

Chicanos Rally In Austin

AUSTIN (AP)—Young Mexican-Americans from San Antonio's embattled Edgewood school district swarmed onto the Capitol lawn Wednesday, hooting down politicians who promised them equal education.

About 3,000-4,000 persons, by police estimates, rallied in front of the Capitol to ask the legislature to change the state's school financing plan so that poor districts can have the same quality of schools as rich districts.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe, attempting to speak to the crowd, was noticeably shaken when resounding boos drowned out most of his speech.

"We want Ramsey . . ." the youths chanted referring to Ramsey Muniz, an unsuccessful 1972 candidate for governor from the La Raza Unida Party.

Tuesday night, Briscoe insisted on changing a new Texas school financing bill by dropping proposed spending from \$97 million to \$39 million.

The "compromise" bill Briscoe endorsed would give \$1.8 million to the Edgewood district in 1974-75.

The Edgewood district was the subject of the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 Rodriguez decision which upheld Texas school financing plan. Under the Texas system, poor school districts have hundreds of dollars per pupil less for education than rich districts.

Demetrio Rodriguez, the gray-haired plaintiff of the court fight, told the crowd, "the Rodriguez case is a story of the people."

"We cannot leave our children millions of dollars in cattle or land," Rodriguez said. "The only thing we can leave when we die is a good education."

Also speaking to the crowd were Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, House Speaker Price Daniel Jr., and several legislators, including Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, sponsor of the new financing bill.

Muniz arrived at the governor's office Wednesday afternoon, and Briscoe agreed to meet with several Mexican-American leaders regarding the Briscoe-Kubiak bill.

A governor's aide said the meeting would take place as soon as the bill was completely finished, "possibly tomorrow." Muniz did not see Briscoe Wednesday, the aide said.

Muniz said the midday rally was "a mandate for a real quick solution to the problem." He said he wanted to be sure the legislature doesn't pass a bill that will be a "whitewash" of financial inequities.

Agnew Joins Domestic Council, Fills In As Vice Chairman

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon has added Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to his domestic policy apparatus and assigned staff veterans to fill temporarily vacancies created by Watergate-related resignations.

Press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Wednesday that Agnew, whose role within the administration had seemingly been reduced as part of Nixon's second-term reorganization, has been designated vice chairman of the Domestic Council.

Ziegler said this would give Agnew "a broadened role . . . in domestic policy formulation."

This came at a time when a potential rival for the Republican presidential nomination in 1976, Texan John B. Connally, was switching from the Democratic to Republican Party.

Agnew is not to be regarded as assuming the assignment of John D. Ehrlichman, Nixon's assistant for domestic policy, Ziegler said. Ehrlichman, White House chief of staff, H. R. Bob Haldeman and presidential counsel John Dean III resigned Monday.

Ziegler said "the President has made no decisions as of now regarding the way the staff will operate" in the absence of Ehrlichman, Haldeman and Dean.

However, it was learned that the President outlined at a Cabinet meeting Tuesday a stop-gap plan for permitting a continuation of normal administration business pending a rebuilding of his top staff.

Domestic policy matters once handled by Ehrlichman now are being coordinated by Kenneth R. Cole Jr., the 35-year-old executive director of the Domestic Council that Nixon heads. Cole, who joined the administration in 1969, has held his present post since last December.

Stephen B. Bull, 31, another initial member of Nixon's White House staff, was said by an associate to be functioning now as a sort of traffic cop regulating the flow of papers and people to and from the presidential office. Haldeman had performed those and other functions.

Bull, it was learned, is in charge of the President's day-to-day schedule.

Singers Perform Here Sunday

The Arthritis Foundation will sponsor The Messengers in concert at 8:30 Sunday night at Bryan Civic Auditorium.

The folk-rock choral group is composed of 21 high school and college students from Memphis, Tenn.

Tickets for the concert are \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

Former Corps Commandant Seriously Ill

Army Col. Jim H. McCoy, former A&M commandant of cadets, is undergoing tests for a brain operation at Brooke Army Medical Center hospital in San Antonio.

Col. McCoy collapsed at his home Sunday and was flown to San Antonio on Monday.

The retired Army officer is in serious condition. He suffered two aneurysms, one of which ruptured. Attending physicians are planning an operation to repair the rupture in about 10 days, depending on the colonel's condition.

Col. McCoy was retired in August, 1971, with 31 years military service. He was commandant and professor of military science at TAMU four years.

The 1940 A&M graduate has been assisting his wife, Dorothy McCoy, with operation of a College Station real estate office since his retirement.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT
Air Force Student Wives' Club will hear a program at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Larry Williams, 1118 Merry Oaks Street.

Eagle Pass Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Programs Office in the MSC.

Radio Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room N in the Student Programs Office of the MSC. Summer activities will be discussed.

Association of Students from Mexico will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Academic Building.

FRIDAY
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. at 2401 Roundtree, No. 1. This, the final meeting of the semester, will include a supper and a worship service. Rides will leave from All Faith's Chapel and the steps in front of the Corps area at 5:45.

MONDAY
Brazos Valley Aquarium Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Texas Room of Bryan Building & Loan. Dr. H. Harry, noted marine biologist, will speak. Plans and progress report on the BVAS show will be discussed.

River Waters To Rise Again

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heavy new rainfalls are expected to bring another series of crests to northern sections of the flood-swollen Mississippi River. Southern areas are braced for the onslaught of high waters already headed down the river.

Almost two months of high waters has shut down the upper Mississippi to commercial traffic, flooded an estimated 11 million acres in seven states and caused some \$322 million in damages, not counting future losses to farmers unable to plant their crops.

Eleven flood-related deaths have been reported, and an estimated 35,000 persons are homeless in Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Illinois and Missouri were both drenched with thunderstorms, and the National Weather Service Wednesday said preliminary reports indicate new crests can be expected along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers within coming days.

The bad weather also brought gusting winds and waves, and a Corps of Engineers spokesman said it was "genuinely concerned" about wind erosion damage to the already battered levees.

The Mississippi has been above flood stage for 53 days at St. Louis and the new rains are almost certain to keep the river above flood stages beyond the 58-day record set in 1844.

The latest of three crests this spring passed St. Louis on Saturday at an historic record of 43.3 feet. The river had been falling since then as the crest traveled downstream, but officials said Wednesday the new rains had the river on the rise once again northward near Rock Island, Ill.

The new crests, however, were not expected to approach the record levels of last week. The Weather Service said six inches of rain which fell in Iowa and tow inches in Northeastern Missouri "will definitely affect the river situation." More than two inches of rain were also reported in Southern Illinois.

Forecasters predicted three more inches of rain for Arkansas and north Louisiana.

Attention — Graduating Seniors

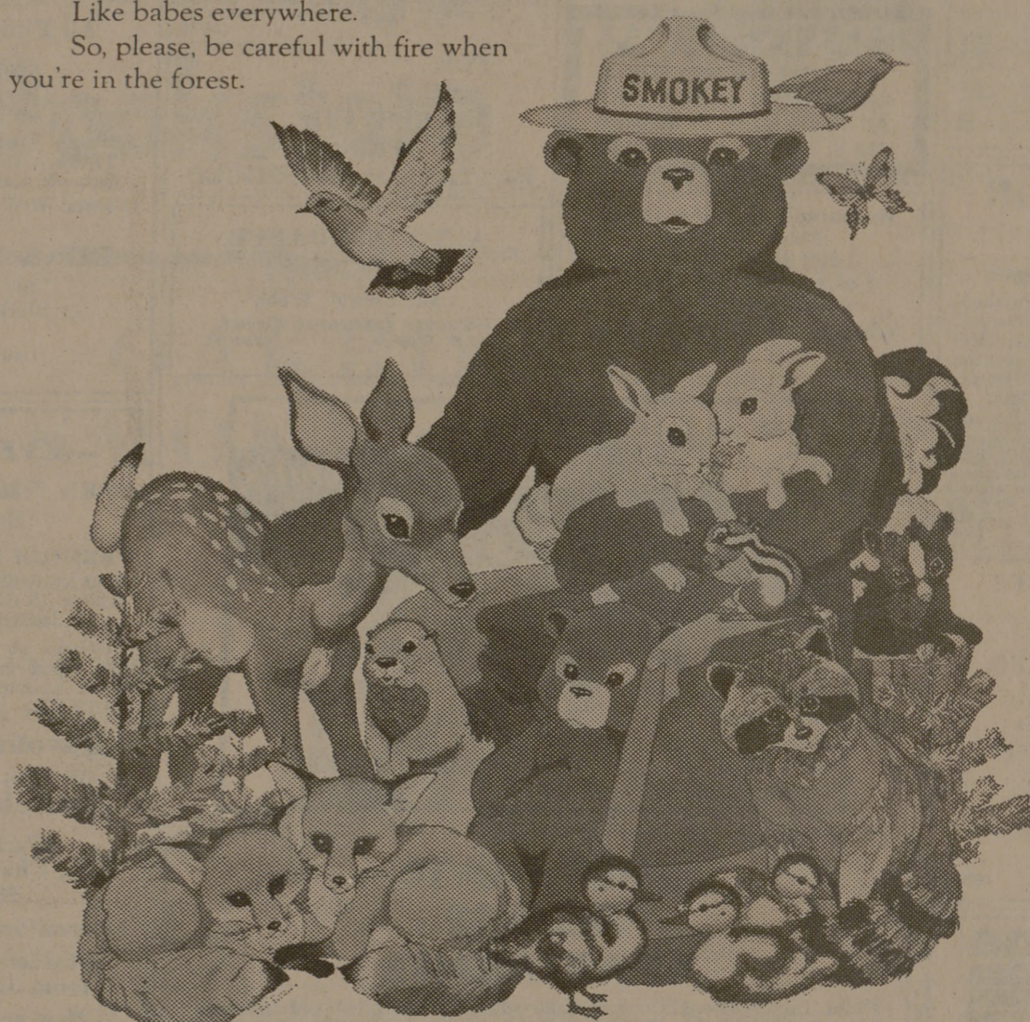
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