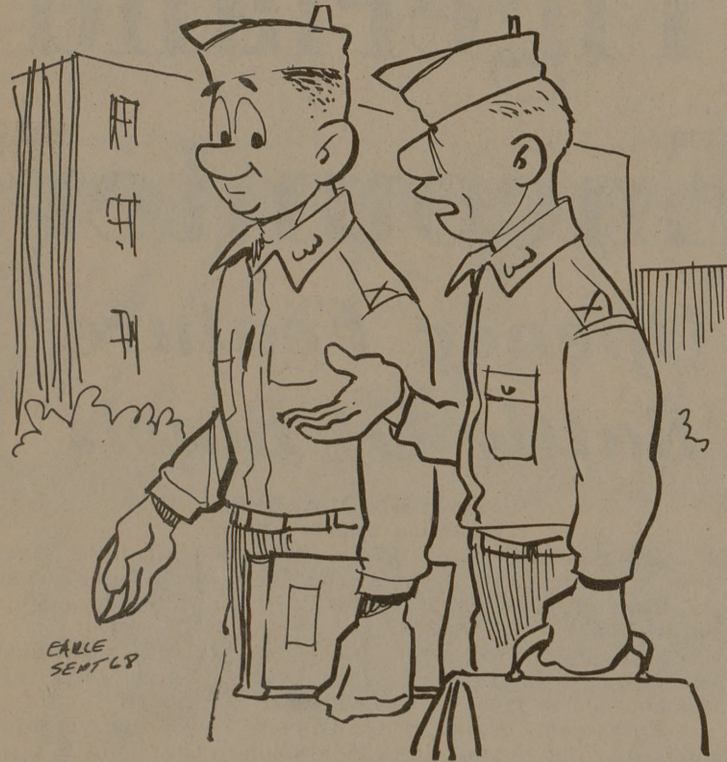


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"It became a decision between a selfish motive of studyin' this weekend for personal gain or else devoting my efforts to the encouragement and involvement in our common cause at Baton Rouge!"

The Image Men And 'New Nixon'

There are few things we like better than to see an underdog to public opinion struggle back into the Happy Image Grounds. The politician who can walk all over his tongue and live to walk another day could surely qualify as the '60's answer to Horatio Alger heroes.

That's why we've watched the Richard Nixon resurrection with wonderment and, admittedly, somewhat grudging admiration. How much credence can be placed in the concept of a "New Nixon" depends on a number of considerations which we won't debate here; the point is, Nixon seems on his way to being elected President, and his new image appears to be the key.

But the AP story on this page contains an off-key note in the candidate-press harmony that is New Nixon's theme song. Senator Strom Thurmond and Representative Melvin Laird glossed over the reporter's challenge to the closed doors of the Dallas fund-raising dinner, explaining that their supporters "seem more at ease in these brief sessions if they are private." To be doubly sure that the supporters could be at ease, the report adds, Thurmond and Laird did not have prepared speeches to give the banished reporters an idea of the substance of their remarks.

Granted, the much-discussed Texas Open Meetings Law applies only to public groups and not political parties. But Texas newspapermen are just getting used to the increased freedom it has given them in very similar situations, and it is probably significant that the AP reporter in Dallas made a point of describing the closed-door situation early in the report. Furthermore, Nixon's spokesmen displayed something less than statesmanship in refusing to release prepared texts while assuring reporters that nothing would be said "that you (reporters) couldn't hear."

It's a minor point, and Nixon's opponents have been, and will be, guilty of worse lapses in press relations. But Nixon is committed to a Number-Two-Tries-Harder approach in his bid for Number One, and it's probably a safe guess that the Thurmond-Laird episode won't be cause for rejoicing in Nixon headquarters.

—J.W.F.

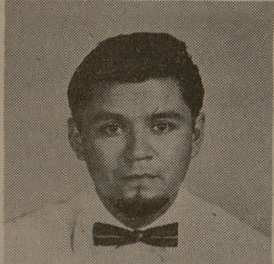
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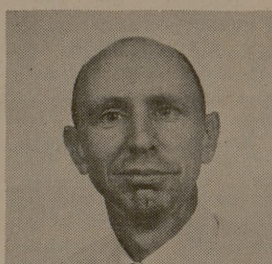
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Wallace Can't Be Elected, Thurmond Tells GOP

DALLAS (AP) — Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., Thursday night said George Wallace would not win the presidency even if a close three-way vote throws the election into the House of Representatives.

The Southern leader arrived in Dallas with Rep. Melvin Laird, R-Wis., to address a fund-raising dinner for Richard M. Nixon, the Republican candidate for president.

The dinner is sponsored by the Republican National Finance Committee and a group called Texans for Nixon under the leadership of Dallas financier Ben Carpenter.

ASKED IF HE knew the dinner was closed to newsmen, the senator and Rep. Laird said they had found that fund-raising programs were very much like off-the-record briefings for reporters.

"I can assure you we are not going to say anything at the dinner that you couldn't hear," Rep. Laird said. "It's just that our supporters seem more at ease in these brief sessions if they are private."

Senator Thurmond, the Dixiecrat presidential nominee in 1948, said that he came closer to winning the election than Wallace will come in November.

"ALL OF THE 11 original Southern States and the four or five border states are dominated by Democratic congressmen," Thurmond said. "It is obvious that they would support Hubert Humphrey in the House even if the popular vote went to Nixon."

The Republican visitors were to address the Dallas group after Nixon and his running mate, Gov. Spiro Agnew of Maryland, talk to the audience by closed-circuit television from Springfield, Mo.

Both Thurmond and Laird said they did not have prepared speeches, although Thurmond handed out a partially prepared text in which he accused Vice

President Humphrey and associates of "influence peddling and cronyism."

IN THE PARTIAL text, Thurmond said "past and present aides to Humphrey had been involved in three separate scandals totaling nearly \$20 million in U. S. Government loans and contracts."

Sen. Thurmond anticipated a question about his change from the Democratic Party to the GOP, saying merely that he supported Nixon "because he is a man of integrity."

Ending the Vietnam War was uppermost in the Senator's conversation. He called for an honorable victory and said, "Proper use of our powers could have brought this war to an end in any of three ways — militarily, economically and politically."

A QUESTION about his opposition to Justice Abe Fortas' appointment as Chief Justice was answered in a restatement of his opinion that Fortas "was not the man for the job."

Thurmond, in the airport interview, repeated his opposition to the non-proliferation treaty, saying he felt it dangerous to deal with the major power in the world that he said openly "states a goal of taking over the world by force."

The tall, thin senator with thin, graying hair pointed to the invasion of Czechoslovakia as underscoring his feelings.

ABOARD HUMPHREY CAMPAIGN PLANE (AP) — "They'll never live long enough to run me off the platform because they're basically cowards."

That was Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey's reaction to demonstrators such as those who tried to shout him and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy down at a Boston street corner rally Thursday.

"They've met a tough guy," said Humphrey. "THESE PEOPLE are intentionally mean, anarchistic, rude," the Democratic presidential candidate said about the Boston demonstrators.

"They do not believe in anything — this is the hard core. Take a look at them, filled with hate and bitterness. Look at their faces filled with violence."

"These aren't McCarthy people," Humphrey added. "This is the hard core. They spent days bringing these people in."

HUMPHREY was asked about a political backlash from such demonstrations and whether he would rather have the demonstrators or not.

"I'd rather not, but they are there," said Humphrey. "What they're really after is to try to stop us from going out."

Humphrey was asked why they heckled him and not his Republican opponent, Richard M. Nixon. "Because a liberal has always been the focal point of the anarchists, Fascists and Communists," he replied. "That always has been the tradition in Europe and several places."

BUT HUMPHREY said again: "They'll never run us off the platform. They'll never stop us from speaking."

Humphrey made an unscheduled stop at Chicago. He had decided to switch to a smaller plane able to land at the Huron, S.D., airport so he could visit his 87-year-old mother in a rest home there. An aide said the plane was dropped because time was too short, but because the plane was already in the holding pattern, it landed in Chicago.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Wealthy backers of George Wallace joined the former governor and Gov. Albert Brewer at a fund raising luncheon Thursday as supporters sought to raise \$1 million in one day for Wallace's presidential campaign.

A newsman estimated that about 200 persons attended the luncheon where some of Wallace's more affluent backers were reportedly paying \$500 per plate. A Wallace aide said the attendance was 311 but his count apparently included tickets sold and not used.

BREWER is one of 10 regular Democratic candidates for presidential elector who are pledged to support Wallace. He joined the former governor as part of Thursday's George Wallace Day events.

At night the program included a \$25-a-plate dinner and then a rally at the state-owned Garrett Coliseum expected to attract upwards of 10,000 persons. Tickets for the rally cost \$10 each.

BESIDES THE \$10 admission charge, Wallace supporters attending the rally were counted on also to circulate fund-raising petitions to get others to contribute to the campaign. That approach has been used throughout the nation and, campaign leaders say, has been effective.

The former Alabama governor, who returned home early Thursday after a three-day trip throughout the southwest and midwest, flies to Florida for three speeches Friday — at Tallahassee, Daytona Beach and Orlando.

Aggie Air Force Officers Attend Armed Forces Staff, Air War College

Air Force officers who attended Texas A&M in advanced military schooling at the Armed Forces Staff College and Air War College.

Lt. Col. Richard I. Lay Jr., a 1952 graduate, is studying national power and aerospace resources in a 10-month program of the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. He is an Air National Guard officer and instructs math at the University of Texas, Austin.

Maj. Ray A. Kropp is in the five-month Department of Defense school at Norfolk, Va. The staff college prepares officers for

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY
In three long years at this institution, a person can go months at a time without hearing a word from or about colleges in the outer world. Those who read this column will not be able to make that remark in clear conscience.

In the weeks to come, "On Other Campuses" will feature items of interest to fellow Aggies, in the form of various news bits from colleges and universities around the country. Concentration will be mainly on Southwest Conference schools, but hopefully will include items from all over the country.

Those readers who would like to see something in particular in the column, or who are hacked about something they do see in the column, are encouraged to write suggestions. "On Other Campuses" is intended to be interesting and informative, and anything constructive will be appreciated.

The very first of the school year, as usual, offers nothing really out of the ordinary to report. However, as things pick up, we at the Batt will be screening all the different campus papers in order to keep the Ags informed.

Texas University this fall is converting from the 3-point to the 4-point grading system, as will A&M next fall. Furthermore, though, TU has set up a limited pass-fail system under which a student may take as many as five semester courses in electives and two courses in his major on this basis.

Grade sheets will show a CR for a passing grade and F for a failing grade. The student's GPR is averaged from his other, regular courses during the semester.

Result: hopefully a student will be encouraged to explore fields outside his specialties without fear of harming his GPR with a low mark. Yale went over completely to this controversial pass-fail system last fall, and SMU is currently studying the system for possible use.

Also from SMU comes word of a new, improved Spirit Committee whose key word will be "Unity," according to head cheer-

leader Jack Holladay. (Politically-oriented Jack, it seems, has noticed how little advancement has been made by those presiding "Division.") In any case, the first "spirit trophy" will be given at the pep rally September 26.

In the same vein, beware of the University of Houston, its cheerleaders, according to *The Daily Cougar*, "have vowed to stop at nothing to entice some times meek Cougar supporters to the upper levels of frenzied chaos."

Two schools at least are starting the year off big in the entertainment area. Oklahoma has the Buckingham, and the U of I is sponsoring India's Ravi Shankar, the famous sitar player.

All we've heard from Baylor that its trustees have approved a tuition hike. Associated Press announced that the boost would bring the cost for an average student's tuition to about \$480 or \$30 per semester hour.

At the TU-Austin campus, rejuvenation of the Tower has been completed. The clock tower has been cleaned and painted and the surfaces regilded at a cost of \$5,000. Which sort of makes one wonder what our own Academic Building is supposed to look like on top.

Listen Up

Editor, *The Battalion*:
Except for a brief period of life and some well-spaced articles in the last three years the I have read the Batt, it has been the administration's organ of instruction and dictates to the student.

It seems to avoid the issues that trouble the country and its students. As far as the Batt is concerned there is only one view to the war in Vietnam, discussion of politics is forbidden, the idea that youth can raise a protest against what it believes is wrong. Apparently towards the end you have eliminated criticism of the university by censoring the letters to what used to be "Sound Off."

If so, as a newspaper you have been dealt the final blow. I wish I could say cancel my subscription, but unfortunately I have been forced to pay for this also.

Carlos Almaguer
EDITOR'S NOTE: We plan to answer Mr. Almaguer, and to clear up some evident misstatements, in Tuesday's issue.

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