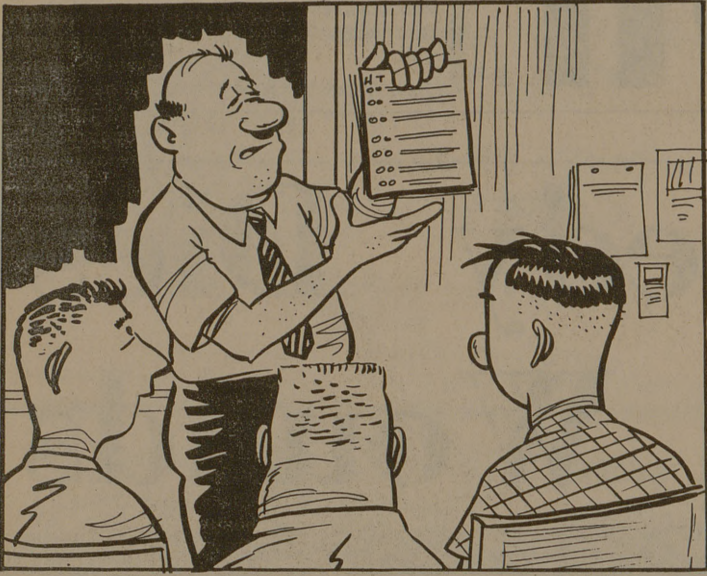


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"You'll notice on your quiz that the questions do not require 'true' or 'false' but instead 'heads' or 'tails'!"

State Capital Roundup

By VERN SANFORD
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AUSTIN—Texas' Constitutional Revision Commission has completed its series of winter and spring work sessions, rewriting the Texas charter of government. It will not meet again until August.

Any fair analysis of the status of constitutional revision in Texas would have to be based on a note of pessimism regarding the chances for ultimate acceptance of the committee's work to date.

Main problem for the 25 revisionists to overcome was created when the Commission was established—by a divided legislature—in the spring of 1967.

Originally the Commission was to be formed by a joint House and Senate resolution. However, the Senate refused to go along with the plan so the House acted alone. Speaker Ben Barnes named a House Committee. But Lt. Gov. Preston Smith declined to make any appointments. Gov. John Connally gave considerable moral support to the committee, but now he is a "lame duck" and will not be governor when the Commission submits its report to the Legislature next January.

In terms of the substantive proposals for a new constitution, the Commission has been far from decisive to this point.

Reports have been heard from various subcommittees on the executive branch, the judiciary, political subdivisions, taxation and other topics.

These reports have been given tentative approval by the Commission as a whole, but on all votes it was made clear that decisions made now can be reversed during the next slate of meetings this coming fall.

One of the most heated debates in the brief history of the Commission came from a recommendation for the appointment of the judges on the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals by a five-man commission. Voters would either approve or remove them. At present these judges are elected by the people.

Two members of the Commission were particularly forceful in their argument against this proposal.

H. S. (Hank) Brown of San Antonio, president of the Texas AFL-CIO, opposed the measure as being a dangerous trend for a democratic society. Brown argued that the people have a right to elect their judges.

Rep. Dick Cory of Victoria contended that such a provision in the revised constitution would insure its defeat when the matter is put to a vote.

Dr. Janice May, government professor at the University of Texas, said Cory and Brown are overlooking the realities of the current system of judicial selection.

"Right now two-thirds of all our judges are initially named by appointment from the governor. Then, as a matter of practice, they run for re-election and are almost always retained in office," she said.

Most of the members of the Commission have expressed some desire to strengthen the hand of

the governor. They maintain that a majority of the state agencies are virtually free of his influence and can carry out public policy without regard to his wishes. Opponents of the proposal point out that the governor already has

Senator Kennedy

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his condition, and that did not develop."

Salinger announced the body was to be taken from Los Angeles between 10 and 11 a.m. PDT. He said the family, friends and some staff members were to be aboard.

The Requiem Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The body will be placed on a train at 12:30 p.m. for the last journey to Washington. It is expected to arrive at about 4:40 p.m.

The funeral route will take the cortege past the U. S. Senate Office Building where Kennedy worked, and the Department of Justice, where he served as attorney general.

SALINGER SAID KENNEDY will be buried at about 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Arlington, probably at the hillside site where his brother's body lies.

Salinger said "all legal requirements" would be met before the body is removed from California. This apparently was in reference to an autopsy.

President Johnson said of Kennedy's death: "This is a time of tragedy and loss."

"During his life, he knew far more than his share of personal tragedy," Johnson said. "Yet he never abandoned his faith in America."

KENNEDY WAS HIT at least twice as his assailant emptied an eight shot, .22-caliber revolver in a swift volley as he passed through a kitchen passageway at the Ambassador.

One bullet struck his shoulder and lodged in his neck, the other penetrated to his brain.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, in Washington, expressed "profound personal loss" at Kennedy's death. "We have all lost a great American," he said. The vice president appealed that America may find the strength "to dispel the forces of irrational hate among us."

Kennedy's assassination brought presidential campaigning to a halt, as candidates suspended their search for political support. And it left the future Democratic picture in turmoil.

Kennedy's victory in California has pledged to him 172 delegates to the Democratic National Convention. They will represent California at the convention despite his death.

Kennedy entered the race on March 16, four days after Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., demonstrated the breadth of opposition to the administration by holding Johnson to a standoff in the New Hampshire presidential primary. McCarthy is the candidate Kennedy defeated in the California primary.

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion:

... At College Station, I was witness to the Grand-daddy of all Aggie jokes. Not the usual Aggie joke involving one or two Aggies, but a mass joke on over 3,000 of these uncouth characters from the Brazos bottom.

The setting for this joke was the Final Review of the Corps in which those 3,000 young men marched, stood, and paraded in the hot sweltering sunshine, simply to pay their respects to a few hundred of their number who were graduating from the University. Don't you Aggies realize that such expressions of sentiment went out with chivalry?

This joke was the more amusing by the appearance of those young men. Uniforms were spotless, boots were mirror shiny, hair was cropped to a military length, and there wasn't a beard in the crowd.

In this day of student protests and uprisings, this can only indicate that you Aggies are an illiterate lot who don't know what makes up acceptable campus activities.

To make the joke even more hilarious, we need but consider the attitude of each young man when the Band began to play The Star Spangled Banner. Every back straightened to a ramrod stiffness, every pair of shoulders squared, and every eye, looking straight ahead, developed a gleam of fierce pride and awareness of the part each man was playing in the overall ceremony honoring God, Country and School. In this era of draft card burnings, flag defacing, love-ins, and hippie groups, it is obvious that you Aggies are truly a backward lot.

All in all, it was a grand joke. To think that so many young men would willingly give up a Saturday afternoon of their free time, parade a drill field in the hot, humid weather, and take a fierce pride in doing so, simply to honor and pay tribute to their graduating friends, is indeed a reason for ridicule and scorn.

There is but one thing that bothers me; just who is the butt of this joke?

Louis R. Morris
Lamesa

Research Planned On Subsonic Flight

Texas A&M has been selected by the Department of Defense to establish a "center of excellence" in subsonic flight dynamics research.

Dr. A. D. Suttle Jr., A&M's vice president for research, said the program is part of DOD's Project Themis, in which the university currently participates in the fields of meteorology and optimization with grants totaling \$1.25 million.

Suttle noted funds for the three-year flight dynamics program will total approximately \$600,000 and be administered through the Department of the Army.

RESEARCH efforts, he explained, will emphasize unsteady aerodynamics as it influences flight dynamics of fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters and vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft.

Dr. W. P. Jones, aerospace engineering research professor, will be technical director for the project, with Dr. Richard E. Thomas, also an aerospace engineering professor, heading the flight program.

"There's been considerable space research work going on in

this country for several years," Dr. Jones observed, "but there has now been a rekindling of interest in low-speed aerodynamics."

Jones said A&M will develop a well-balanced program involving theoretical, flight and wind tunnel work.

A major goal of the program will be a better understanding of clear-air turbulence.

"WE PLAN to make a detailed study of what happens to an aircraft when it flies through turbulence," Thomas noted. He said this phase of the research will involve use of a unique gust generator developed at A&M.

One of the most difficult aspects of the study, the engineer pointed out, is detection of clear-air turbulence. He said a device must be developed that is more sensitive than radar.

Once a technique has been perfected to detect turbulence, Thomas continued, then engineers can devote their energies to creation of a system for aircraft similar to shock absorbers for automobiles.

A&M's flight dynamics research for Project Themis will emphasize the interdisciplinary approach, Suttle stressed. He said the program will utilize meteorology, mechanical engineering and computer science personnel, in addition to those in aerospace engineering.

The University's Project Themis program in meteorology centers around subjective forecasting in localized areas, whereas the optimization effort deals with basic mathematical and statistical regimes for a number of physical operations. DOD authorized both three-year programs last summer.

Corpus Plans 'Open House' On Alaminos

A six-week cruise of the Alaminos, Texas A&M's oceanographic research ship, includes a special call at Corpus Christi.

The ship departed Galveston Monday and be on the Gulf of Mexico until July 18.

A 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. open house and dinner aboard the 180-foot vessel is set at Corpus Christi Sunday, announced Dr. Richard A. Geyer, Oceanography Department head.

The "social" is in conjunction with the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce's promotion of marine sciences work out of the port, and the U. S. Geological Survey, Marine Geology and Hydrology branch office in Corpus Christi.

The office headed by Henry L. Berryhill Jr. is cooperating with A&M scientists on one leg of the Alaminos cruise. Dr. Arnold H. Bouma, oceanography professor, is chief scientist for the first part of the cruise.

Under his direction, seismic reflections, piston coring and sampling in the Northwest Gulf will be used as tools in a search for Pleistocene (glacial age) river courses on the shelf. Samples also will be taken from Alaminos Canyon off Galveston and Brownsville.

During the second leg off the coast of Florida, structure and sedimentation studies will attempt to determine if the Florida escarpment and Campeche shelf were at one time connected. Dr. William R. Bryant, oceanography professor, heads the work.

Dr. Davis A. Fahlgren of the Geophysics Department will direct the third portion of the 48-day cruise.

Bolshoi Ballet Tickets On Sale

A Texas A&M group will attend a performance by the famed Bolshoi Ballet from Russia in San Antonio June 23.

J. Wayne Stark, A&M's Memorial Student Center director, said 78 tickets have been reserved for the 2:30 p.m. Stars of the Bolshoi production at HemisFair '68.

The matinee performance of the Bolshoi will feature Act II of Fokine's "Les Sylphides,"

known as "Chopiniana" in the USSR. It also includes the pas de deux from Vasily Vainonen's "The Flames of Paris," "The Dying Swan" and other selections.

Plans call for the A&M contingent to board buses at 6 a.m., June 23, in front of the MSC. Coffee and pastry will be served on both buses, Stark said.

Tickets will be available from the MSC's director's office, he said.



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