

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



Another Backlash?

The recent anti-disruption bill passed by the Texas Legislature was just one segment of what seems to be a growing national backlash against campus protests. A policy statement of sorts is expected this week from President Nixon; it will presumably reflect the same view as his recent suggestion that the National Governors Conference consider "what action . . . might be taken at the state and Federal levels to cope with the growing lawlessness and violence on our campuses."

University administrators are beginning to fear—with good cause—that such backlash may result in an over-reaction by legislatures, with subsequent stifling of dissent and large-scale interference in universities' internal affairs.

Roger Heyns, beleaguered chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley, described the situation in a recent issue of Newsweek: "Most of these proposed laws and rules . . . are not directed toward the students but toward administrators—because there is dissatisfaction with the way we're dealing with these situations. There's a common belief that we aren't really committed to orderly campuses."

Heyns went on to suggest convincingly that administrators will find themselves caught more and more between New Left elements, with their disruptive tactics, and far-right groups equally bent on seizing the university. Neither group, he noted, could care less "how good it (the university) was when they have finally destroyed it or finally taken possession of it."

At the same time, however, Heyns remains devoted to the principle that the ideals of an academic community "are qualitatively different from the law-and-order notions of suburbia." He has, accordingly, limited the use of force in dealing with disruptions; and while his position has thus been eloquently defended, it is a quixotic one.

Not so eloquent is S. I. Hayakawa, acting president of San Francisco State, where quiet has been restored after combatlike resistance to disruption. "When President Eisenhower used Federal troops to open up schools in Little Rock, the liberals didn't raise a squawk at all," he told Newsweek. "Whether to protect the liberty of white people or the liberty of black people, you ultimately have to use force. And I, for one, am not going to hesitate to use it."

Whatever criticism can be made of Hayakawa's stand, it is not quixotic; and therefore, Hayakawa seems less vulnerable to those of the right wing who would use campus unrest to their own ends. Ironically, he may prove in the long run to be the more effective defender of the academic community.

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LISTEN UP the batt forum

Editor, The Battalion: My name is Ken Black, and I am a candidate for President of the Class of 1972 for 1969-70. This letter is addressed primarily to those members of my class interested in maintaining the success that we are capable of attaining.

Every class pursues certain goals during its stay at a university, and ours is no different in this respect. However, certain pitfalls besiege some classes, and the measure of their accomplishments depends upon the ability of this common body to overcome their mistakes. Everyone would like theirs to be the best, but obviously this is not possible. The effort is well worthwhile, regardless of the result, and the maximum amount should be exerted.

My major opposition comes from the so-called Unity Party. In examining their record as officers from the past year, I found some rather disquieting facts concerning the success of our class. My statements here are not for offensive purposes, but for sheer statement of fact. While occasional high points were noted, the overall image of our fish class in student government was abominable. In point of fact: (1) our relationship with the administration was slighted several times, (2) the frigid attempts to obtain class unity over the whole campus were a farce.

Class unity is possible through powerful, not mild, attempts to work in a common bond; and weak relations with administrative officials only hinder our efforts.

As president I will put out my all toward attaining class success. That is my only campaign promise, but it is a sufficient goal. My only qualifications are devotion and a true desire to work for the class of '72. I am a member of the Corps of Cadets and proud of it, but I am an Aggie and even prouder of that. My experience as a fish has taught me that a second chance should never be necessary, but our class deserves one. Let me guide our efforts next year.

Kenneth Black

Editor, The Battalion: Thursday, March 20, the Class of '72 will make an important decision. That decision will be whom to elect to lead our class next year. The one great asset of leadership is experience. The UNITY PARTY has this experience. The UNITY PARTY is a group of Fish, both Corps and civilian, who have as their main goal unification of the class of '72. This year, the first big step was taken. Under the leadership

of the Fish officers, all UNITY PARTY members, the class of '72 had the best and only complete Fish Weekend in A&M history. From this weekend the class showed a net profit of over \$1,000! The main reason for this success was that, for the first time, Corps and civilians had worked together to obtain a common goal. At the end of this year we hope to have a FFF (Former Fish Function) to get everyone together for the last time as Fish. Next year, we hope to carry over what we have learned and achieved this year. Our primary goal will be to give the class of '72 the best Sophomore Ball ever in conjunction with a full weekend of activities. Also planned is a Sophomore Happening during football season, where we can get together one weekend and have a big party. We also plan to become involved in more committee work on the Student Senate and the Civilian Student Council to assure our class a fair deal in all legislation. Finally, we plan to have a larger, more active Sophomore Council fully representative of the entire class. Big plans, yes. Impossible, no. The UNITY PARTY is dedicated to hard work. If you want a dedicated, ambitious, experienced, and successful group of leaders, vote for the UNITY PARTY March 20. Vote for:

President, Phil Morley; Vice President, Bruce Clay; Secretary-Treasurer, A. L. Bradley; Social Secretary, Bill Loveless; Election Commission: Jimmy Alexander, Joe Anderson; M.S.C. Directorate Representative, Pat Castle. The Unity Party

High noise levels affect the hearing of farmers as well as teen-agers addicted to "rocks" music. Canadian research groups report that noisy farm tractors can cause permanent loss of hearing, and advise drivers to protect themselves with earmuffs or plugs.

Why not stop by the SBISA CASH CAFETERIA on your way to the office and pick up a fresh-o-package of doughnuts?

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT B.A. Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Bank of A&M. James Dozier will speak on buying a home.

A philosophy discussion, led by Prof. Hugh McCann, will center on the topic "Has Science Changed Since the Middle Ages?" at 7:30 p.m. in the UCCF Coffee Loft.

American Veterinary Medical Association Student Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Texas Room of the Bryan Building and Loan Association, 2800 Texas Avenue. This meeting will be especially important; officers and "outstanding Senior Wife" will be elected. Names will be drawn for the Beef Raffle.

WEDNESDAY

Orange County Hometown Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center. Picture will be taken; wear class "A" Summer uniform or coat and tie.

Texas A&M Newcomers Club Bridge Benefit will be at 9:30 a.m. at Hillel Foundation. Tickets are \$1 and may be purchased from members or at the door. Buy one ticket or make up a table. Tickets will be drawn throughout playing time for prizes. For information call 846-2920.

Aggie Christian Fellowship will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the MSC. George Malone,

IVCF staff member, offers suggestions for communicating the Christian Message. Title: "Even Your Best Friends Won't Tell You."

Psychology Club will meet at 8 p.m. in room 6 of Nagle Hall. Dr. James Preston will speak on observations made in a nudist camp. Everyone is welcome.

Aggie Wives Bridge Club vites all Aggie wives to play bridge every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the MSC. Intermediate question period begins at 7 p.m. Regulars, intermediates and beginners with previous instruction are invited. Come play for prizes. Port Arthur Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Military Science Building.

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