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MILITARY 'COUP'—Corps of Cadets battalion and group commanders, with their fish "troops" behind them, survey the corps before morning chow Wednesday. The Corps Liberation Junta, as they called themselves, deposed Corps Commander Matt Carroll and the brigade and wing commanders for the day and encouraged "public ostracization of the . . . cadets throughout the day." Carroll and the major commanders were restored to power at 6:30 that evening. (Photo by Mel Miller)

## Sen. Aikin Sees New Era In State Public Education

Public school education in Texas has entered an era that will provide better instruction for the state's youth, Sen. A. M. Aikin Jr. of Paris told a Political Forum audience Wednesday. The co-author of the famous Glimmer-Aikin Bill told the audience that the era began last September when the Legislature appropriated funds for a scheduled pay raise for teachers.

"I'm hoping the salary schedule will attract and hold to the teaching profession the best that we have," the 64-year-old dean of the Senate said of the \$700-a-year increase.

"I'm firmly convinced that our people want their children to have the best teachers we can provide for them," he added. "The legislature has been criticized for spending entirely too much," Aikin said. "But Texas teachers' salaries before the September raise were ranked 38th among the states. After the \$700 raise, we are 39th."

The reason for the rank reduction despite the raise is because other states are progressing at the same or higher rates. Other raises will increase five per cent annually over the next eight years, he reported. When a \$1,000 raise goes into effect next September, Texas should rank anywhere from 26th to 28th among the states, he said.

Further improvements of public school education in Texas will be realized through House Bills 241 and 276, the 32-year senate veteran said. The first measure increases by 10 per cent teacher retirement allowances, an area he described as critical.

"Those teachers who have just retired are facing higher costs of living," Aikin said. "In effect, Texas teacher retirement has been getting cut."

HB 276 provides for a minimum of five days sick leave. Aikin emphasized that money for improvements will have to

come from taxes. "Any time someone votes for an appropriations bill he should be willing to vote for revenue bills to support it. Revenue is the only way a government has to get money."

"You should keep in mind that the only way funds for gains of this sort can be obtained is to tax something," he added. He made one quickly-applauded statement aimed at all teachers, from public school through higher education.

"Any member of any faculty that is not willing to take the

pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States is not fit to teach my boy," the senator stated.

He also said that the youth of today will probably be among the better teachers the state has seen.

"When people begin to tell you about youth of today take it with a grain of salt," he said.

"There is nothing wrong with the youth of this country," Aikin said. "We ought to sit down and talk with them. The only thing wrong with them is that I'm not one of them."

## Danes Ask TMA to Join Independence Day Fete

GALVESTON—The Texas Maritime Academy has been asked to participate in Denmark's American Independence Day celebration July 3-4 during the academy's annual summer cruise, announced Adm. James D. Craik, TMA superintendent.

Craik said the invitation was extended by Ambassador Guilford Dudley Jr., United States envoy to Denmark.

Participation in the observance requires slight adjustment in the cruise itinerary, the admiral said. He said the TMA training ship Texas Clipper will now dock initially at Aalborg, rather than Copenhagen, on the Danish segment of the two-month cruise.

The Danish celebration of American independence is now in its 48th year. Craik said the observance was originally inspired as a reunion of grateful Americans of Danish descent with their folks in the old country, but it has now grown into a shrine to freedom and democracy.

More than 40,000 persons, in-

cluding the Danish Royal Family, attend the celebration each year. Featured U. S. speaker last year was former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Approximately 210 students will participate in the 1970 cruise, including 110 TMA midshipmen studying for four-year degrees in marine transportation or marine engineering.

The other students will be spring high school graduates enrolled in "Summer School at Sea," a summer school program jointly sponsored by TMA and Texas A&M University's College of Liberal Arts.

"Summer School at Sea," explained Adm. Craik, offers high

## Permit, Fine Boosts Will Go to Board

By Fran Haugen  
Battalion Staff Writer

The student-administration traffic committee's proposals to increase the price of student and faculty-staff parking permits to \$15 a year and double each successive parking fine during a semester are ready to go before the A&M Board of Directors April 28, Don Stafford, committee chairman, announced Wednesday.

Stafford said that he had discussed the plan with Dean of Students James P. Hannigan and Tom Cherry, vice president for business affairs, and both had approved it with minor revisions in the wording.

Cherry will inform the university's executive committee of the proposals before they are submitted to the board.

If the traffic committee's recommendations are sanctioned by the board, the price of parking permits for vehicles will increase from \$10 to \$15 a year.

In addition, each parking ticket a violator receives will cost him twice as much as the previous one. The first ticket will cost him \$2, the fee for every ticket now. If he parks illegally after paying \$32 for his fifth ticket, his permit will be revoked for the remainder of the semester.

## Vanity Fair, Make-Ups Due By April 10

Deadline for junior and sophomore make-up pictures for the 1970 Aggieband is April 10, editor Doug Page has announced. Page said Vanity Fair entry deadline is also April 10.

Make-up pictures can be made at University Studio at North Gate, Page said. Students must present fall fee slips or pay \$1.50 to have their picture put in the yearbook.

Only seniors may nominate Vanity Fair contestants, Page said. He added that application forms may be obtained in room 217 Information Services Building.

## Over 25,000 Expected At 'Asian Victory' Rally

By Martha Cole  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Sponsors of a march for "Victory over the Communists in Vietnam" estimated today anywhere from 25,000 to 150,000 persons will parade here Saturday.

They said people are coming from 43 states for the march down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Washington Monument grounds for a 2 to 5 p.m. rally. It's the same route an estimated 250,000 antiwar demonstrators, most of them youths, took last Nov. 15.

Saturday's march supporting a military victory is sponsored by a committee headed by Dr. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N.J., a pastor, a radio preacher and president of the International Council of Christian Churches.

Listed among the backers are Gov. Lester Maddox of Georgia; Sens. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.; Rep. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., chairman of the powerful House Armed Services Committee; and George C. Wallace, former governor of Alabama.

Among the speakers will be McIntire and Gov. Maddox.

Parade banners will call not only for victory in Vietnam but also freedom for prayer and Bible reading in the schools, sponsors said.

Religious, patriotic, veteran and refugee groups are coming from all sections of the country,

"We're giving out too many tickets," Stafford said. "During the fall semester \$16,917 was collected from 7,451 tickets issued. These statistics give the appearance that one out of every two drivers on campus was given a ticket. This was not the case. Some people have gotten as many as 10 tickets."

The measure is an attempt to jolt people into reasonable observation of parking regulations, Stafford said.

"As an example, six students who live off-campus could pile into a car, come onto campus, park in an unauthorized place and split the parking fine, Stafford explained. As things are now, each one wouldn't have to pay too much."

The proposed rule would also apply to faculty members, Stafford said, adding, "Faculty members are just as guilty of violations as students."

The traffic committee is presently composed of six students; two members of the corps, two civilians, one student senator, and one member of the Graduate Student Council; and five people from A&M's faculty and staff; Campus Security Chief Ed Powell, a representative from the Texas Transportation Institute, a representative from the Office of Planning and Analytical Studies, a civilian-corps adviser and Stafford.

they said. Some are bringing bands for the parade.

"The March for Victory is a religious and patriotic demonstration. All are invited to participate in it," sponsors said in full page advertisements in some newspapers. In addition, Dr. McIntire has talked of the march on his radio program.

In a flyer, the sponsors said "the hippies and the radicals, the liberals and the leftists" have been to Washington time and time again.

Saturday's march, they said, is an opportunity for "the Christian people who believe that they must stand and give expression to their strong opposition to the enemies of the country, Communism and any compromises with it" to go to Washington. One flyer also mentions freedom of choice on the part of families for their children's education.

The decision to hold the march was made last Nov. 11, sponsors said.

Wallace said from his office a speaking engagement in his campaign for governor prevents his being at the march, but he supports it fully.

Rivers and Thurmond have said they support the march but prior commitments at the Charleston, S.C., tricentennial celebration April 4 prevent them from attending the demonstration. Goldwater also will be unable to attend.

Before the parade, sponsors

plan a prayer meeting Friday night on the sidewalk in front of the National Cathedral in northwest Washington.

Last Nov. 14, some 10,000 gathered at the Episcopal cathedral for a religious service as part of the antiwar demonstration and march the next day.

The Rev. Clifford Peterson of Phoenix, Ariz., coordinator of the Washington office for Saturday's march, said in an interview cathedral authorities denied their request to use the church so the march sponsors obtained a police permit for the sidewalk service. "Wherever the hippies and pro-Hanoi people go, we're going to go," Peterson said.

McIntire was escorted from the cathedral last Nov. 14 when he refused to promise not to speak at the activities there.

McIntire, 64, has been pastor of the 1,800 member Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood since 1933.

He also is director of the 20th Century Reformation Hour Broadcast, a religious program carried on some 600 radio stations. He is editor of a weekly religious newspaper, The Christian Beacon.

## WEATHER

Friday—Clear to partly cloudy. Southerly winds 10-15 m.p.h. High 76 degrees, low 43 degrees. Saturday—Partly cloudy. Southerly winds 10-15 m.p.h. Hi 78, low 48.

## Jokes, Pranks Abound On April Fool's Day

Beer flowed from the milk machine at the University of Nevada, identical twins swapped classes in Oklahoma and senators mysteriously were called to the governor's office in California.

Yup! Yesterday was April Fool's Day.

The biggest joke was the weather. April served up left-over March lion with cold weather in many areas.

New spring outfits purchased for Easter stayed in the closet as heavy snow warnings were from New Mexico to Indiana.

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Human pranksters also were at work.

Beer flowed from the milk dispenser at the University of Nevada dining commons at lunch time.

State senators showed up in Gov. Ronald Reagan's office, allegedly to answer a call from the governor, only to find Reagan was just as confused as they were.

In Tulsa, Okla., Donnie and Ennis Patton, identical twins in the sixth grade, swapped classes. The principal admitted the switch wasn't discovered until the boys 'fessed up at the end of the day.

## A&M Latin American Students To Begin Pan-Am Week April 12

Latin American students at A&M step to center stage April 12-18 for the university's annual Pan American Week.

A Latin American smorgasbord, a soccer game, a donkey race, a dance, displays and a film featuring Pan American countries are activities planned during the week.

International Student adviser Robert L. Melcher said A&M has 135 Latin American students enrolled for the spring semester. They come from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras.

Pan American Week activities begin April 12 with a Sunday social gathering in the Memorial Student Center that will include refreshments, courtesy of the Association of Students from Mexico.

Color movies April 13-15 will be shown in the Architecture Auditorium. Similar presentations will take place April 16 in Room 2C MSC. Admission is

free. A culture display will be exhibited at the university library the entire week.

The April 17 smorgasbord will offer Latin dishes prepared by wives of Pan American students, staff members and others. Only 150 tickets, at \$1.75 each, will be sold. Tickets are available at Room 108 YMCA. Entertainment will follow the meal.

Concluding activities April 18 include a soccer game between A&M and St. Edwards University and a wild donkey race. Both admission-free events will be on the MSC parade ground.

The Pan American Week dance will be April 18 at the Knights of Columbus Ballroom in Bryan. The Association of Students from Mexico will give away a portable tv set. Tickets are 50 cents and the proceeds will be used to defray the cost of the week.

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LEGS AND MORE LEGS—A group of mini-skirted women demonstrated last weekend in New York, protesting the lowering of hemlines. Calling itself GAMS (Girls Against More Skirt), the group said the new longer skirts are uncomfortable—and unflattering. (AP Wirephoto)