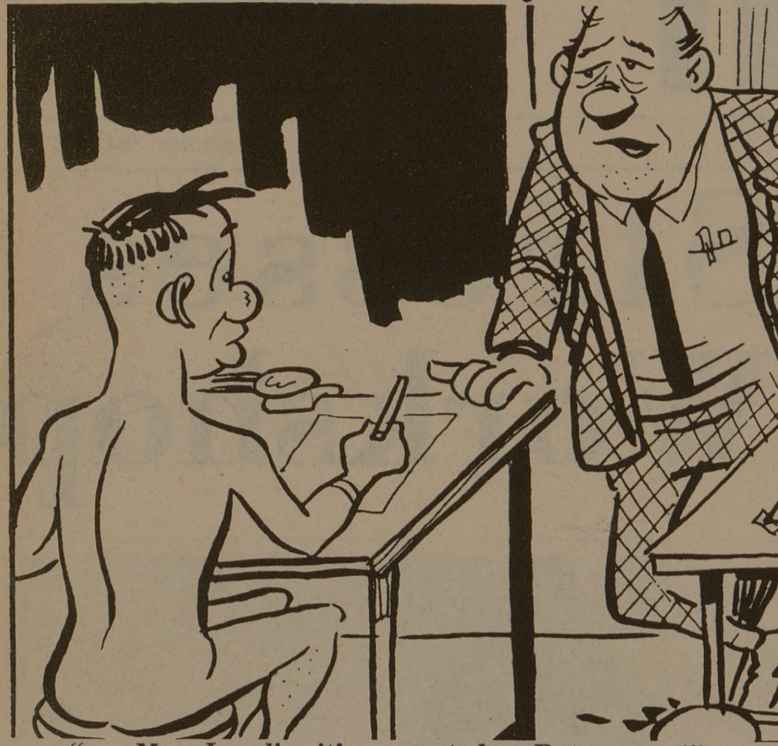


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



Editorial

Editor's Note: The following letter was received in the Battalion Office yesterday. It comes from Dale Lewis of Dallas, Tex.

"Local police in the cities of America are under attack by the communist criminal conspiracy, as are county, state and federal law officers. Injuring or murdering them, calling them names, discrediting them in any manner possible—are the ways of Reds and their stooges in the black and student movements.

So there ought to be at least one more law—one to give extra protection to our police, who are our first line of defense. One of the 50 states, we hear, is considering an act making the murder of a policeman automatically punishable by death. We hope it contains a provision assessing a mandatory 30 years (without parole) to anyone seriously injuring a law officer. The Texas legislature would do well to vote for such a law.

Our police are expected to protect even those who set out to murder them.

And it appears that black riot-makers in Dallas, as elsewhere, are thirsting to start some riots. Several of these have been in jail a number of times, but local bleeding hearts are always able to get them out.

We would like to see the new community-relations committees in our city and others justify their existence by taking up the cause of the local police. These our defenders should be defended and supported, so they can be free to do their duty for the rest of us. American police work for modest pay at the hardest job in the country."

Although most Americans would tend to agree wholeheartedly with such an admirable stand, it is hard to swallow what Mr. Lewis says in its entirety.

Agreed, American police (and others the world over) do work at hard jobs for low pay and never receive much recognition for the good they do. But it is unlikely that the line of distinction between what is right, wrong, communist, or otherwise can be drawn with any clarity.

It is generally accepted that many of our disturbances, especially by students, are instigated by outside agitators, meaning someone affiliated with a subversive organization. But all of these adjectives are mere labels that bend and change with the times and many times what was good becomes bad and the average man has trouble distinguishing between evolution and revolution.

There's no doubt that our present system could use some change, but giving a policeman in the streets another nightstick to wield in the form of another law would do more harm than good. Murder is a crime which, taken in the context of premeditation, is usually punishable by death.

Policemen represent authority to most people and the feeling behind this proposed law is that anyone defying authority should be condemned to death without benefit of trial. An example is Joe College, who believes fully that he is doing the right thing by standing up for his rights and marching in a peaceful demonstration with several hundred others. Who's to say if this demonstration was started by good people standing up for their beliefs or by some communist conspirators? In the course of the march, police armed with tear gas and mace intertwine their forces within the marchers ordering them to disperse. The marchers refuse and violence breaks out and a policeman is killed along with several of the marchers.

The policeman under this law is entitled to have his murderer executed while the just-as-dead marchers were killed supposedly in defense of society. The really sad thing about an instance like this is that all of the dead men, no matter which side they were on, felt what they did was right.

Looking at it from Joe College's point of view, it wouldn't be fair for a policeman to come up to a student marcher, fully armed, and stomp him because the cop knew there would be no retaliation. There's another side of the street, too.

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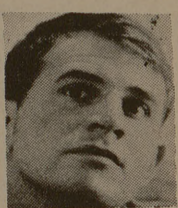
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ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY
The Navy recruiters who are visiting A&M this week were at its last week but received a slightly different reception. The administration at the Austin campus is so rattled and shell-shocked by student activists that they weren't about to take any chances. So they placed the recruiters on the second floor of the Business Administration Building rather than the student center. Got to have that "freedom of speech," don't we, SDS? For everyone we want to hear, anyway.

Playing at a theatre at tu this week is "The Babysitter." The outline reads "She came to sit with baby... and ended up with Daddy!"

The Baylor College of Medicine graduated its first Negro MD in the 67-year history of the school. His name is Leo Orr, and he is a graduate of Prairie View A&M.



Carpenters were replacing the floor of the Intramural Gym at Texas Tech last week and uncovered some interesting salvage. Acting as kind of an "unintentional cornerstone," the floor had preserved some real relics, including several copies of some 1929 newspapers, and two 1936 football schedule cards, complete with the scores penciled in.

Even at East Texas State, courses of black study are being offered. Six English courses designed to give public school and college teachers "information about the Negro culture, language and literature" are being offered at ETSU this summer. Instructors include two "local folklorists" and three visiting lecturers.

ETSU's paper reports that students at Texas A&I University in Kingsville have been successful in preserving a popular stand of trees and walkway, which had been designated a parking-lot-to-be. More than 900 persons signed a petition opposing the destruction of the area, reports the school's South Texan. It's not like we're getting hard up for news or anything like that, huh?

The University of Minnesota's plans for 1971 include complete computerized registration. Lucky dogs, now they'll be able to pick their favorite professors, and all those other advantages that come when you switch to computers, just like us.

In the town next to the University of Minnesota campus, there has been established what could become a foundation for a valuable change in attitudes. It is the new Police Community Relations Center. Throughout the day, friends and curious people

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or in a single specialized field of criminal justice can wreck this program if it prevents cooperation and coordination."

Dies quoted philosopher-historian Will Durant's admonition to study roots of crime, corruption, economic inequities and political failures in processes of biology, the nature of man and centuries of history.

"Reconcile yourselves to modest and gradual improvements after your proposals have faced the necessary test of conservative resistance," Dies quoted the author.

Then he insisted on using the strength of society to protect society.

"I believe in an international brotherhood of man that will replace this atomic stalemate," the third-generation Texas government official declared. "But until it comes, I believe we should provide for the security of our nation, ourselves and our children by using the might of this nation."

come and leave and talk with the two officers there. The atmosphere is pleasant and the people have reacted in a friendly way. Says one of the police officers, "Our main job here is to explain the functions and policies of the police department. In a very general way we are attempting to create better understanding between the police and the community. We are not here to promote our side. We want to hear the other side as well."

Positive approaches like this, taken during the summer when everything has cooled off, are the only thing that will preserve campus order when the action begins anew in September. And it will.

Conference To Talk About Eng. Center

A pre-construction conference will be held in Dallas next week on Texas A&M's \$7.5 million engineering center.

J. O. Adams, A&M vice president and controller, said representatives from A&M, the W. S. Bellows Construction Corp. of Houston and Department of Health, Education and Welfare officials will meet to discuss the project.

Adams explained that since A&M received federal funds for the center a pre-construction conference must be held prior to groundbreaking.

W. S. Bellows Construction Corp. was the low bidder on the 317,575-square-foot center with a \$7,546,000 bid.

The center will house undergraduate and graduate instruction and research. It will be located across Spence Street and facing the Cyclotron Institute.

The center is expected to be completed by September, 1970.

Telescope Half Done

The big brother of a particle telescope in operation at Texas A&M is about 50 per cent complete and "rocking," the university's cosmic ray physicists reveal.

Used to study high energy particles originating near the top of the earth's atmosphere, the massive instruments will make simultaneous measurements in Texas and Bolivia, according to Dr. Nelson M. Duller, project director at A&M.

The smaller of the two instruments will be shipped to Mt. Chacaltaya near La Paz, Bolivia, later this year for installation at the high-altitude site. Steel rocker mountings enable orientation of the telescopes from the zenith to below the horizon.

Spectrometer telescopes "see" high energy particles called muons in electrified spark chambers containing special gas mixtures. They are expanding man's basic knowledge about cosmic ray interactions with the earth's atmosphere and the protons' "grandchildren" that reach the earth's surface.

Invisible to the human eye, the fast-traveling particles bombard the earth constantly and penetrate deep into the ground. Density of the cosmic ray offspring is such that a person is penetrated by a thousand muons a minute, Duller said.

He explained that several nuclear particles, including pions and kaons, are created when a cosmic ray strikes air atoms. Under current nuclear theory, pions and kaons decay into the sub-microscopic muons.

They travel at almost the speed of light, Duller noted.

Chambers above, between and below heavy iron magnets show the muon's passage as an incandescent violet spark, which is recorded by camera. Magnets bend

the muon's path and the resulting angle provides data on its energy and direction, among other things.

Dr. Duller works in the Air Force Office of Scientific Research-funded project with Dr. W. R. Sheldon of the University of Houston, Dr. Gene Cantrall and Dr. Phillip Green of A&M.

The physicists indicate the new spectrometer is 18 feet tall and will weigh 13 to 15 tons.

"Electronics are being completed now," Duller said. The telescope will employ five spark chambers ranging from four to six to three by three feet in size. Magnets wound by hand with No. 14 wire weigh 4.3 tons each.

"The bigger instrument will have better resolution and will be able to recognize higher energy particles," Cantrall explained.

Because of its smaller size, the 9 1/2-ton prototype will be at Chacaltaya, Duller indicated. It has been in operation since last March. The A&M physics professor said crating will begin in October. The telescope will go by ship from Houston to Africa, Chile; switch to train to La Paz and then truck to the 17,000-foot high installation site, where MIT and the University of Maryland have experiment stations.

"At that altitude, we'll be above half the atmosphere," he added. "Thus by changing this variable, we'll get a whole new point of view."

Duller, Sheldon, Cantrall, Green and a graduate student will put the device into operation at Chacaltaya.

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