

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... Let's see if I follow your logic. Last week you were opposed to th' bonfire for ecological reasons, but now, you think they should build one next year because you built one this year?"

Batt News Summary

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
BEAUMONT, Tex. — Beaumont Port Commissioner Bill Kimbrough said Monday that a federal maritime administration study recommending the mouth of the Mississippi River as site for a Gulf superport would not harm Texas' chances of getting a similar deep-water port facility.

Kimbrough said the Lake Charles, La., to Freeport, Tex., area had the greatest concentration of petrochemical plants on the Gulf Coast and that a superport near the tip of the Mississippi River delta would not leave Texas out of the picture.

Kimbrough said Louisiana's efforts to get a superport would be hampered because of the ecology issue.

HONOLULU — An apparent racial incident involving 130 sailors at Naval Station Midway caught the Navy by surprise, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet said Monday.

Midway was considered to have "a good minority affairs program," the spokesman said.

Five sailors — four whites and one black — suffered minor injuries in the fighting Saturday night but have been returned to duty, the spokesman said.

An investigation, headed by

Capt. Creighton Cook, was reported under way on the tiny island, about 1,100 miles northwest of Honolulu.

Cook, attached to the U. S. Pacific Fleet Commander, Adm. Bernard Clarey, also participated in probing a racial incident last month aboard the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk.

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency announced Monday a research contract to Chrysler Corp. for development of the gas turbine engine as a possible alternative to present internal combustion automobile engines.

Information resulting from the project will be available to the entire auto industry, an EPA spokesman said.

He said the aim of the contract was to develop and test gas turbines to see if they can compete with internal combustion engines in performance, fuel economy, reliability and cost, while meeting federal antipollution standards for 1976 cars.

PHILADELPHIA — Former Chief U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren said Monday night that since the Vietnam war is "being wound down and further foreign wars are becoming dimmer," the greatest bicentennial present for the nation in

Viewpoint Spreading Rocky Mountain High

By TERRY YORK
Some years ago the Smothers Brothers put on a relaxed television program on the night standard musicians and backup people were on strike.

Last week after a live performance in somewhat the same vein at G. Rollie, John Denver noted he had the backing of that show's producers to take the concept and expand upon it, first into a full scale special, then into a series. He has done a mid-night special with only one week's preparation, which generally pleased both himself and top brass with major TV networks.

He has also a filmed show coming out Jan. 10 in which he plays the lead as well as writes the music for a trip through the Canadian Rockies in a search for big horned sheep.

Control is his big thing. He's seen too many good performers lose shirt and soul to the tube. "Roger Miller, when he was sing-

ing 'King' of the Road' for two years in a row was the biggest thing in the recording business — TV, one season, and he hasn't done anything since," said Denver.

Denver's formula is to take the small band he brought to A&M and add some of his performing friends, "who've never been on television but who I think are great for television." In the special, with "probably a couple of hundred thousand dollars to spend . . . we'll get to try some things." The plan is to take the viewer in the direction of the campfire feeling, sharing a dream and a reality — all at the same time.

"So we're going to do a special. And then I have an offer to do a show for eight weeks in London for the BBC. I went over and did an hour special, the same kind of thing and they were so knocked out by what I did — it was a one man show, just me and my guitar — they offered us

this three-month series on BBC."

With business intervening in the United States and still greatly concerned to have the show go exactly as he wanted it to, Denver told the BBC, "no" for this reason. He then said, "We'll do six or eight weeks if you'll give us total control, and we just laid it on the line. And they gave it to us. We've got six weeks in the spring that we have complete control over. The only thing they're providing is the director and the cameraman."

With the experimentation he can do on the special and in England "to find out what he can do, can't do, what works and doesn't work," he expects to be ready for "five to ten years" with a regular show on TV. He expects to generate the excitement necessary to carry this off without the standard media devices. "No dancers, no canned anything."

He has worked his thing out on stage, going from the songwriter of "Leaving on a Jet Plane" to the performer of "Country Roads," where the audience finds him. From then on "it's a whole different thing that happens." He knows what he wants to happen and see that it does.

I personally didn't find that he had grown a lot from last year's performance here; he even used some of the same pattern as he did before. But he admitted his need for a writer to do his link-ins for the tube and that he felt his strong points to be in the songs themselves. His excitement and the depth of ideas for the future are very real and his sources of support are well documented.

John Denver is passing his pipe to an ever increasing circle of family and friends, going from campfire to campfire in the flesh and in the mind, turning to new media to take him where he otherwise couldn't go, and everywhere spreading his own version of the Rocky Mountain high.

5 Hurt In School Shooting

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Shots fired during a scuffle among black and white pupils wounded five sophomore pupils Monday at Pontiac Central High School, authorities reported.

One of the pupils, Timothy Williams, was hospitalized in

serious condition with a stomach wound.

The other boys and two girls were expected to be released from the hospital soon. One girl is black, the other four pupils are white, school officials said.

Lt. James Lafnear, school police counselor, said the racial scuffling occurred as classes changed at Pontiac Central. He said there was no immediate indication what triggered the incident.

Authorities said a black youth, believed to be a pupil, suddenly pulled a small pistol and began shooting. Lafnear said there have been no arrests although authorities are questioning several students fitting the description of the assailant.

Principal Don McMillen said the shooting scene is an open area between the school's main building and its industrial arts building. He said, "There might have been a 100 to 150 passing through there before the actual shooting." Police said they believe 30 to 50 youths were on hand when the shooting started.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

A&M Wheelmen will meet in Room 2B of the MSC at 7:30. A short film will be shown.

American Society of Agricultural Engineers will meet in the Lecture Room of the Agricultural Engineering Building at 7:30.

Student Chapter of Associated General Contractors will hold election of officers for the spring semester in Room 127B of the Zachry Engineering Center at 7:30.

WEDNESDAY

Semper Fidelis Society will meet at 7:30 in Room 210 of the Physics Building.

MSC Bridge Committee will

meet in Rooms 3B and 3C of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

Recreation and Parks Department will present a discussion by Richard Cottrell on "Planning Mistakes." Cottrell, chief planner of the Tennessee Valley Authority's "Land Between the Lakes" program, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Recreation and Parks Building Room 115.

Laredo Hometown Club will plan the club's projected event in Room 123 of the Academic Building at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

A&M Library will present David Clay, assistant to University of Texas President Stephen H. Spurr, in a talk on reorganization of the UT at Austin libraries. Clay will speak at 2:00 p.m. in the Zachry Engineering Center main auditorium.

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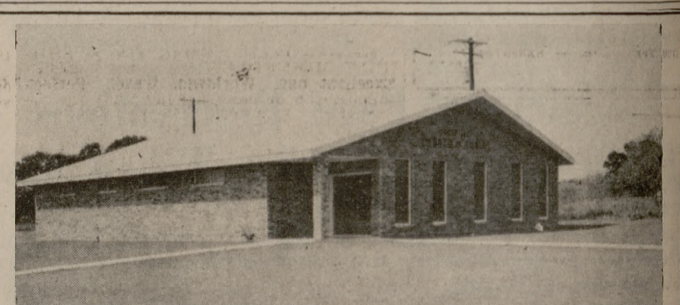
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Two of the saddest words in the Bible are those which form our title. The tragedy of them is derived from the circumstances in which they are found. A certain man who had misused his possessions, opportunities, and life, died. Finding himself lost, he appealed for relief, and was answered with these words. The reminder of his lost opportunities undoubtedly added to his misery (Luke 16:19-31).

The eternal fate of every individual will be sealed by his death or the second coming of Christ. When either of these events should occur, time with its opportunity to affect destiny will be forever lost. These are two things which no amount of money can buy or recall. Time, opportunity, and life can be used only once, for weal or for woe. Life is too short to be spent in vain, and eternity too long to be spent in remorse.

How tragic it will be if you should ever be in the position to hear these words. Do not crucify your today between the two thieves of yesterday and tomorrow. One is gone forever and the other may never come. The Israelites of long ago squandered their present opportunity until the Prophet was forced to cry: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20). The pages of history are full of people like Felix, who sought for a convenient season until there was no season at all (Acts 24:24-27). "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). Now is the only time you have with certainty. Use it to live for Christ that you may live with Him in eternity. Use your present opportunity properly, and you will never have to remember it with remorse.

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