

4 Nixon Decisions Complicate Life

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



'I wanted you to know that I would hafta miss your class because of a dental appointment in Baton Rouge!'

Connally on Way Up

It seems the biggest news in Texas these days is happening in Washington. Rumors continue to circulate about the possible resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew, and of course, who would then fill the vacancy. The Constitution gives President Nixon authority to pick a new V.P., and one of the persons most aware of that is our own John Connally. Should Agnew resign, Connally's party switch, seemingly foolish in view of Watergate, may have instead been very timely. The obvious coolness of the White House towards Agnew, coupled with equally obvious cordiality towards Connally, is indicative of the political and emotional undertones.

Less dramatic but closer to home, Bill Hobby, lieutenant governor, recently published (at taxpayer expense) 106,000 copies of a four-page newsletter designed, according to Hobby "... to keep the people advised and informed about their state government." Fine to this point. But really, was it necessary to print 19 pictures of yourself in the four pages? And then to skip the Senate screening committee which usually edits such material to reject any considered "politically oriented?" The "newsletter" cost us \$7,348. Ouch!

Eddie Bernice Johnson, first-year state representative, has accused Robert Calvert, state comptroller, of being a racist and a sexist in his hiring policies. She means business, too, having called for the resignation or impeachment of 81-year-old Calvert if he fails to change his attitudes, at least during office hours. Ms. Johnson's case was summed up beautifully in Calvert's response to her accusations. He described her as a "nigger woman" who "doesn't know what she's talking about." Mr. Calvert is not known for his tact.

—Rick Brown



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From Washington Watch

Four decisions by the President set fire to what the New York Times calls "precarious times for the American economy."

Time forecasts, "Food prices at the end of December could easily be 25 per cent above those Jan 1." The Times says hopefully the "absurd price levels" of food may be slipping due to "buyers resistance." The rise in food costs "is devastating for perhaps a majority of American families," says the Christian Science Monitor. "Take someone with an income of \$10,000. Assume he is married and has two children. After federal income and social security taxes — but before state income or property taxes — he has about \$700 a month to live on. To add \$10 a week to the food budget ... is going to put a severe strain on the family. It also seems most likely to cut into spending on consumer durables." (Aug. 11) Business Week reports, "The poor are fighting hard to subsist."

"Almost all economists agree that an economic slowdown is in the cards for next year. They are split on whether the slowdown will degenerate into something worse." (Business Week).

AFL-CIO president George Meany sees a recession "before the end of the year."

The President is bored with economics and does not like bad news. So his advisors gingerly avoid bothering him, and last November White House assistant Robert H. Finch announced "that Mr. Nixon had successfully eliminated the two chief obstacles to social progress — the Vietnam War and inflation," reported the Times (Nov. 22).

Early in his Administration, Nixon had a chance to shore up the economy, but let the chance go by.

The engine of inflation, balance of payments deficits and unbalanced budgets is war and overseas military spending.

The Times puts the problem succinctly. The U.S. has been spending more than it earned for twenty years. Billions of dollars not backed by productive resources were printed to finance spending for "the Vietnam war, troops in Europe, the 'bomb', the whole defense effort, foreign aid, foreign investments, imports of foreign goods, spending by American tourists (abroad)."

Nixon, elected on a pledge to end the war, could have taken effective action — stop the fighting and begin closing down our overseas military bases. They cost an estimated \$30 billion a year. Instead, he prolonged the war and increased military spending, the first boner.

A second error was to focus the Nixon economic program on profits, or the "trickle down" theory. The last President to try this was Herbert Hoover, and it created a flashy boom and then a bust. For the second quarter of this year, corporate profits before taxes were thirty-seven per cent above a year earlier, at "the second annual rate of \$130.1 billion." This, says the Times, is sure to bring tough new labor demands this fall.

A third mistake was the Nixon decision to ship out American farm products to ease the balance of payments deficit, rather than cut back on overseas military spending. "In the last six months agricultural exports have netted the U.S. \$11 billion," writes Roscoe Drummond in the Monitor (Aug. 18). This has been at the cost of skyrocketing food prices at home. Jack Anderson points out an irony: "At the same time that

our Federal managers are struggling to hold down food prices, they are spending \$12 million a year to promote agricultural sales overseas.

Congress can take two steps to bring down food prices.

Listen Up—

Optional Laundry Requested

Editor:

It seems to me students who never use the laundry service should not be forced to pay for it. I know this issue has been brought up on previous occasions, but to my knowledge no steps have been taken to make this added expense optional.

Some of us simply do not have need for the laundry service. So many fabrics will not stand the strain of harsh detergents and starches commercial laundries use. For us the money spent on laundry is wasted.

Let those pay for the service that wish to use it and have some need for it. Those, however, who prefer to do their own should not be forced to pay for something never used.

Jay Claycomb '76

A bill was brought before the Student Senate last spring by John Nash and was promptly killed for a flimsy reason, that being Ron Miori's argument that Nash hadn't done enough research on the matter. In fact, he had worked closely on the matter with the university administration, which, by the way, says an optional program could have started in the fall of 1974 if it had been approved by the Senate.—Ed.

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Editor:

I sympathize greatly with those students who purchase a parking sticker only to go through the turmoil daily of

Put a ceiling and priority on food exports, so that it will be used to relieve famine, not as a political vehicle for a President.

Cut the overseas expenses of the Defense Department and CIA by \$15 billion. The Project on

Budget Priorities reports, "Even a conservative analysis shows that some \$14 billion can be saved... While fully preserving our national security, and starting a return to a peace time national budget."

searching on campus for a parking space. However, I find it particularly distressing to be forced to pay for an \$18 parking sticker when I have yet to take my car on campus.

Perhaps the Married Student Apartments are considered campus property and up to now I've taken it in stride, yet lately I have found it difficult to find a parking space near my apartment. This is due, I suppose, to tenants who have more than one car and to visitors.

To make matters worse, the recent digging and laying of the pipeline to facilitate the new apartments has left nothing but loose dirt on one side of the street. For those who can not predict the weather, it has meant the employment of tow-trucks to haul the sunken autos out of the mud.

Diane Shaw

Assistant University Police Chief Lester Maddox says there is an optional \$6 permit which allows married students to park only in University Married Student Housing (most definitely considered campus property and patrolled by the University Police). Go by the police office in the Student "Y" building and he will help you. One-semester permits may also be obtained for \$3.50.—Ed.

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Editor:

This letter is written in regard to your editorial of Sept. 13 Shuttle Buses Need Help (\$\$).

Having ridden the shuttle bus since the beginning of the semester under a myriad of drivers, a good solution comes to mind. The drivers themselves should subsidize the bus service with the salary they are paid as "drivers." After all, why should they be paid for something they obviously enjoy doing enough to do it for nothing? The manner in which they swing around corners, slide to stops, and careen down residential streets seems to prove that they are some sort of frustrated race driver, who, not being able to afford an Indy racer, use the bus instead and get paid for it besides.

I realize there is a shortage of drivers and this letter is not condemning all the present drivers, but there are enough negligent drivers to warrant this letter. I also realize there is a Shuttle Bus Committee to which complaints may be made and perhaps this letter will provoke enough complaints to warrant some sort of action to be taken.

S. R. Stater

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In response to Miss Julia Jones Article "Classroom Manners". There was a saying on campus about 10 years ago and it certainly applies to this. The saying was "Highway 6 runs both ways". For those who do not understand this, it simply means that no one is making you stay.

Jo Humber

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