

Festivities, Ceremonies, Protests Mark Nixon's Inauguration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three days of festivity, ceremony and protest marking President Nixon's second inauguration were to begin Thursday with a gala reception for Vice President and Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew.

Scene of the vice president's reception was a Smithsonian Museum hall, beneath the huge, tattered Old Glory that inspired "The Star Spangled Banner."

Scheduled to follow the recep-

tion was a "Salute to the States" — the first of a series of shows, concerts and balls both to celebrate the 55th inauguration of a president and to raise money to pay the estimated \$4-million cost of this one.

The theme throughout the three days of festivities and a worship service Sunday is "Spirit of '76," recalling the formative years of the nation and looking forward to the celebration of its

200th anniversary in 1976.

The capital is dressed up for President Nixon's swearing-in Saturday with red, white and blue bunting and bleachers up and down the Pennsylvania Avenue parade route.

At each end of the avenue elaborate stands, one at the Capitol where the President will take the 35-word oath of office at noon, and the other in front of the White House where he will

review the parade that will follow him down the street.

But the Inaugural Committee's executive director, Jeb S. Magruder, Thursday reiterated his concern that antiwar demonstrations Saturday may trigger violence to mar the festivities.

Magruder, interviewed on the CBS Morning News, said "hard-core radicals" will be among the demonstrators and previously have "promulgated violence" during protests in Washington and

at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach last August.

The Pentagon announced that about 2,000 Marines, Army paratroopers and military policemen from Ft. Bragg, N. C., and Ft. Meade, Md., were being brought to Washington Thursday to stand by in case of trouble.

Undeterred by the joint U.S.-North Vietnamese announcement Thursday that secret peace talks

would resume in Paris next week, sponsors of the antiwar march predicted tens of thousands would participate. Magruder called on four members of Congress supporting the demonstration to urge that they be peaceful.

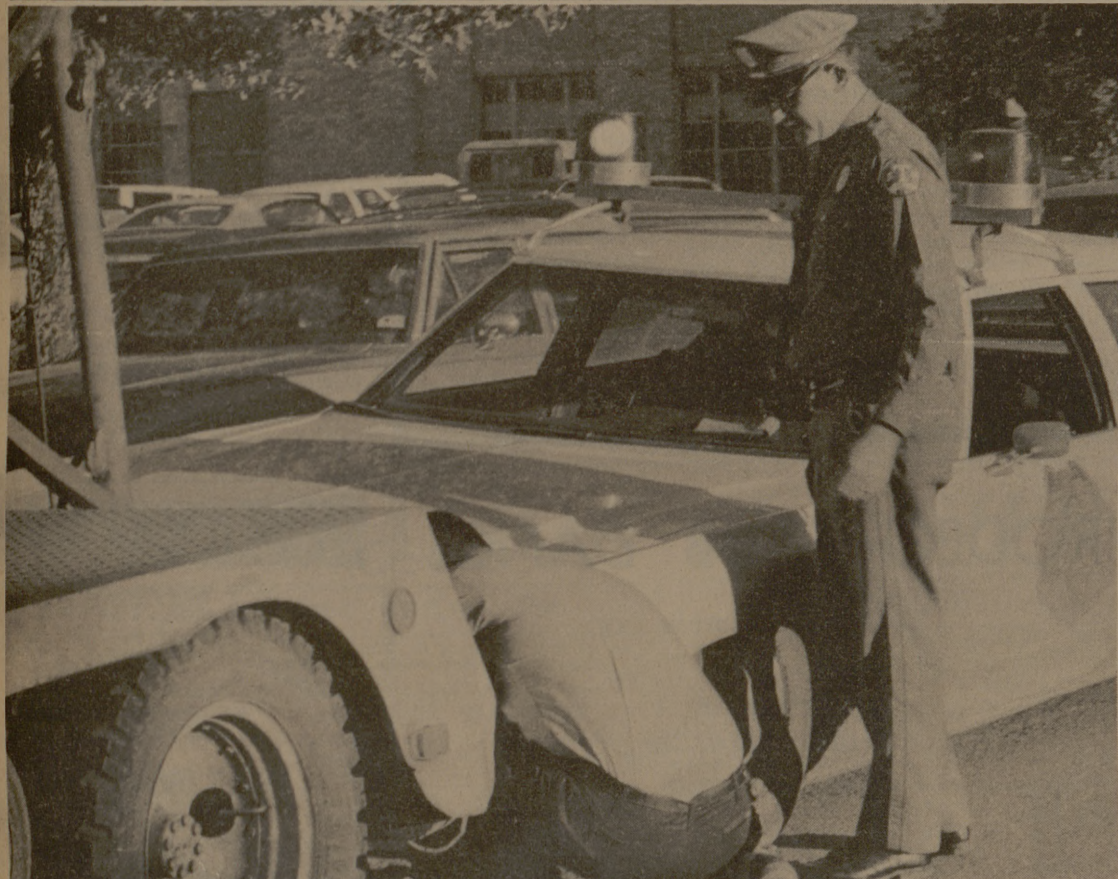
One of the four, Rep. Bella S. Abzug, D-N.Y., termed it ironic that the peace call came from an administration that "dropped millions of tons of bombs on civilians."

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STUDENT REVENGE wasn't exactly the case as University Police officer Bob Perkins watches a local wrecker serviceman prepare to tow away one of the A&M's several police cars from the corner of Ross and Spence Sts. A broken left front suspension caused a blockage of traffic and the tow-away. (Photo by Steve Krauss)

Sanders Gun Collection To Go On Display At MSC

Part of a collection of handguns recently donated to A&M by Dr. Sam H. Sanders of Memphis will go on display Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

The Sam Houston Sanders Commemorative Colt Collection consists of more than 200 firearms the 1923 Texas A&M graduate assembled.

Working replicas of famous Colt guns "that won the West," the 220 mint pieces commemorate various events and personalities of America's rich history.

The collection, appraised at

\$75,000, was secured for TAMU through the Association of Former Students and efforts of its associate executive director, Robert L. Walker.

Display of a representative tenth of the Sanders collection will be alongside the Metzger Gun Collection in the MSC, announced the Metzger collection committee chairman, Maj. Benjamin R. Schlapak.

He indicated that the new display will be up only through March due to renovation of the Center. The entire Sanders col-

lection will be incorporated in MSC displays after construction is completed.

"Of the 92 Colt commemorative issues, Dr. Sanders' collection contains all but four, which makes the collection quite rare," commented Maj. Schlapak, associate professor in the Military Science Department.

"We have been assured that as new models become available, they will be added to the collection," he said.

While the handguns are fully operable, none has ever been fired. "As a matter of fact, none of them has ever been cocked and snapped, which reduces the value of a piece," Schlapak remarked.

Colt limited production on most of the commemorative issues to about 500. Only 25, 50 or 100 issues were produced of many of the models. Some of the individual items in the collection are extremely rare.

"It is a very attractive collection," Schlapak stated. "Various pieces are gold and silver plated, and have ivory and bone handles."

Included is an 1851 set of cap percussion firearms called the Grant and Lee pistols. The commemorative .45 caliber automatic used in World Wars I and II is displayed in a vertical case with a map of the battlefield.

International House Proposal Tabled; New Rules Discussed

A proposal asking for the Student Senate support for the construction of a place on campus where international students can meet, socialize and cook their native foods was tabled 41 to 40 at the Senate meeting Thursday night.

Frederick Mach, former International Student chairman, asked for the Senate's support of this proposal to help overcome the psychological barrier between the international students and American students on campus.

"There is no central meeting place for the international students at A&M. Other campuses such as Michigan State and Stanford University do provide meeting places for their students," Mach said earlier.

Shariq Yosufzai (McInnis-Schumacher) offered a friendly amendment proposing that the Senate support the concept of a facility for both international and American students which would provide an international cosmopolitan environment. He also included the suggestion that an area in the corner of the Memorial Student Center lounge be considered.

The amendment was not accepted by Paul Turner who put the motion on the floor.

"The Serpentine Lounge in the MSC is to be converted into an international lounge with the completion of the new building," said Sam Walsler, MSC Council member.

"It is near the ballroom area which does have a kitchen for organizational use."

"But I do not believe this international lounge in the MSC will be the answer to the resolution," continued Walsler, "because at

this time the MSC is closed during holiday periods when the international students would most need the facilities."

A petition with the signatures of ten senators will place the motion back before the approval of the Senate.

Fred Campbell, rules and regulations committee chairman and Bill Hartsfield, academic affairs chairman, presented several revisions to the Senate concerning the first half of the academic regulations in the University Rules and Regulations handbook.

Substitutions for current policies include:

"Registration for 21 hours or more must be approved by the student's department head."

"The instructor of a course shall not be informed by the Registrar's Office that the student is taking his course on a pass/fail basis."

It was also proposed that policies 16, 18 and 20 concerning the dropping of a student from a course be deleted from the book.

"We are attempting to streamline the book for easier reading, less complications in finding information and to include only rules and regulations," said Campbell.

The revisions are still subject to the approval of the Senate.

The Fair Housing Committee under the direction of External Affairs Chairman Barb Sears asked for the Senate support of a tenant's rights publication and a landlord and apartment evaluation publication.

"The second publication needs financial backing from the Senate," said Sears. "Production costs are unknown as yet, but will be available at the next meeting. Both publications will probably

be made available through registration."

Members of a Constitutional Evaluation Committee to examine and evaluate the present constitution are Fred Campbell, Layne Kruse, Randy Ross, Joe Arredondo, Ron Kranavek, Bill Hartsfield, Sam Walsler and Mark Blakemore.

A Reapportionment Committee was also formed to evaluate the

representation system of the legislative part of the Senate. Members are Randy Ross, Chris Lawson, Steve Robinson, Pam Faulkner, Chris St. John and Shariq Yosufzai.

Layne Kruse, president, appointed the following senators to fill vacancies: Robert White (grad-engineering), Ron Miori (grad-business) and Jackie Heyman (grad-off campus).

Lincoln Union Debaters To Discuss Coeds At A&M Issue

The Lincoln Union Debating Society will conduct the first debate of the semester Monday at 7:30 p. m.

The debate, entitled "Should A&M Ban The Broad," will be presented in the English debating style which is unique among Texas debating societies.

A special prize drawing will be held before the debate. Admission is free and all students are invited.

Army Gen. Harris To Present Legion Cross To Two Cadets

Retired Army Maj. Gen. William A. Harris of San Antonio Tuesday will present the Legion of Valor Society's Bronze Cross for Achievement to two A&M cadets.

The award consisting of a medal and citation recognizes demonstrated academic and leadership excellence.

The ceremony will take place at the Memorial Plaza in the Corps of Cadets area prior to an evening meal passy and the A&M-Texas basketball game.

Congressional Medal of Honor holder Dr. Eli L. Whiteley of the TAMU faculty, among others,

will participate. The soil and crop sciences professor is a member of the Legion of Valor Society, composed of personnel who have received the nation's two highest valor awards, the Medal of Honor or Distinguished Service Cross.

Col. Thomas R. Parsons, commandant, noted this will be the first time two Texas A&M cadets — to be identified at the ceremony — have been selected for the award since Gen. Earl Rudder was A&M president.

One award is authorized per 1,000 cadets under Army ROTC contract in Army area. TAMU's Army ROTC recipient was selected from among nominees in the 5th Army area. One Air Force ROTC recipient is selected per Air Force area, in this case from among nominees by 22 colleges and universities in Air Force Area G.

A U. S. Military Academy graduate, Gen. Harris also wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star and Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, among other decorations. Gen. Rudder was a life member of the Legion of Valor Society, founded as a Medal of Honor legion and chartered by Congress in 1955.

Ags Work On Environment

A team of environmental trouble-shooters from A&M is helping cities, industry, and individuals locate and solve environmental problems.

Supported by the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Sea Grant scientists under Project Director J. Martin Hughes are bringing the results of their research and technical expertise directly to bear on knotty problems of coastal ecology.

Representing 10 disciplines in the Environmental Engineering Division of the university, the team began operations in September. It responds to requests for help by sending out task forces of one or more team members

with the appropriate training and experience to analyze the problem and recommend action.

The action recommended may be specific enough to provide a solution, or—when the problems are extremely complex—may suggest employing commercial consultants to design solutions, or consulting government agencies that can provide financial or technical assistance.

For example, a problem recently brought to the group was posed by a shipyard that specializes in marine repairs and barge cleaning processes. Their work involves noxious effluents which the yard has heretofore dumped into the Houston ship channel, a practice which the yardowner fears may lead to heavy fines under new state legislation.

The team study of his problem took three directions. They advised the yardowner of the appropriate laws, including both technical provisions and penalties; they made an engineering review of his treatment process; and they advised him of other facilities with similar problems, suggesting possibilities such as that several yards together put in a treatment plant that individually none could afford.

"As individuals, we have knowledge and experience that can be used to zero in on specific environmental problems," explains Dr. Roy W. Hann, Jr., head of the university's Environmental Engineering Division and member of the team. "As a team, we now have the mechanism through which our help can be sought and advice rendered. The environmental team has taken the long-succesful idea of agricultural extension work—so important to land

grant colleges—and applied it in a modern context in a Sea Grant college."

The Secretary of Commerce designated Texas A&M University as one of the nation's first four Sea Grant Colleges on Sept. 7, 1971.

In another trouble-shooting project, the team was approached by a small Texas city with a malfunctioning waste treatment (See Ags Work, page 3)

B.S. In Marine Sciences Recommended By Committee

A&M may add a new program to its academic curriculum next fall if a recommendation by the Academic Programs Committee is approved in Tuesday's Academic Council meeting.

The committee has outlined a proposed degree program for a Bachelor of Science in Marine Sciences. The proposed program is not offered anywhere within the state of Texas. It will be one of the first, if not the first, of its kind in the nation.

The degree is needed to fill an increasing demand in Marine Sciences which was previously limited to graduate training. The program is new to A&M and is not an extension of a minor field.

The curriculum is environmentally oriented and structured to expose the student to a multitude of scientific disciplines specifically concerned with the coastal and marine environments.

The degree in Marine Sciences will strengthen the total academic program at A&M in several ways: (a) it will provide a focus

for marine education in a coastal zone location where practically oriented field trips will be a requirement; (b) the three-fold commitment by Texas A&M to teaching, research and extension under the national Sea Grant Program will be better served; (c) the dissemination of knowledge particularly oriented toward marine sciences and resources will result in a better informed citizenry.

An enrollment of 90 students is expected by 1978, 50 per cent of these will be transfer students from universities and colleges within the state, particularly from junior and community colleges outside the Galveston commuting radius. These would be people who are, or were, attracted to a marine oriented program which was previously not available in the state of Texas.

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

CB To Review Residency Law

The Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System will consider changes in residency requirements, tuition fees, and student assistance programs when it meets Saturday in Austin.

Elimination of the requirement that a student from another state be "gainfully employed" in Texas for 12 months before being classified as a resident student has been recommended by a special Tuition Advisory Committee. The committee recommends that the student be required to reside in Texas for 12 months and establish "unequivocally" intent to be a Texas resident.

The committee recommendation includes a listing of facts or actions which Texas colleges could consider in determining that in-

tent. If the Coordinating Board endorses the committee's recommendations, the Board would then recommend to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board that the statutory change be made.

The Committee also is recommending that the Coordinating Board endorse its recommendation that the minimum family income for families whose children would be eligible for exemption of tuition under the Connally-Carrillo Act be increased from its present \$4,800 to \$6,000 per year.

Also, the Board will consider a recommendation that valedictorians of Texas high schools be exempt from payment of tuition and fees at Texas colleges for four years rather than just for their freshman year.

Other items on the Coordinat-

ing Board agenda for Jan. 20 include:

—Requests to conduct elections to create two new community colleges—one in Brazos County (Bryan-College Station) and one whose district would be the same as the Fort Bend ISD. Fort Bend County is in the Houston metropolitan area.

—Consideration of grant requests from Southwest Texas State University, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas Tech University to fund community service and continuing education projects.

—Consideration of an amendment to the Instructional Administration Formula to provide for the increased cost of administering nurse education programs at