sunday to Matagorda Island. Anyone interested should sign the list in front of Room 113 of the Biology Building.

SATURDAY

The Industrial Education wives will hold a pot lunch at 6 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clint Bertrand.

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Let any mention of particular students be stricken from the article with due apologies, but let the principle remain: "Live and let live!"

D. W. Beech '69

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Surrender Urged By Ray's Brother

CHICAGO (AP)—The brother of James Earl Ray, the man sought on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., appealed to his brother to surrender, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Thursday.

The Sun-Times interviewed Jerry Ray, 32, in the room he occupies at a north suburban country club where he works as a maintenance man.

Ray expressed fears that his brother was dead and said other members of the family also doubted that he was alive.

The Sun-Times quoted Ray as saying: "If he is still alive, I urge him to surrender himself to the FBI or to contact someone in the family and ask them to make surrender arrangements."

He described his brother as "the hottest man in the country . . . the most wanted man there ever was," the Sun-Times said.

Ray told the interviewer he found it difficult to believe his brother shot King because "he never was a man of violence."

His brother's criminal record shows that he never fired a gun or hit anyone, Ray said. But he was reported as saying that his brother could have been used in a conspiracy to kill the civil rights leader.

The Sun-Times said Ray related that his brother obviously received a large payoff at some time.

"Look at all the money he came into all of a sudden," the story quoted him as saying. "Buying Mustangs, taking dancing lessons, taking trips to Mexico."

"You don't get that kind of money from sticking up grocery stores, and my brother wasn't the kind to stick up currency exchanges," Ray was quoted as telling the paper.

Ray said that if his brother tries to contact the people who "used him," he would be killed.

The story quoted him further: "If he's still alive, the FBI's going to get him, you can be sure of that."

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(Pd. Pol. Adv.)
From Don Yarbrough's Speech at Easterwood Airport — Wednesday, April 24th.

"Mandatory tenure laws in Texas are long overdue and I think the Board of Regents or Directors should be made up of at least 1/3 Faculty members."
"I think anyone who is old enough to be sent to fight a war should have a right to vote. I feel today's 18 year olds are better equipped than 21 year olds were 50 years ago."

ATTEND YOUR PRECINCT CONVENTION SATURDAY!

SUPPORT CONNALLY FOR FAVORITE SON!

Next January, for the first time in almost forty years, Texas will have no representation in the top leadership of our nation.

Seldom in recent history have we faced such political uncertainty. Developments just ahead will affect our state for years to come.

If you want Texas to have a strong united voice in the future affairs of our nation, join behind Governor Connally as Favorite Son candidate for the Presidency, and as leader of the delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

As a leader respected throughout the country, he will be an effective, influential voice in shaping the future leadership and policy of the party and the nation.

Be sure to attend your precinct convention, adopt the unit rule, and give your support to Governor John Connally for Favorite Son.

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By Charles M. Schulz