

Texas politicians hit campaign trail

Campaigners in the Texas governor's race hit the road again today as the shadows from the Abilene trial of two elected officials and one of their aides stretched across the state.

Gov. Preston Smith, bidding for re-election, broke stride long enough Tuesday to ward off a comment by the prosecutor in the bribery conspiracy case at Abilene of House Speaker Gus Mutscher, State Rep. Tommy Shannon of Fort Worth and Mutscher aide Rush McGinty.

Secretary of State Bob Bullock, a Smith appointee, also went to the governor's defense.

State Rep. Frances Farenthold, another Democrat in the gubernatorial race, went to San Antonio for a full day of campaigning Tuesday. She said she was concerned over the procedures used in passage of two banking bills which led to the Mutscher-Shannon-McGinty trial.

Dolph Briscoe, Uvalde rancher and banker seeking the governor's post, said his campaign forces are organized for attack. Making obvious reference to the stock scandals, Briscoe said, "Misconduct in office by some of our elected officials is a matter of public record."

Republican gubernatorial candidate David Reagan, campaigning at Midland, stated, "The one-party system of government in

Texas is as scandalous for its waste as for its corruption."

Reagan said his first act as governor would be to appoint an economy commission like one in California which he said had saved the Golden State \$100 million a year.

The Mutscher trial, which brought a remark that it will become more clear that Gov. Smith is a co-conspirator in the bribery conspiracy allegations, has been on the lips of voters for months and is now the hue and cry of political candidates.

Mrs. Farenthold said she jumped into the governor's race because she couldn't let the situation in Austin go unchallenged.

"I got in to give the people another choice than two contaminated candidates, and a legislator from the 50s," the Corpus Christi Democrat said.

Mrs. Farenthold said she made the "contaminated" remark in a Sunday panel program that included Gov. Preston Smith and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, who also seeks the Democratic nomination for governor.

"I wasn't rebutted by either of them," she told newsmen.

When the Texas stock scandals were uncovered last year, Mrs. Farenthold said, she was "concerned with the procedures used" in passing of the banking legislation.

She said she is still concerned, adding that the "judicial branch" of the government is now performing the investigative process that should have been performed by the legislature.

Saying that "to this day I don't understand why Dolph Briscoe was not more aggressive" in challenging the situation in Austin, she declared:

"I couldn't just let it go by default."
Bullock asserted at a capitol news conference Tuesday that Dist. Atty. Bob Smith of Austin had "slandered the governor in a subservient and intentional fashion." The district attorney said Monday that "it is going to become quite clear that the governor is a co-conspirator" in the alleged bribery conspiracy of Mutscher, Shannon and McGinty, the three of whom he is prosecuting. He made the remark outside the hearing of the jury.

Asked to elaborate, the district attorney said Tuesday of his remark about Gov. Smith, "The court has prohibited participants in the trial in which I am currently engaged from making out of court statements expanding upon or explaining statements made in court."

John Hill, Democratic candidate for attorney general claimed Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin "killed the state ethics bill which

could have been saved by minor surgery." He said Martin could have "cut away any unconstitutional sections and left us with a good six-man ethics commission" instead of ruling the entire proposal unconstitutional.

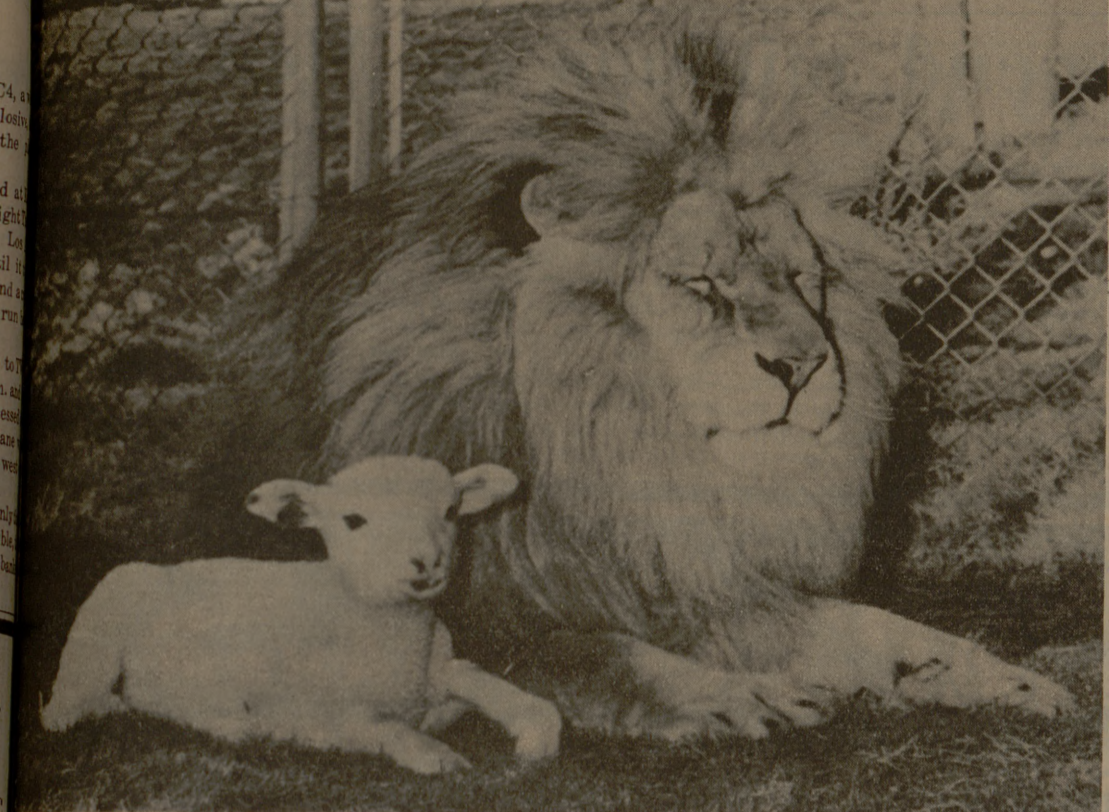
Martin's office said two more Texas daily newspapers, the Waco Tribune-Herald and the Victoria Advocate, had endorsed his candidacy.

Thomas Cartledge, one of the Democrats vying to run against Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., proposed that Texas finance primary elections through donations by candidates for all offices of 10 per cent of their campaign contributions.

Another Democrat in the Senate Race, Barefoot Sanders, said at Bryan there is a "citizens' distress call" for a more trustworthy federal government.

Bill Hobby, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, said his No. 1 priority would be new laws on drug abuse.

"I am the father of four fine children and I share the nagging fear with every Texas parent that one day they might become the victims of the pusher," he told the Junior Bar Association in Fort Worth. "It is a problem not confined to the country club or the ghetto. It can touch us all."



THE BIBLICAL PREDICTION that the lion and lamb shall lie down together comes true at Buellton, Cal., where a docile lion named Joe willingly posed for this photo with a month-old lamb. Joe resides in a new wild animal complex, Orphans of the Wild, and the lamb lives on a nearby ranch. (AP Wirephoto)

Welch Foundation donates \$666,000 in grants

The Robert A. Welch Foundation has awarded A&M grants totaling \$666,000 for support of basic chemistry research projects involving seven different departments.

Jack Binion, Welch Foundation president, said the TAMU grants were part of \$4,199,000 being awarded to 155 scientific investigators at 32 educational institutions in Texas.

Gen. A. R. Luedeker, TAMU executive vice president and the university's liaison representative with the Houston foundation, said 27 TAMU professors will share in the research funds.

Luedeker said this year's award is one of the largest ever received from the Welch Foundation. Similar grants since 1956 now total more than \$6 million.

The foundation also provided \$1 million for assistance in constructing the university's cyclotron and recently established the Robert A. Welch Professorship of Chemistry now occupied by Dr. F. Albert Cotton, a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Included in the overall awards this year were 16 grants for faculty members in the Chemistry Department, four in the Biochemistry and Biophysics Department, three in the Physics Department and one each in the Biology, Oceanography and Plant Sciences Departments.

The Welch Foundation, third largest foundation in Texas and among the 25 largest in the world, was established in 1954 by the will of Robert Alonzo Welch, a Houstonian, who died in 1952. He

said in his will he desired to support chemical research in order that the results could benefit all of mankind.

Tower reports

1931 legislation costs \$3 billion a year

HOUSTON (AP)—U.S. Senator John Tower, R-Tex., says the David-Bacon Act approved by Congress in the depression days of 1931 is costing the government \$3 billion a year.

Tower says the General Accounting Office has concluded that the Labor Department, interpreting the 1931 act, has prescribed wage rates that are significantly higher than the so-called "prevailing rate" in areas

of federal construction. "This act, in total perversion of the congressional intent to guarantee 'prevailing rates,' has cost the Federal government somewhere between 5 and 15 per cent above the cost of construction had it been contracted on a strictly private basis," Tower said.

Tower made his remarks in a speech prepared for delivery Tuesday before the Associated

General Contractors of America. Tower was unable to be present but his speech was read to the convention by E. L. Skiles Jr., counsel to the Senate Banking Committee.

Tower has introduced a bill seeking to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act, which he said was adopted during the crunch of the depression with the explicit purpose of protecting local wage standards of workers on Federal construction projects.

An estimated 59,000 contract awards totaling roughly \$30 billion were covered in 1971 under Davis-Bacon wage determinations, Tower said.

"This represents nearly one-third of all construction expenditures in the nation for that fiscal year," he said.

Tower called upon the contractors to join him in a national campaign to implement labor law reforms measures.

"In particular, the Davis-Bacon Act is costing the government \$3 billion a year while at the same time, being enforced contrary to congressional intent, is resulting in the manifestation of a government subsidy which runs contrary to social policies administered by the federal government to aid the disadvantaged and unemployed," he said.

Bergman film shown Friday

"The Magician," Ingmar Bergman's horror film for thinkers, goes on the Spring Film Festival screen Friday at A&M.

Ignorance and intelligence clash in this Bergman cinema parable. A wandering magician comes bearing a bag of tricks that turn him from magician to savior, then to con-man and finally artist extraordinaire, according to Contemporary Arts film chairman Scott Smith.

"The Magician," released in 1958, stars Max Von Sydow, is in black and white and runs 101 minutes. Smith said a short foreign experimental film, "The Apple Thieves," will be included.

He said admission to the 8 p.m. film in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom is by season ticket or single admission of \$1 for A&M students with activity card and \$1.50 for all others.

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