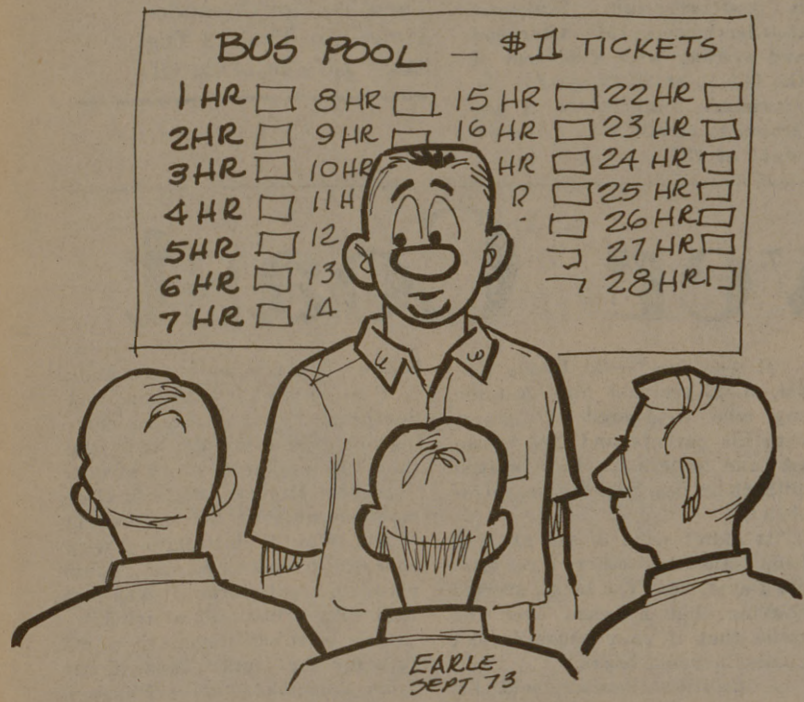


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"You buy a ticket for one dollar and the one who holds the ticket nearest to the hour when the orange and white buses are repainted wins the pot! "

### Working Behind The Scene

Recent assault and attempted assaults on women living or walking on the A&M campus stirred up many concerned students and faculty two weeks before the commencement of fall classes. The information on these incidents did not find its way to the Bryan Eagle until nearly a week had passed after the events.

Hence, a problem immediately arose for those connected with the case. Concerned people began to feel that news of the incidents was being suppressed by the University Police Department and rumors began to circulate in relation to University Police affairs.

Why was the news not immediately announced to the public? For two reasons.

One, two incidents near the end of July happened less than a week apart and the university Police were working on leads to narrow their field of two suspects down to one. This was accomplished because the suspect didn't have any idea someone was getting close to his trail.

Secondly, the University Police are not in the news business. That is our business. The police send reports to University officials who need to know what is happening, i.e. Dr. Jack K. Williams, college deans and other top level administrators. It is our duty (the duty of the press) to go and look for the news for the public. When this fails to happen, then we are letting the readership down.

Before jumping to conclusions about the University Police, one should get to know the men on the force and what makes it tick. They really do more than is asked and frequently go out of their way to aid students and faculty.

For instance, last spring a Battalion staffer came upon a police officer examining bicycles near the Kreuger-Dunn complex at two o'clock in the morning—not because he had to, but because he was interested in finding stolen bikes for students.

It's this sort of attitude which makes working and dealing with the University Police an easy thing to do. And besides, much of the force is comprised of graduate students trying to put themselves through college the best way they know how while being the most beneficial to their fellow students.

We're not saying, "take a police officer to dinner," to butter him up, but try to understand what makes him tick. After all he's just like the rest of the world—doing his thing the best he knows how.



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# Foreign Legion \$\$ Drain Brings Constitutional Crisis

From Washington Watch

A decisive showdown between a determined Congress and a defiant President is due this month. The issue—the move by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield to cut back the swollen American foreign legion, 606,000 troops at 1,963 foreign bases at a cost of \$30 billion a year. Nixon chooses to regard this as a personal attack upon him, and swears to veto the cuts. He sent Secretary of State William Rogers to Europe and Asia to tell our "allies" he will not allow any reductions in the foreign legion.

The White House, as described by the *Washington Post* (July 21), regards this and every other effort to chop down the weedy growth of Presidential power, as an unholy conspiracy against Nixon. He sees the 1972 election as bestowing on him almost divine powers. "And what we were elected to do, we are going to do," he told his staff July 20. Congress has become "the enemy." Columnist Marquis Childs sees both sides "plunging toward a Constitutional crisis."

This issue cuts across the board, for wrapped up in it are—the price of bread, the fate of the battered dollar, aid to education and other domestic programs. Two questions: Will the President try to rally the military to his side in a test of Congressional and civilian power? Will Nixon crack-up in this and other confrontations ahead? He has a history of coming apart when seriously challenged, and this is a great concern today.

The foreign legion is the big drain on the dollar, and is responsible for the \$9.2 billion balance of payments deficit in 1972, and the drop in the dollar's value. Business Week (July 14) points out, "Four years ago, a single US dollar would buy four German marks . . . Today, a dollar buys barely 2.3 marks." The dollar crisis, says the *Guardian* (July 4), "now threatens the breakup of the present international monetary order and a decisive rupture between the US and the Common Market." The dollar slippage has brought a 39.8 percent increase in the cost to American manufacturers of raw materials. (Conference Board, July 23)

The President's argument for his foreign legion is—the only way to be sure the Russians will behave is to stand guard on them with a loaded gun. Behind this is a factor peculiar to Nixon, his need to operate from overpowering strength in dealing with others. Without this, he becomes confused and apprehensive.

Yet the best evidence for a cut in overseas troop strength comes from the working layers of the Pentagon, CIA and State Department. They point to the Soviet's obsessive fear of China. Russia has stationed a million troops

(eighty-five battle divisions) on the "enemy" border, and pointed its missiles east and south.

Add to this, food shortages in Russia and torrential spring rains slowing the harvest. (Moscow Radio reported July 12, "Harvesting this year is off to a somewhat unusually slow start. Torrential rains and winds . . . have flattened or twisted crops.") Brezhnev's making friends with the West to concentrate power against China has the OK of the hard-line Red Army as a practical strategy. Red Star, the army newspaper, in early July published an eight thousand word defense of the detente with the West, and Marshall P. A. Rotmistrov in *Izvestia* (July 5) echoed the line.

Americans for Democratic Action ask other questions: "Whether we should have nine thousand troops in Taiwan at a time when we are establishing ties with China? Do we still need forty-three thousand troops in Thailand after the withdrawal of troops from Vietnam? Is it necessary to maintain one hundred eight thousand US forces afloat?" We also have twenty thousand in Japan, fifteen thousand Philippines, forty-two thousand Ryuku Islands, seven thousand thousand Guam, and thousand more scattered in such areas as Bahrain, Sudi Arabia, Iran, Greece, Cyprus, Ethiopia—all potential trouble spots where uprisings or wars could involve US forces.

### Bulletin Board

**TONIGHT**  
Nu Chi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi will nominate new members and install officers at 8 p.m. in Room 231 of the Memorial Student Center.

**THURSDAY**  
El Paso Hometown Club will meet in Room 228 of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Committee will announce the Hugo Winners at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Programs Office of the MSC.

Alpha Phi Omega will hold a Fall Pledge Smoker at 7 p.m. in Room 231 of the MSC.

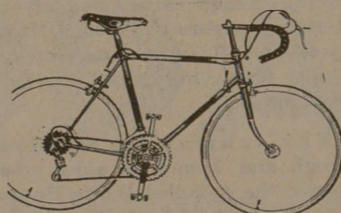
Political Forum will meet in Room 229 of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

Arab Student Organization will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 230 of the MSC.

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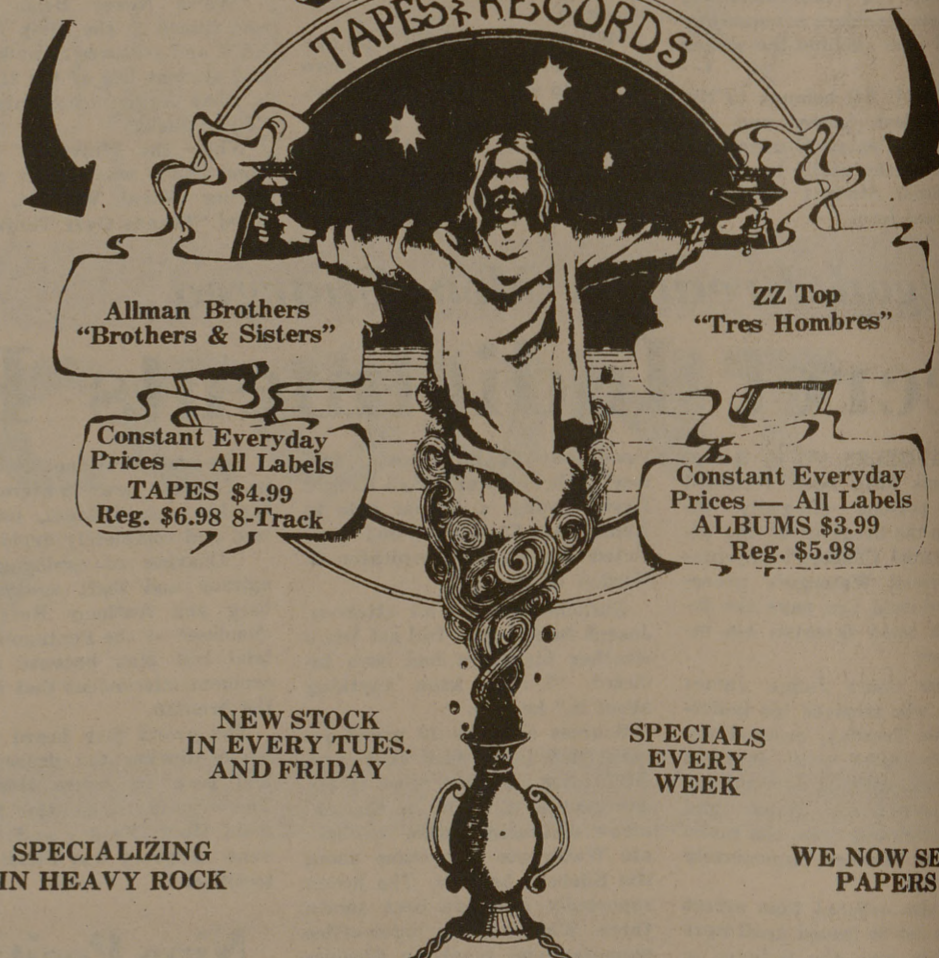
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