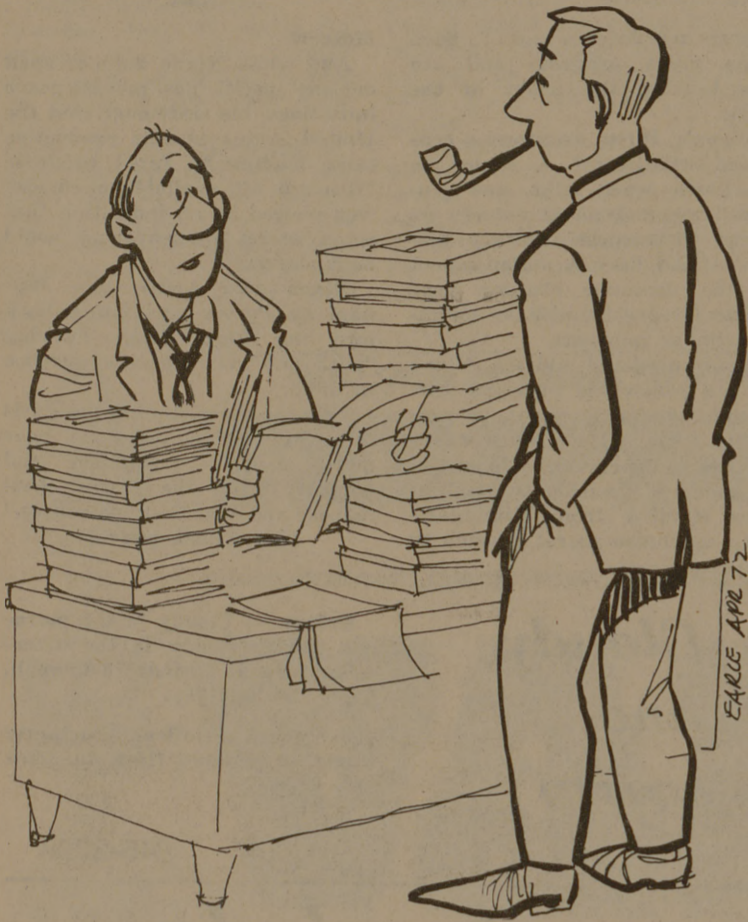


CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Somehow when I assigned these semester reports, I forgot about having to grade them!"

Change

It is hard to say in one last editorial all that has not been said during the past year. The ideas that were once so hard to come by now come all in a rush.

So in deciding just what note to leave on, we come back to an idea that has appeared here before and gone quite a ways.

It is called change. Humans are basically afraid of change and the people of TAMU are no exception. They are afraid of it, they resent it, and they oppose it.

Not all of them do, of course, nor just certain factions. But overall, there is the steady opposition.

This isn't unusual. It happens with all people. Change disturbs the order of their lives and many people need that order, especially in these times.

But all too often the changes proposed are opposed simply because they are not in keeping with the ways things used to be. The value of them is not considered, it is just noted that they will create problems that have not appeared before or will create all kinds of various troubles.

Certainly not all change should be embraced simply because it is change, but change should not be rejected simply because it is change.

This university is at a point where change is of the essence. It is happening all around us and will continue to happen.

So it is at times like these that we need to analyze our attitudes toward change. Do we oppose it simply because it will create problems for us, or do we oppose it because it is wrong?

AP analysis

Connally's influence increases

WASHINGTON (AP)—Treasury Secretary John B. Connally has been expanding his influence within the Nixon administration to include foreign policy, but he says the chances are dim he'll ever become Secretary of State.

Connally's broadened role has come about with the blessing of President Nixon, leading to speculation that the Democratic former governor of Texas may be offered the State Department post if the Republican chief executive wins re-election.

"I'd say that possibility is about as dim as anything I could think of," Connally responded when asked in an interview last week if he would like the diplomatic spot.

Last weekend, however, the White House assigned Connally a job usually handled by foreign-policy advisers, briefing a small group of newsmen on the President's thinking on Vietnam.

Connally spoke at a background, not-for-attribution session called by the office of the White House communications director, Herb Klein. Connally told reporters that Nixon went against the advice of many of his advisers in deciding to bomb Haiphong harbor, feeling that he must do so to have a viable foreign policy. CBS later named Connally as the unidentified source.

At first, Treasury officials thought it unusual that a secretary of the Treasury would be summoned to handle such an information task. But later one said that the secretary often advises Nixon on matters other than the economy.

Speculation about Connally's future role in the administration was heightened last week when it was learned that Nixon had accepted an invitation to be Connally's guest at the secretary's

AP analysis

Peace talks abrupt turnabout

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon's resumption of the Paris peace talks is an abrupt turnabout from the administration's stand against negotiating with Hanoi while North Vietnam is mounting an all-out drive in the South.

Administration sources suggested that Nixon's policy reversal stems from several factors including:

- Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger's just-concluded secret talks in Moscow with Soviet leaders, who have been calling for a U.S. return to the conference table.

- Propaganda points scored by the Vietnamese Communists, who have been blaming the United States for the sterility of the Paris proceedings since Nixon suspended them March 23.

- Domestic U. S. criticism of Nixon's action including some by Democratic presidential contenders.

The State Department on-the-record reason for Nixon's order to U. S. Ambassador William J. Porter to return to the Paris parley is:

"The other side had been pressing very hard over the last few days for a resumption . . . it was the judgment that it could be useful to explore what lay behind their insistence."

This is a sharp switch from what administration spokesmen

had been saying starting with the March 23 announcement of the U. S. suspension of the Paris meetings. Nixon said the Reds were using the parley for propaganda rather than serious negotiations.

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee April 18 that it would be the "height of irresponsibility" to negotiate for peace with the North Vietnamese while their invasion of South Vietnam is under way.

Secretary of State William P. Rogers also testified on April 17, that the United States is not prepared to resume the Paris negotiations "while the invasion is occurring."

On April 20, a State Department spokesman reaffirmed the position.

Before the Communist military

Splashdown comes for Apollo 16 crew

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP)—Apollo 16 streaked toward a splashdown in the South Pacific today, its commander proclaiming "We've seen as much in 10 days as most people see in 10 lifetimes."

Astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr. and Thomas K. Mattingly II, aboard their command ship Casper, parachuted to earth at 2:44 p.m. EST, 178 miles southeast of Christmas Island.

In a press conference held in space Wednesday as the astronauts hurtled toward their home planet, Young said, "Mr. Descartes said it, 'Nothing is so far removed from us as to be beyond our reach, or so hidden that we cannot discover it.'" He referred to 16th Century French scientist Rene Descartes for whom the moon mountains where Apollo 16 landed were named.

"That is really the story of our mission so far," the astronaut added. "We have been out testing this theory. . . ."

Before the press conference an alarm light flashed in the ship's guidance and navigation system but it proved to be only a stray electronic impulse and Mission Control said later "the hardware has a clean bill of health."

Little was planned for the astronauts during their last day in space.

They busied themselves with preparations for splashdown, securing the 245 pounds of moon rock samples and the miles of film taken on and about the moon.

Mission Control awakened them Wednesday with the news that

drive, Porter and other U. S. officials had said the United States would resume the Paris talks on a sign from the enemy that it intends to enter into serious discussion, or whenever a resumption of the parley would appear to be useful.

U. S. officials said Wednesday they have no signal of Hanoi intent to get into serious discussions.

As to whether the Paris meeting Thursday will be useful, U. S. diplomats privately left that as a matter of definition. They expected the allies to press for a halt to the invasion and the Communists to demand an end to U. S. bombing.

Neither on the record nor off are administration spokesmen predicting that the new round at Paris will produce a peace deal in the near future.

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