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Warm,
humid,
cloudy

Partly cloudy today and tomorrow. Winds northeasterly 8-10 m.p.h. mornings, switching to east southeasterly 8-10 m.p.h. afternoons. Highs in the low 90s, lows in the middle 70s. No precipitation likely.

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Texas A&M's 15,000-ton training ship "Texas Clipper" tied up at the Galveston Mitchell Campus Sunday ending a 13,000-mile summer cruise. A trip from Houston to Galveston was the final leg of a 10-week European tour.

Cadets visit Russians

Attitude change part of cruise

GALVESTON—Grassroots diplomacy led to a change in attitudes about foreigners for 159 Texas Maritime Academy cadets and Texas A&M freshmen who have completed a 13,000-mile European cruise here.

Cadets said they encountered no language barriers and found Europeans friendly, "just like Texans." Most considered a 48-hour exchange with the crew of a large Russian research vessel the highlight of the 10-week "Summer School at Sea."

The Soviet-American friendship is credited to John Meeks of San Marcos, TMA senior whose curiosity built a bridge over the Iron Curtain.

Discussing the trip shortly after the Texas Clipper docked at the Mitchell Campus here Sunday,

Meeks said the Texas A&M training ship tied up in front of the Soviet ship at Las Palmas, Canary Islands.

"I took Russian in high school and decided to walk over to ask to see the ship," Meeks said. "They were about the finest people we met on the whole trip."

Meeks said the Soviet captain of the 183-foot vessel, the Priliv, invited him aboard, showed him the oceanography and meteorology equipment and invited him to a meal of squid, shrimp, caviar and vodka.

The Russian captain and two of the scientists aboard spoke English, but the rest of the ship's 50 men and women apparently were meeting their first American, Meeks said.

"I returned to the Clipper with

an appointment for Capt. (Alfred) Philbrick (Clipper captain) to meet with the Soviet captain," he explained. During the next two days the Russians and Aggies toured each other's ships, exchanged meals and movies and held a ping-pong match between the two captains.

Meeks said the Soviet ship had a male and female crew, yet none were married to each other. They told the cadets the research vessel was making a South Atlantic cruise to compile data on summer storms.

"There was no language barrier whatsoever," Meeks said. "In fact, there was no language barrier the whole trip."

The cadets toured the Russian ship in groups of 25 and were guests for a Russian meal and a Russian movie on the 1930 revolution.

"The dancing was fantastic," Meeks declared, "even if it was a little strange to see a revolution put to music."

Tony Broektrup, Houston junior, speaks German and he was able to communicate with many of the Russian crewmen. He said the Russians enjoyed the two American movies, "Texas Across the River" and "The Great Race."

Both sides did some trading. One TMA cadet exchanged a watch for a Russian-edited dictionary of Russian-to-English, English-to-Russian. Each Soviet crewman was given a TMA patch and some received TMA windbreakers.

Meeks said the cadets were given a lot of printed material on Lenin and Russia, but all of it is in Russian. Lenin pins were presented to the cadets as gifts and another cadet traded an American book for a bottle of Russian vodka for his dad.

"We all agreed this friendship changed our attitudes about Russians," Meeks said. "We also think we changed their attitudes about Americans."

The entire Soviet ship was opened to the cadets, including the inspection of a rocket launcher.

"We were told the rockets are for meteorological research," He-

tor Garza of Galveston said. "They said the rockets had a range of 1,000 miles."

When the Clipper left the port, the Russians dipped their flag and sounded a horn salute. The Clipper returned the salute.

C. Robert Bigler Jr. of Fairfax, Va., said 80 girls from a school in Cork, Ireland, were guests aboard the converted oceanliner for a dance.

"We had a great time," Bigler said. "The girls all spoke English but most of us had a hard time understanding the Irish brogue."

Carl Sanders of Houston, a sophomore on his first cruise, admitted he didn't know what to expect in Europe.

"In Rotterdam, two of us were on a street corner and a couple of little girls came up and asked for our autographs. We gave them each a nickel and some pennies."

"The girls told their friends and dozens of little kids came out of nowhere and asked for autographs," Sanders continued. "Some of the other cadets couldn't understand why kids followed them everywhere. We didn't make that mistake again."

Garza contends he would not have had a chance to visit Europe if not for the TMA cruise.

"Everyone went out of their way to help us," he observed. "I didn't expect Europeans to treat Americans well, but they did and I learned a lot about sign language."

Garza said the people-to-people relationships on the trip left him with a good feeling about Europe.

Sanders, a tall, handsome cadet with trim mustache, gave the cadets' impression of European girls.

"Spain has fantastic girls," he reported. "They have blue Spanish eyes, blonde hair, slim figures and beautiful skin."

"Holland is the place to go if you like hot pants and the girls in Copenhagen believe in the no-bra look," he recounted with a smile.

The cadets said other findings were a "Texas Bar" in just about every port. Texas is known everywhere (See Attitude Change, page 8)

Corps officers here Saturday to begin year

Cadet officers report Saturday to begin organization of the 1971-72 Corps of Cadets for the Aug. 30 start of Fall semester classes.

More than 200 cadet leaders will check in a week early for commander's conference, meetings with university officials and to greet freshmen and transfer students who begin arriving Sunday.

Army Col. Thomas R. Parsons, commandant, said the 1971-72 corps will consist of approximately 2,500 cadets, of which 700 to 800 will be freshmen.

Company and squadron commanders, executive officers, supply officers and first sergeants will compose the vanguard of the corps. Corps Commander Thomas M. Stanley of Mt. Pleasant, the corps staff and other commanders will participate in school year preparations.

Freshmen who did not participate in new student conferences during the summer will check in Sunday. New student conference participants report Aug. 25, and most upperclassmen will return to the campus Aug. 27-29.

A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams and Dean of Students James P. Hannigan will address cadets at a Monday conference. It also will be the cadets' first

meeting with the new commandant and deputy commandant, Col. Robert F. Crossland, professor of aerospace studies and ranking Air Force officer here.

Parsons succeeded Col. Jim H. McCoy this summer as commandant and professor of military science.

The commandant will swear in the corps commander, Deputy Corps Commander Jack Carey of Carrizo Springs and other major unit commanders. Stanley will then administer the oath to other cadet officers.

A command in-briefing Monday afternoon will set the stage for the week's activities, including a Monday evening commandant's reception at which cadet leaders can meet new military personnel assigned to Texas A&M.

Disciplinary action procedures, housemaster responsibilities, university property accountability and policies and procedures briefings and reviews will fill the rest of the week. A drug abuse seminar for commanders, first sergeants and sergeants major will be held Wednesday.

Parsons said organization of the corps will be completed by Aug. 28.

Oceanography given yacht for use in Gulf research

GALVESTON—Mrs. Banks G. Moreland of Houston Tuesday donated a 39-foot yacht to the Oceanography Department for use in Gulf of Mexico research projects.

Mrs. Moreland's late husband was a 1917 graduate of Texas A&M.

Presentation of keys to the twin-diesel craft was made to Dr. Richard A. Geyer, Oceanography Department head, by Mrs. R. J. Blair, representing Mrs. Moreland. The brief ceremonies were conducted at the Bob Smith Yacht Basin here, where the yacht is berthed.

"This vessel will be an important addition to the expanding oceanographic fleet operated by the Oceanography Department of Texas A&M's College of Geosciences," Geyer said. "It is well suited for the diversified teaching and research activities planned for the new College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources being established by the university in Galveston and will

be made available to the new college by the Oceanography Department when needed."

The craft, the La Mare II, was built in England in 1962. It will accommodate six persons and has a 400-mile range.

Texas A&M, the state's only institution of higher learning

with sea-going capabilities, operates seven vessels and is scheduled to receive another through a ship-building program conducted by the Navy.

The La Mare II will be moved to the docks at the Mitchell Campus on Galveston's Pelican Island.

Housing clearance deadline 6 Friday

Texas A&M housing officials preparing for the influx of fall semester students have announced a 6 p.m. Friday room clearance deadline for summer school students.

Housing Manager Allan M. Madeley said the room clearance applies to students who will occupy other rooms this fall, move off campus and not enrolled for the fall semester.

The second summer session concludes Friday.

New students and transfers arrive Sunday. Fall semester delayed registration begins Monday. Most returning students arrive on Aug. 27 and classes begin Aug. 30.

Madeley said all students except those who will remain in their present rooms for the fall should begin room clearance procedures as soon as possible.

Students must obtain a room clearance card from the hall resident advisor, have the room checked by the advisor and turn

in the card, room key and mattress cover by 6 p.m. Friday.

"To facilitate planning, students are urged to contact resident advisors in advance and make appointments for times to be checked out," Madeley said.

He pointed out that students staying in the same room for the fall term do not need clearances. Students changing rooms must complete clearance and the move by 6 p.m. Friday.

To facilitate moves, halls not being used for summer school will be unlocked from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday and after 10 a.m. Friday. Keys to Duncan area halls will be available at Lounge D. Keys to civilian halls in the Sbis area can be obtained at Lounge A-3 Thursday afternoon and after 10 a.m. Friday.

Except for special authorizations, civilian students will not be allowed to occupy rooms for the fall semester before Aug. 26. Cadet upperclassmen may not move into fall rooms until Aug. 27, Madeley announced.

University begins self-study program

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Texas A&M's self-study program has gotten under way this summer session.

The essential purpose of The Institutional Self-Study Program is to improve educational effectiveness in institutions. It explores ways and means by which

educational efficiency might be improved, and helps accommodate ever increasing demands made on educational systems by society.

Liberal Arts Associate Dean Dr. Charles E. McCandless is overall coordinator for the project, and Association Professor of English Robert W. Barzak is editor of the final report.

The institutional self-study program is required periodically of all member institutions of the

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to which TAMU belongs. It is the process by which accreditation is reaffirmed. For newly accredited institutions, a self-study must be completed within four years after the initial accreditation.

The College Delegate Assembly specifies in its Standards for Colleges that in each 10-year period a member institution must make a comprehensive self-study which is to be evaluated at the

institution by a qualified committee of educators.

The appointment of the self-study coordinators and editors for each of the university's colleges and other major divisions has been announced by McCandless. The college coordinators and editors will help draft the self-study report to be edited by Barzak.

Those designated college coordinators are: T. W. Adair III, (See Study, page 5)



BACK THE AGGIES!!

WELCOME BACK, Aggie football players. This sign is being used by B-CS merchants and area chambers of commerce to promote TAMU and support the team this fall.

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.