

Laird announces 15,000-man draft

WASHINGTON (AP)—Issuing the first draft call in five months, Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird announced Monday that 15,000 men will be drafted into the Army during April, May and June.

The call was the first since October when the Pentagon closed out 1971 with a 10,000-man quota spread over the final three months of the year.

No draft calls were issued during the first quarter of 1972 as Pentagon officials waited to determine whether more than \$3 billion in new military pay increases generated enough volunteers to fill its manpower needs. Another factor was a congressional order to trim 70,000 men from the Army by June 30.

The administration is trying to achieve an all-volunteer force by mid-1973. The Army exceeded slightly its 15,000-man enlistment goal for January but fell short by more than 3,000 in February.

"We're making progress," Laird told the winter meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He said the draft was 300,000 in 1969, the year he took office; 200,000 in 1970, 98,000 last year, "and this year we will reduce those calls to 50,000 or less."

This will enable the Nixon administration to fill its military needs in an election year with the smallest draft since before the Korean War. The last time draft calls fell below 50,000 was in 1949 when 9,781 men were inducted.

Selective Service sources said it's likely that young men with lottery numbers above 60 will be safe from the draft this year.

In his speech, Laird defended his new Defense budget with its \$6-billion increase in new spending. He said the two-year lead the U.S. holds in inter-continental ballistic missile technology "could be rapidly closed if we do not maintain a strong research-and-development

program."

The Soviet Union, the Secretary said, is "deploying at the present time multiple re-entry vehicles MRV warheads" on some of its ICBMs. This has been indicated earlier by Defense officials who now, elaborating on Laird's statement, estimate the Russians have equipped about 100 of their big SS9 and SS11 ICBMs with triple warheads.

Laird said the Russian MRVs are not as advanced as the warheads already deployed by the United States which can be directed to widely separated targets.

The Defense chief said he is troubled by the difficulty military recruiters are having on some high-school and college campuses.

"You either have to have Selective Service as your manpower source or you have to have a volunteer program. To protest against both means to disarm America, and we can't have that," he said.

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Clay's second try

Student running for C.S. City Council

Bruce Clay, Public Relations Chairman of the Student Senate, announced his candidacy for a seat on the College Station City Council Friday.

The 20-year-old candidate, defeated in an earlier attempt, said he is seeking to provide more responsive and progressive leadership for the College Station community and a union of understanding.

"Through this understanding," Clay said, "I'll have the time and the energy to work wholeheartedly at the task of being a city councilman because I will have none of the conflicts of interest that currently exist on the council."

Clay said he would like to see the development of College Station through the construction of a future plan. The current future plan for College Station is 10 years old.

Under a new plan Clay said he

wants a budget set aside for parks and recreation.

"I would rather see money spent for the development of the parks we have rather than constructing a community pool," he said. "There are several underdeveloped sites out of the seven or eight we have, and I want to see these get priority over new projects."

"Haphazard spot zoning" is an aspect of the current council policy that Clay would like to see changed. He said special treatment of businesses in this manner only results in a profit for the businesses and nobody else.

Clay said he would like to coordinate student participation with the city.

"There are 6,500 students who live off-campus with city problems facing them in abundance — poor streets, sewage and garbage disposal, and bad street

lighting, to name a few."

He said initiation of programs for recycling trash and garbage would help make money for the city, money which currently comes from the ad valorem tax (15%) and sales tax and profit on utilities sales (85%).

"Currently, all our utilities are being purchased from Bryan," he said, "and this needs to change. Bryan's water supply is growing shorter and shorter and as a result Bryan has increased our rates and will only sign one-year contracts."

"We need to get our own wells before Bryan cuts us off. We could make more money in the

long run if we had our own utilities sources, although bonds would have to be floated to obtain them."

Clay said he would also like to see Northgate rebuilt because it is "deteriorating due to the increase in auto traffic."

"We need to attract more businesses such as Skaggs-Albertson's and other light industries," he said. "If more businesses are attracted, the city will get more money from these than an increase in population, which is supposed to double in the next ten years. This means larger facilities will have to be built and this can only come from increased

revenue."

Clay pointed out that the election date, April 5, will concur with spring break, which will end Wednesday, April 6.

"Absentee voting will be an absolute necessity for the students of A&M if I'm to be elected," he said. "There are about 1,300 students eligible to vote and if the majority of these vote in the absentee period March 16-31, I stand a good chance."

Clay said he will be providing transportation to City Hall where absentee voting will be held. "It's students' duty to vote, whether they vote for me or not."

52 injured in bomb blast behind theater in Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Fifty-two persons, most of them women, were injured Monday by a bomb that exploded behind a big movie theater and rocked central Belfast. Minutes later, another blast wrecked a Londonderry hotel.

The Belfast explosion panicked a matinee audience at the Ritz Cinema. People ran out screaming. Ambulances took the injured to hospitals.

Only a few of the moviegoers were hurt when the bomb went off outside a hijacked truck. Most of the injured were shoppers and office girls bloodied by shattered windows and suffering from shock.

The blast smashed windows in the Europe Hotel, Belfast's newest and biggest, and other downtown buildings up to 300 yards away.

The terrorist attack came despite pleas for peace after two girls were killed and 136 persons injured Saturday in the bombing of a crowded Belfast restaurant.

The four-story Ardowen Hotel in Londonderry, Ulster's second

city, was wrecked by a bomb but no one was reported hurt.

Three masked gunmen planted the bomb and gave the staff 25 minutes to leave. There were no guests in the hotel at the time.

Meanwhile, 29 victims of Saturday's attack on the Abercorn Restaurant remained in hospitals. Seven were reported "very seriously ill."

Police said a vague telephone warning only 60 seconds before the bombing was traced to a bar in the Roman Catholic Lower Falls district. The area is a stronghold of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

The IRA, which is fighting a guerrilla war to wrest Ulster from Britain and unite it with Ireland, disclaimed responsibility for the bombing and blamed the attack on Protestant extremists.

In Enniskillen, fiery protester Bernadette Devlin was cheered and carried shoulder high by a crowd chanting "IRA forever" after she and other militants won

postponement of a court hearing on charges of staging an outlawed parade.

The tiny, 24-year-old member of the British Parliament, who was sentenced to six months in jail last month in a similar case, was accused with more than 70 other persons of marching Feb. 13 to protest the internment without trial of IRA suspects. She pleaded innocent.

The hearing was postponed until late March pending a separate appeals case to settle questions of defendants' rights in such hearings.

Kleindienst inquiry told

Prime witness under strain

WASHINGTON (AP) — A physician testified Monday that Mrs. Dita D. Beard was under severe, periodic mental stress at the time she prepared a memo involved in accusations against the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. and officials of the Justice Department.

Mrs. Beard, a lobbyist for IT&T, is in a Denver hospital. The IT&T controversy has delayed Senate action on the appointment of Richard G. Kleindienst to succeed John N. Mitchell as attorney general.

Mrs. Beard's doctor, Dr. Victor L. Liszka, a heart surgeon of Arlington, Va., said that she denied to him that she meant to imply any connection in the memo between an antitrust suit against IT&T and an IT&T pledge of \$400,000 to the Republican National Convention.

In testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Liszka said he has been treating Mrs. Beard for what he described as a



PRECISION SKY DIVING came to A&M Saturday as part of the activities for Military Day. The team, famed Golden Knights of the U. S. Army, performed a series of intricate maneuvers and landed onto the main drill field before an enthusiastic crowd. (Photo by Robert Williams)

Miss Texas A&M pageant set for Wednesday night

The Miss Texas A&M pageant will be held Wednesday night at 8 in the Engineering Center mall.

The pageant winner will represent A&M in the Miss Texas Universe pageant in San Antonio, April 10-15. Miss Texas Universe will enter the Miss USA contest, whose winner will attend the Miss Universe contest. Fourteen A&M coeds have

entered this year's pageant. They will compete in three categories: swimsuit, formal and personality.

Judging the contest will be Toby Schreiber, Dean of Women, Charles Powell, Dean of Men, Fern Hamman, a local television talk show personality, Ed Cooper, assistant to the president, and Mayor Richard Hervey of College Station.

A&M to study Laredo air pollution

Air pollution at the Laredo-U.S. Border Customs Station is so heavy A&M was given \$20,000 this week to study the problem, according to Dr. M. P. Boyce, assistant professor of mechanical engineering. J. M. Hughes, assistant professor of environmental engineering, is a co-investigator on the project.

The problem is caused by the automotive exhausts from the

heavy flow of traffic crossing the border, Dr. Boyce said.

The team plans to design an air handling system to reduce the amount of pollutants breathed by the customs officials.

The program will entail on-site and on-campus studies. On campus the team will simulate the situation by making a detailed model of the station and surroundings.

New dormitory will bear name of A&M grad

Carl C. (Polly) Krueger of San Antonio has been honored by A&M where a new dormitory will bear his name.

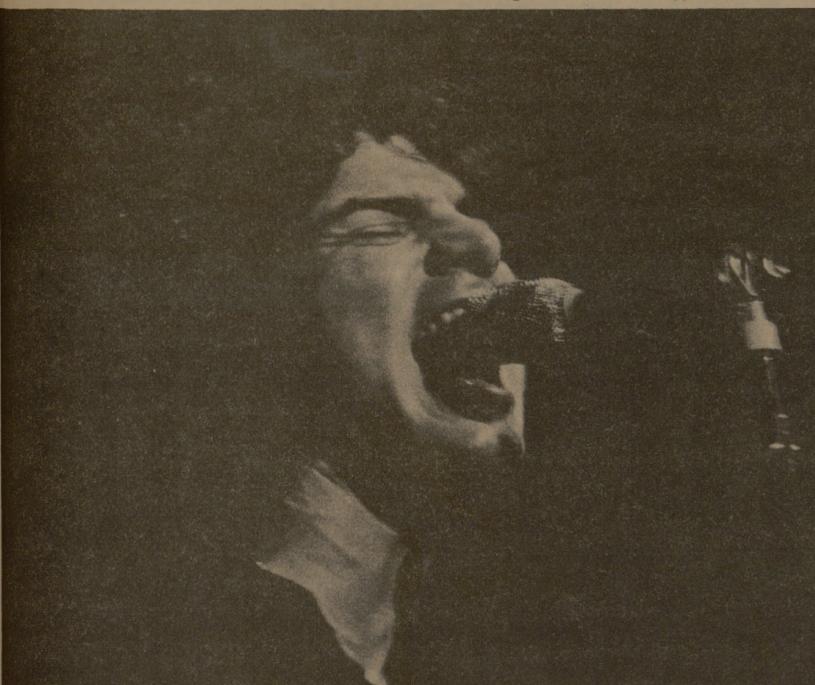
A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams said the "C. C. Krueger Residence Hall" is one wing of a new \$8.5 million complex currently under construction.

The complex includes two four-story residence halls, the east wing named for Krueger and the west wing for J. Harold Dunn of Amarillo. In addition, there is a one-story student commons with dining and recreational facilities.

Scheduled for completion this summer, the complex will serve 948 students.

Dr. Williams pointed out Krueger is the oldest living president of A&M's Association of Former Students, the first president of the San Antonio A&M Club and co-organizer of the San Antonio Mothers' Club, a former A&M System board member and an outstanding San Antonio businessman and civic leader.

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JAMES GANG performed Friday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. For a while things got a bit hectic because of over-enthusiasm in part of the audience. (Photo by Robert Williams)