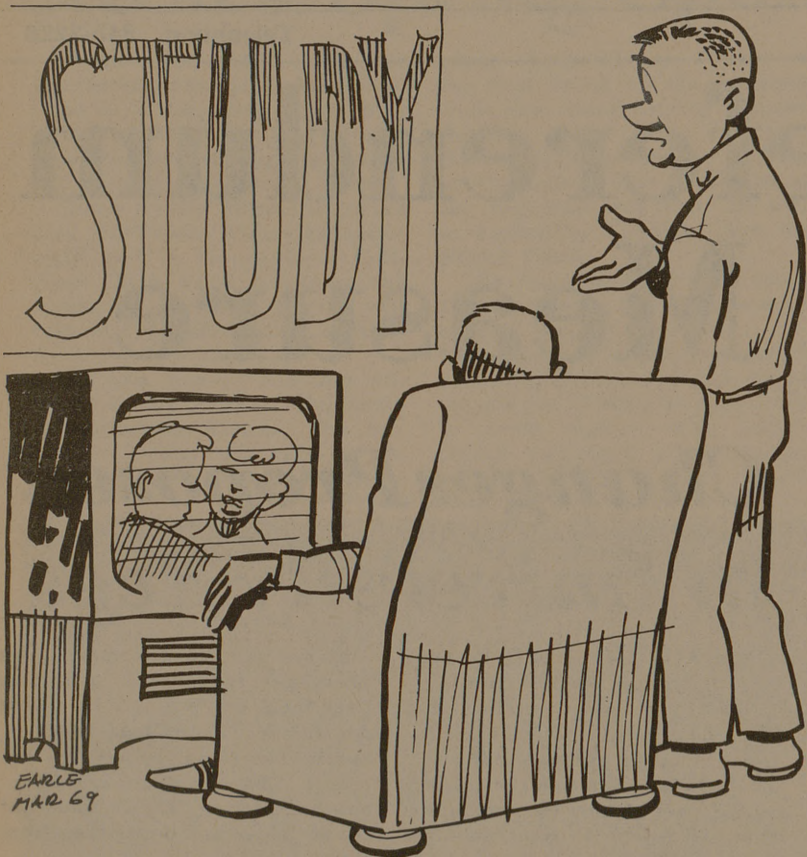


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"For some reason it's no fun to watch TV anymore!"

Non-Proliferation: Nuclear Nonsense?

Last week, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. This week, with the backing of the Nixon administration, it seems to have enough support to soon receive the two-thirds Senate approval necessary for ratification.

The treaty was formulated during the presidency of Lyndon Johnson, who once termed it "the most important international agreement since the beginning of the nuclear age." Surely, the goal of the Non-Proliferation Treaty is commendable—to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to nations that do not yet have them. But a high goal in itself provides no guarantee that it can be attained, and the wisdom of an end does not justify the wisdom of the means.

Those who believe that the treaty is the world's last opportunity to stop the spread of nuclear bombs seem to equate unrealistically the force of a treaty with that of a law. For such to be the case, a treaty, like a law, must be impartial and enforceable. The Non-Proliferation Treaty fails on both counts.

Of the five powers that have nuclear weapons, only three—the United States, Great Britain and Russia—have agreed not to give weapons to non-nuclear countries. The other two—France and Red China—have said they won't sign the treaty at all. They could pass the bomb on to nations they want to have it, free of any restriction. A treaty that applies to a part and not the whole is as weak as a traffic law that applies to Chevrolets, Fords and Chryslers, and not to Volkswagens and Ramblers. Sen. John Tower of Texas, one of the few Senators critical of the treaty which he calls "Non-Proliferation Nonsense," goes a step further: "The most important nations which have the technological capability to build nuclear weapons for themselves in the near future have not signed the treaty either." These include West Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan and India.

An obvious way to enforce the Non-Proliferation Treaty is by inspection. Sen. Tower notes that the treaty provides for inspection by a United Nations agency "that today has about 15 inspectors and virtually no funds. And nothing in the treaty says where more inspectors will come from, what their standards will be, or who will pay them."

The Non-Proliferation Treaty can make no claim as an effective agreement among nations. "It changes virtually nothing about international nuclear control," Tower has said. Instead, for the United States, the treaty raises a serious dilemma. U.S. News and World Report asks, "If the United States is not prepared to commit itself to the nuclear defense of every friendly nation that agrees to sign the treaty, will these nations dare renounce the bomb—and might the treaty then fail to achieve its purpose?" There must be a less tortuous way for the United States to gain the one valuable footing hidden within the Non-Proliferation Treaty—that small stepping stone toward further talks and negotiations with the Soviet Union.

-DAVE MAYES

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ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY

Just so no one thinks that the referee controversy in basketball is just a local problem resulting from the fact that the Southwest Conference isn't exactly the top source of professional basketballers, the following should be known. From Long Island University's paper come phrases such as "He could not believe that such a bad job could be done by men on whom the whole balance of a game depended." And "It is not very honorable to win a game when it is handed to you by two guys who probably don't know their way back home."

Also from places as widely separated as Washington State and the University of Minnesota come words of warning that sport enthusiasts had better take a much closer look at both the number of refs used to call a game and the methods used to call fouls. The consensus of opinion seems to be that, whether they intend to or not, referees entirely too often appear to call fouls not when they are committed so much as when it "seems about time" for one team or another to commit one. Agreed here.

The University of Oklahoma is showing a somewhat different slant on superlatives this year. The big campus charity crusade will be a drive centered around the "Ugly Miss and Ugly Man on Campus" contest. So far, five guys and three girls have entered. To get the real ultimate, however, the contest could only be fairly administered by comparing all the blind dates here on a football weekend.

The paper from tu at Arlington is, if nothing else, descriptive. Where else could you find living with a roommate equated to "keeping a pet goat," a Student Congress meeting described as "an experiment in futility, frustration and farce," and the top sophomore swimmer called "a golf club with ears"?

Fifth-year men, even a sixth-year men, don't despair. There is a coed at the University of Houston who attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College but lost nearly four years of credits when her records burned in a fire. Anyway, according to the Daily Cougar, she started over at the U of H in 1964, will receive her bachelor's degree in June, and is 77 years old. That's right—born in 1892. Talk about last of the old army.

Wright State University's paper, like many other college pa-

Bulletin Board

SATURDAY

The Rugby Club of A&M will play t.u. at 1 p.m. in Austin. A match will be held in Galveston March 22 against Galveston Medical School. Practice for Saturday's match will be held this afternoon at 5 on the field across from DeWare Field House.

MONDAY

The Aggie Wives Council will hold its regular monthly business meeting in the Texas Room, north entrance to Bryan Building and Loan, at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

The Animal Science Wives Club will have a bake sale in front of the College Station Post Office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be a bake sale from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Piggly Wiggly. There will be lots of cupcakes, brownies, cookies and cakes for sale.

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8:00 Friday Night Movie - "Battle Cry," Part I
10:00 News, Weather and Sports
10:30 Friday Night Movie, Part II

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pers, claims apathy to be the biggest problem on campus. The editor has found better than average evidence from such a claim, when the school's president gave a talk to "any interested students." Ten students showed up. Most of the president's remarks were hard to distinguish over the sound of "students playing ping-pong in the background."

Remember back in football season, when Texas Tech had all the big student senate battles about what to call its various recognition days? For example, one day was to be called "All I See Is Red-and-Black Day," but met with opposition from someone who wanted it to be just "All I See Is Red Day." Then there was Red Raider Appreciation Day and soon there will be Women's Day and Top Techsan and Mr. and Miss Texas Tech elections. This writer's support must go to the Tech student who wrote in an editorial, "Why not just have an 'All I See Is Red Student Government Advertising Recognition Week,' elect Mr. and Miss Top Trivia and be done with it all at once?"

The name-change controversy has reached a head at Texas Tech, or at least as close to a head as one can expect. The latest in a long stream of suggestions for new names for the school was brought to mind after a radio interview with a Tech graduate student. Said the University Daily, "An appropriate name would be West Texas Kiddies College, according to a guest on Radio Hotline." According to this grad student, who will be on radio this week to answer telephone calls, "Kiddies go to colleges like Tech, and mature students go to universities. There have been no disturbances at Tech because students aren't mature enough to understand the issues."

Militants' Bombing Tactics Threaten Lives In California

By JACK SCHREIBMAN Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Fires and bombings have caused heavy damage at five major California colleges beset by student unrest. Now officials are worrying that lives may be lost if the incidents continue.

Underscoring their concern was Wednesday night's blast at embattled San Francisco State, where police said a freshman lost his sight and three fingers while trying to plant a homemade explosive in a locker room.

So far, no one has been killed, authorities note, in the series of arson and explosion at schools where students have been in conflict with administrators.

BUT "it's only a matter of time until someone loses his life," said Thomas Cahill, San Francisco police chief.

"The shocking thing is that these bombs are left in areas where an innocent person or group could be killed," he said. "No consideration is given to life."

At San Francisco State, besieged by student militants for four months, there have been seven bombings.

Police identified the injured freshman as Tim Peebles. They said he was found lying in the blasted area. Two unexploded, more powerful bombs were found nearby. In addition to losing his fingers and sight, physicians said, Peebles was seriously burned.

ANOTHER time bomb—which didn't go off—was found at San Francisco State several days ago behind a drinking fountain. It was set to explode at lunch hour when students would be crowding past.

The incidents have officials worried that some militants are

turning from disruption to potentially more lethal tactics.

Ominous incidents have also occurred at the volatile campuses of Stanford University, San Jose State College, Valley State College and the University of California at Berkeley.

STANFORD has had more than \$200,000 in damage from arson, San Jose had more than 80 smoke bombings and fires in one month; Valley State's employment office was bombed last spring, and Berkeley, scene of bombings and fires, reported the largest single fire loss in the disturbances—a mysterious \$400,000 blaze to an auditorium.

"We're seeing things today that were unheard of two or three years ago," said State Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch.

"The bombs, for instance, that were used at San Francisco State were professionally made and beyond the capability of someone just playing around with firecrackers or black powder.

"YOU KNOW the old gasoline and rag things, the Molotov cocktail? They're now getting around to using a kind of napalm," Lynch said.

The stuff, he said, is jellylike and is made from ingredients found in almost any home in America.

Radicals of both the left and right are suspected in the said Lynch with an obvious reference to a recent arrest of San Francisco. In that crack nine American Nazis were put up as suspects in explosive, terrorist tactics against groups on the left.

The nine were specifically charged with conspiring to gas a class on the philosophy of Mao Tse-tung at a Union church and are being questioned in 31 other Peninsula bombings.

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Friday and Saturday March 7 & 8—8:00 p. m. and 10:00 p. m. shows each night, "THE WAR GAME", mock nuclear war film which was too realistic for TV. 150 seats available. Admission 50¢. Friday, March 14—Folk Singer, Jack Abbott. Saturday, March 15—Panel all "Alternative to Bureaucracy", Dr. George Rice, Management, will discuss with other panelists the theme of his forth coming book. Watch The Battalion for further notice. Friday, March 21—"A Dialogue on U. S. Foreign Policy", Dr. Claude Hall, History; Dr. Robert Clark, Political Science. Friday, March 28—Topic: Communication Problems and Experiments in the Church. Film: "The Gift" (20 minutes). Ron Birk, disc jockey and producer on the "NOW" program on KORA, will share from his stock pile of records "the new sounds of the church". Saturday, March 29—Panel: "Man: Determining versus Existentialism", Dr. Kris, Biology (genetic determinism); Dr. Kutner, Sociology (environmental determinism); Dr. Davenport, Philosophy (existential freedom).

PEANUTS By Charles M. Schulz. Comics showing characters talking about erasers and school supplies.