

Morton Says

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

Alaskan pipeline to be approved

SEATTLE (AP)—Interior Secretary Rogers Morton said Thursday that Interior Department approval of the controversial Trans-Alaska oil pipeline should be given by the end of January. The Interior Department permit to allow construction of the 800-mile oil pipeline would represent government approval of the project. Lawyers for Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., the firm which wants to build the line, have asked for an additional 30 days to work on legal documents they need to defend their pipeline proposals

against suits brought by conservation and Alaskan native groups, Morton said. He said the time extension means that instead of issuing on Dec. 15 a statement showing what effect the construction is expected to have, the statement "will probably be Jan. 15." "As to the issuance of the permit, it looks as though it will follow very closely behind. I will consult with the President. I will consult with Chairman Russell Train of the Council on Environmental Quality and perhaps with some other officials of govern-

ment, but we should be ready to issue a permit certainly before the end of January," he said. Morton made his comments in an interview with a Seattle radio station. There are a number of roadblocks to an actual start of construction even after an Interior Department permit is issued, however. A Senate-House conference committee is considering two bills to settle aboriginal land claims of Alaska natives. Until the issue is settled, large

amounts of federal lands within Alaska are "frozen" preventing their selection by the state. Several conservation groups also have obtained an injunction in U.S. District Court in Washington against issuance of a permit. Morton could not issue a permit until the district court lifts the injunction, and environment groups who obtained that injunction may well challenge the environmental impact statement the department must issue before granting a permit.

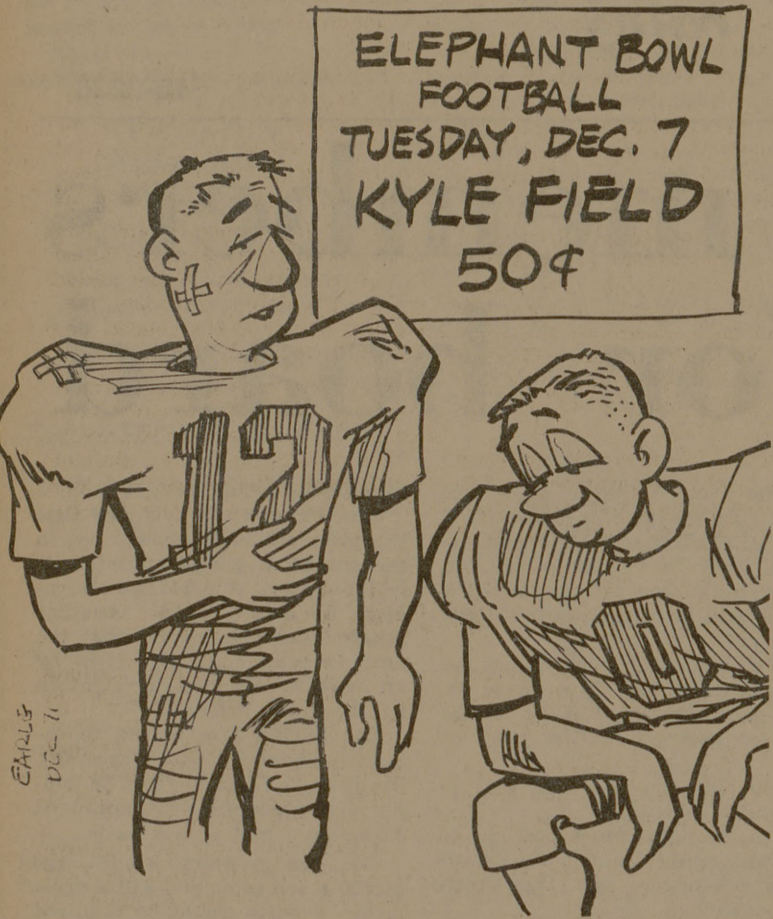
Butz named Secretary of Agriculture

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate confirmed Earl L. Butz Thursday to be secretary of Agriculture in a 51-44 vote seen by both parties as the opening shot in next year's Farm Belt political campaigns. Republicans viewed their success in the bitterly contested battle to confirm the 62-year-old Purdue University dean as a victory for President Nixon. Democrats said the vote was a "cruel defeat" for America's family farmers. Butz, who replaces Clifford Hardin, had been criticized for his statements advocating corporate farming and opposing

food stamp programs. He has said repeatedly, however, he will do all he can to raise farm prices and be a vigorous spokesman for farmers. As he waited out the roll call in the secretary of Agriculture's office, Democratic and Republican senators made clear his name will be a focal point of 1972 campaigning. "I don't think the farmers of the nation will take this lightly, and I expect that they will make their displeasure with the administration known at the polls in 1972," said Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., an announced contender for his party's presidential nomination.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., just before the vote. Humphrey, who campaigned unsuccessfully against Richard M. Nixon in 1968, predicted the Butz debate has put such a spotlight on the ailments of family

agriculture that the administration will be forced to spend up to a billion dollars on farmers before election day in 1972. Butz first served in Washington as assistant Agriculture secretary under Ezra Taft Benson. Ziegler said that Nixon and his guest "have agreed that the specific nature of their discussions remain confidential." He said that his description of the talks being "useful and satisfactory" was shared by Mrs. Meir. On the Middle East question in general, Ziegler said the President stressed the need for "further diplomatic efforts to achieve peace and particularly expressed the specific ways the United States and Israel could contribute to such efforts." Before seeing Nixon, Mrs. Meir met for almost three hours with Secretary of State William P. Rogers where, she said, all problems of the Middle East were discussed.



"You wouldn't believe how many better ways of raising money that I've thought of."

Listen up 'Flunk' courses rapped

Editor: Texas A&M is a fine school; everyone here, including me, believes it and better admit it for their own good. There are, however, some things radically wrong with it as far as administrative attitudes toward students are concerned. Foremost in my mind are the "flunk-out" courses such as freshman chemistry. With only two or three exceptions, every major course of study at A&M requires some form of hundred-level chemistry, in its curriculum. Again, with few exceptions, these courses are taught by people respected in their field. Unfortunately, these profs aren't geared to undergraduate minds. For the first time a lot of people are lost in a ridiculous maze of abstract terms and confusing ideas. Science majors and chemistry profs say these courses are simple, but they are looking at

things from a different viewpoint. I'm an Ag-journalism major. Probably the most scientific thing I will ever do is write seed catalogs. Why must I take sixteen hours of chemistry? Throughout our educations we have been taught that success is possible if we apply ourselves. Isn't it unfortunate that one chicken course like freshman chemistry can shatter this belief? Karl Wolfshohl '74

feel that the lessening of others' freedoms would augment his own. But neither can I agree with Mr. Brieden in his attack upon the unfortunate Buratti. He should, instead, aim his flaming arrows of brilliant sarcastic wit at the only people who can really effect the change he desires. In case somebody out there doesn't know, that body is the state legislature who made the rule in the first place. Of course, it's extremely doubtful that the legislature will actually listen to a bunch of scruffy anarchistic students; they obviously have more important things to consider. Like investments. And ethics commissions. But if you feel you're getting the shaft, Mr. Brieden, you'd better get to somebody who can change the situation instead of attacking a powerless student. Stephen Goble

Nixon asks U.N. fund cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Nixon administration said Thursday it will try to cut America's United Nations contribution to 25 percent — stressing this is not retaliation for Nationalist China's expulsion.

right direction," said Rep. John G. Schmitz, R-Calif., "but I think we should cut it all and then pull out and kick them out." A Senate policy statement calling for reduction of the U.S. contribution to 25 percent appeared likely to be kept in a compromise foreign aid bill being worked out by House-Senate conferees. The 25 percent U.S. share of U.N. expenses this year is \$52.4

million and U.S. voluntary contributions to international organizations, most of them related to the United Nations, bring the total to about \$190 million. DePalma was before the House subcommittee ostensibly to testify on a bill introduced by Rep. Joe D. Waggoner Jr., D-La., and 68 co-sponsors to base U.N. members' contributions on their populations.

Senate passes anti-poverty program, will be two years

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate passed Thursday a compromise \$6 billion bill extending the anti-poverty program two more years and establishing a broad new federal child care program. The vote was 63 to 17. Republicans assailed the \$2 billion child care plan and said it might well lead to a veto of the bill by President Nixon. The Senate vote sent the legislation to the House which plans to take it up next Tuesday. The child development section of the bill, sponsored chiefly by

Sen. Walter F. Mondale, D-Minn., would establish the broadest day care programs ever funded by the federal government. Nevertheless, Mondale said it would fall well short of meeting the full need. The proposal calls not merely for custodial care but for a broad range of services including meals, education, medical care and social services. The federal funds would be channeled through local child development councils which could select churches or some other group to operate the centers.

Football award honors Joe Utay

Former Texas A&M football great Joe Utay will be honored with the Distinguished American Award from the North Texas Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. The award will be presented during a luncheon Tuesday at UT-Arlington. Utay, now a Dallas lawyer, captained the 1907 Aggies and was among the group that formed the Southwest Conference. He has officiated more than 100 SWC games during his career as a football official and for 27 years was a contributing editor to Spalding's Official Football Guide. The chapter's Amateur Football Award will be presented to Fort Worth Star-Telegram publisher Amon Carter Jr.



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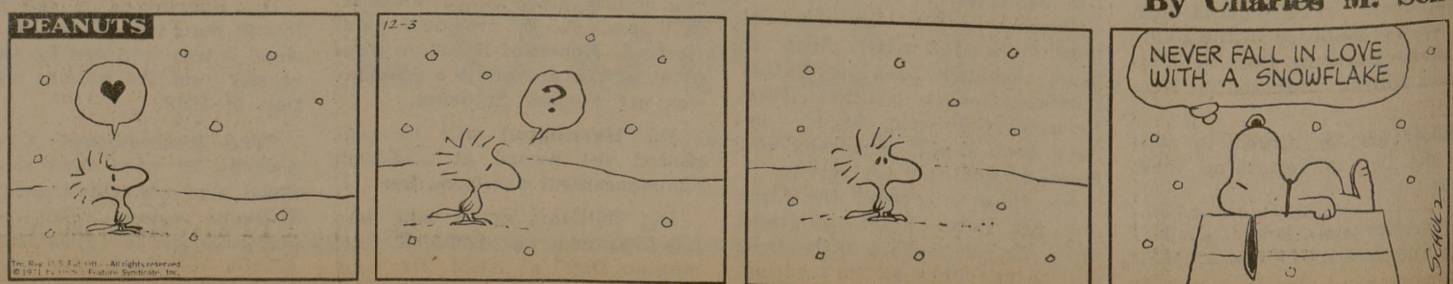
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