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Time: January 27, 1972 at 8:00 p. m.
Place: Room 112 in the Herman Heep Bldg.
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Sky marshal program not stopping hijackings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sky marshal program has failed to provide the fullest protection possible from airline hijackers, say those closest to the program, including the marshals themselves.

Now, 18 months after the force was set up, both the Federal Aviation Administration and the airline industry would like to replace most of the flying guards with improved ground screening of passengers and greater airport security.

Reports persist that federal budget officials are considering an \$11-million cut this year in the \$37-million program.

Amid these reports, the Customs Bureau insists that the sky marshal force is a powerful deterrent to hijackings, citing 539 arrests and seizure of thousands of weapons in its first year of operation.

Deterrence is an intangible which can neither be proved nor disproved, but there is no probable case in which a sky marshal stopped a hijacking in progress, and three marshals were themselves hijacked on a flight Oct. 25.

"The program has been a farce since its inception," said an official of a major domestic airline. "Farce, hell," said former sky marshal Hugh Vandervoort of Baltimore. "The program is a menace to the people who ride the airlines."

The main reason, according to Vandervoort and other sky marshals interviewed, is that the marshals do not get enough pistol practice to maintain top marksmanship. Proficiency aside, flight crews generally object to ferrying

marshals, seeing any gun aboard an airplane as menace enough.

An Associated Press study of the sky marshal program, including interviews with marshals, pilots, stewardesses, airline executives and FAA officials, turned up these specific complaints:

—A full complement of 2,000 marshals was projected when President Nixon announced the program, but the force has never numbered more than 1,200.

—Marshals are sometimes "bumped" from flights to make room for paying passengers.

—Airlines frequently cancel screening of passengers and baggage to prevent flight delays.

—Marshals lack confidence in the ability of stewardesses, their first link with a hijacker, to handle the situation. Many stewardesses, on the other hand, fear the marshals because they're convinced the officers wouldn't hesitate to shoot through them to stop a hijacker.

—The government requires the marshals to work a five-day week, notwithstanding the fact that many will work 40 hours in several days on an overseas flight that includes frequent time changes and irregular sleeping periods. Exhausted and bored, some marshals say they have

fallen asleep on flights.

—Metal detectors used to search for weapons often malfunction and are regarded by many marshals as "near useless."

Sky marshals have perhaps the most exacting mission of any federal officer — ultimately the decision whether to fire at a hijacker aboard a crowded airplane.

Regulations state that marshals must qualify with the pistol every three months or lose their jobs, yet all those interviewed said the only shooting they had done since basic training had been on their own time, unsupervised.

Benjamin O. Davis, head of the sky marshal program, said he was unaware these regulations were not enforced.

The program is administered over-all by the FAA. Training is provided by the Treasury Department. Funds come from the Office of Management and Budget, answerable only to the White House. And participation by the airlines is on a voluntary basis.

Davis insists the marshals have the ability and the security technology, to stop virtually all hijackers.

"But we are completely dependent on the performance of the airlines," he said, "and that performance goes up and down."

Sailing Club schedules spring activities

The Aggie Sailing Club is planning a full program of sailing activities for its members during the spring semester. The initial meeting of the Club will be on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 p. m. in Room 145 of the Physics Building.

A description of the upcoming activities will be given, membership applications will be accepted, and a sailing film shown. Seven additional bi-weekly on-campus meetings featuring adventure slide shows, educational lectures, and films, all pertaining to phases of sailing activities, will be held during the semester.

Dr. Gary Halter, faculty advisor, says that the club will repeat their popular series of on-the-water classes of sailing instruction beginning in mid-March. In past classes, instructors from the

club have taught over 200 local members the basics of small-boat sailing and water safety. Classes are conducted on Bryan Municipal Lake in the afternoons following school hours.

Two series of inter-club sailboat races will be held this semester. A series of five Thursday afternoon races in small boats will be held on the Municipal Lake. Trophies will be given to each weeks winners and to the overall series winner.

Two regattas on Sunday afternoons off Welch Park at Lake Somerville will be held in April. These races will include small open sailboats, catamarans, and cruising sailboats. Trophies will also be given to the winners. Participation in all of these inter-club races will be limited to Club members.

The Aggie Sailing Club will host the Intercollegiate Sailing Conference Western Regional Regatta at the Fort Worth Yacht Club this spring. Members of the Aggies' Conference Sailing Team will participate in this regatta as well as in other official conference meets at various member universities.

Membership in the Aggie Sailing Club is open to all A&M students, faculty, staff, former students and local residents of the Bryan-College Station area who are interested in sailing. Boat ownership is not a requirement. The Club owns a small fleet of sailboats for rental to members. Annette Kersting, 104 Pleasant Street, Bryan, is membership secretary and will provide additional information on joining the Club to anyone interested.

Dr. Earl Stone to give lectures

Dr. Earl Stone, Professor of Forest Soils at Cornell University, will give two lectures on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The first will be held in room 106 of the Plant Science Building at 3:30 p. m. Stone's presentation

will concern why soils differ in their capacity to sustain tree growth.

Stone's evening lecture will begin at 7:30 in Library 226. It will deal with the changing interests in understanding and managing the soil-forest system.

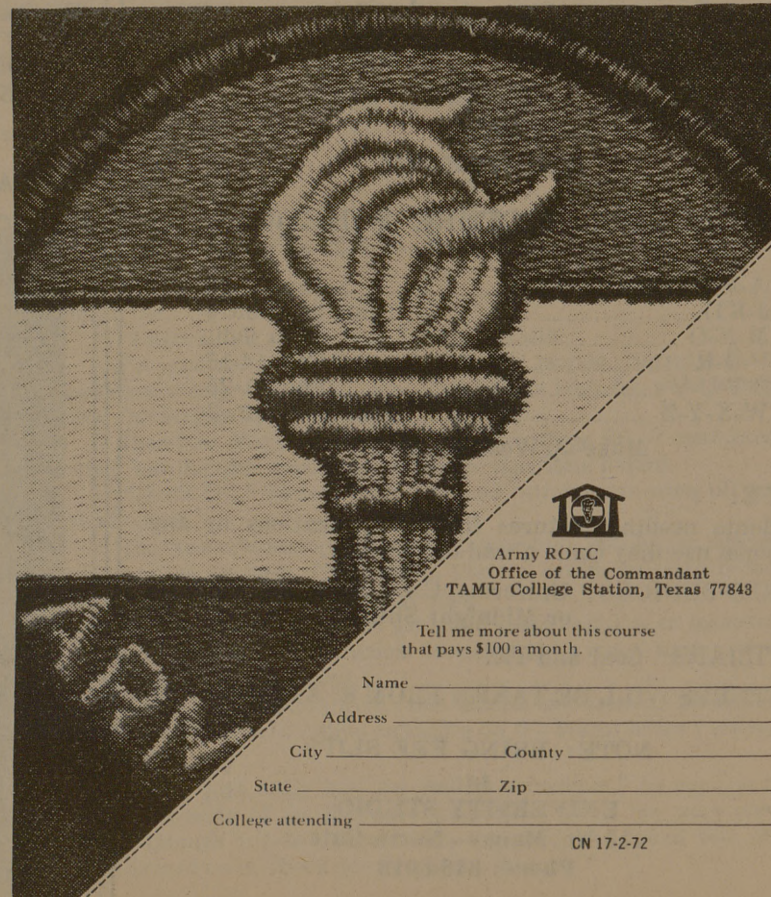
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