

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Black was a poor choice to paint that radar antenna!" "But maybe Longhorn offend-

Batt News Summary

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON — President Nixon on met Wednesday with special South Vietnamese envoy Nguyen Phu Duc to review the Indochina peace efforts.

Although White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler refused to discuss any of the substance of the talk, he did say the two-and-a-half-hour meeting was a frank, detailed exchange of views.

WASHINGTON — President Nixon said Wednesday he will nominate Peter J. Brennan, president of New York City and State Building and Construction Trades Council to be secretary of Labor.

Brennan, the first unionist in 20 years to be picked for the post, will succeed James D. Hodgson.

WASHINGTON — T. A. Preston — "Amarillo Slim" — has returned to Las Vegas and collected a \$31,000 wager from seven poker cronies who said he couldn't make a run down a rugged Idaho River.

And Wednesday, the man billed as the world champion poker player was at the tables in the Golden Nugget casino using the money for his stake in a no limit poker match with two of his bettors.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — The Raza Unida party has announced the party will appoint a "citizens" commission of Webb County people to investigate the slayings of five Mexican nationals in rugged ranch country near Laredo.

In a prepared statement, party leader Ramsey Muniz said, "We are calling upon Gov. Preston Smith as well as Gov.-elect Dolph Briscoe to conduct a full investigation into this matter. We are also requesting that U.S. Atty. Gen. Richard Kleindienst and the Justice Department investigate this multiple slaying

without delay."

WASHINGTON — Father Philip Berrigan, serving a six-year sentence for damaging draft board records, was granted parole by

the U.S. Parole Board effective Dec. 20, the board announced Wednesday.

The 49-year-old Jesuit priest, now in the Federal Correctional Institute at Danbury, Conn., has been in prison since July 5, 1968. He was sentenced May 24, 1968 for damaging draft board records at the Baltimore Selective Service office in 1967.

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Home Insurance Rates Cut

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The insurance industry beat the State Insurance Board to the punch Wednesday and proposed major home insurance rate decreases for all of Texas but a 27-county Gulf Coast area.

Sam Winters of Austin made the proposal on behalf of the Texas Insurance Advisory Association at a hearing before the board attended by about 500 insurance men.

Most of those who packed the House chamber and overflowed into the galleries were agents who were fighting mad over a board staff proposal that would, in effect, cut many of their commissions.

The companies opposed the same proposal because it would cut profits.

Listen Up— Aggie Insulted By UT Coach

Editor:

Allow me to quote a couple of paragraphs from the Nov. 22 issue of the The Austin American newspaper from the article in the sports section entitled "UT Thinks Ara Erred; Minds Still On Aggies."

Mr. Zapalac's words speak for themselves.

While I was in school a similar public pronouncement was made by Jim Wright, then a coach at Texas Tech.

At that time, The Battalion publicized the remarks and a collection was taken up among A&M students for the purpose of offering to buy back his Aggie ring, since he so obviously considered it a burden to be an "ex-Aggie."

Loyalty to one's job is fine but that doesn't require public disloyalty to one's alma mater.

If Zapalac's slam offends you as much as Wright's offended your predecessors, then perhaps a similar fund is in order.

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G. J. Jones, the board's chief property actuary, said that as soon as the board tells him what formulas to use, his staff will prepare a set of proposed rates to replace those that have been in effect since July 1, 1970.

Winters proposed these rate changes:  
 Fire — 7.7 per cent statewide reduction.

Extended coverage mainly for losses caused by hail, windstorm and vandalism — 17.7 per cent decrease in the North-Northwest rating territory; 12.1 per cent reduction in the sprawling Central Inland territory, that includes Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso and Austin; and 17.5 per cent increase for the Seacoast territory, which includes Beaumont-Port Arthur,

Houston, Galveston, Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

Homeowners — 16.2 per cent decrease for the North-Northwest territory; 10.9 per cent cut for the Central Inland territory; and an 8.3 per cent increase for the Seacoast territory.

The North-Northwest territory includes Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Abilene, Wichita Falls and San Angelo.

Insurance men said the reductions are in line because losses have declined the past two years.

Winters said the proposed cuts would save Texans \$24 million in premiums.

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