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Pacific lacks Southern funds to finance move

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(This is the fourth in a series of articles concerning the railroad situation in College Station and Bryan.) Southern Pacific Railroad Company officials said last week that they are willing to discuss a track relocation but they are in no position to finance it.

"It would be quite a financial undertaking to relocate the tracks and we have other financial priorities at this time," Tony Aleman, Southern Pacific spokesman, said.

Aleman said there are more issues involved than just moving the tracks.

He said one of the main points to be considered by the railroad company is the revenues generated by the businesses served in Bryan.

Aleman said there are two choices to consider concerning the businesses.

"The people that own those industries or plants can move their businesses elsewhere or we can continue to serve them and just move a portion of the tracks," he said.

Aleman said Southern Pacific's main line goes through Bryan-College Station. He said this means that if relocation were to occur, the new tracks would have to be laid before the old one could be removed.

If the tracks were relocated outside of the urban area, it would also involve moving some of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company's tracks.

Missouri Pacific owns tracks to the edge of Bryan, but leases Southern Pacific's tracks from Bryan to Navasota.

Missouri Pacific's part in the venture would be miniscule, a company official said Tuesday. "We would be involved to the extent that we would have to work out a new agreement to use Southern Pacific's tracks," the spokesman said.

Aleman said Southern Pacific would also

have to go through proceedings with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC).

"Whenever a railroad company abandons any kind of track, it has to receive permission from the ICC," he said.

Aleman said the number of daily runs on the tracks is stable. Any increase in the number would be tied to the economy, he

said.

Aleman said the company has not been contacted by anybody interested in moving the railroad.

"Right now nobody's conducted a study as to where the tracks could go. That would have to be done before we could consider a move," he said.

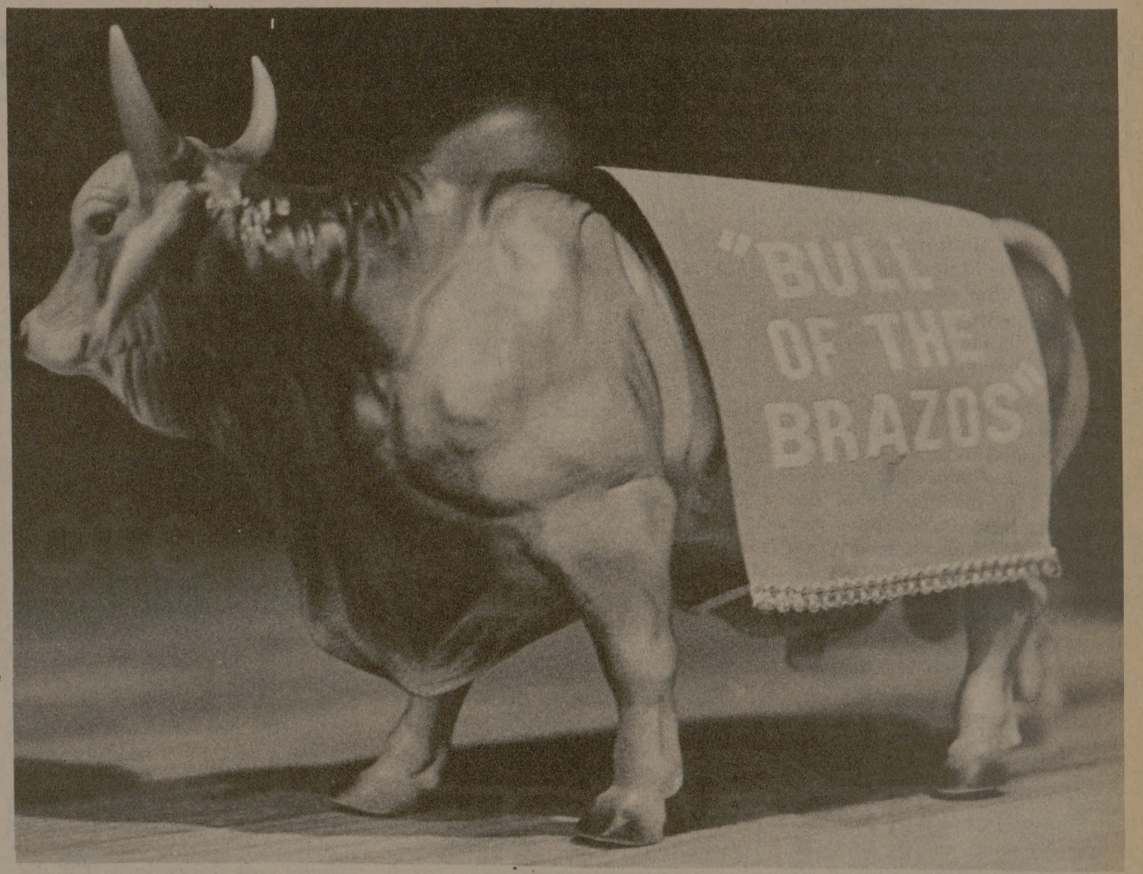
Gov. Dolph Briscoe (left) and Sen. William T. Moore chat during ceremonies honoring the Bryan legislator yesterday at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park. The "Bill Moore Day" barbeque attracted thousands of well-wishers at \$2.50 a head who feted the man whom Briscoe said has left "footprints of progress on the destiny of the Lone Star State."

Staff photo by Steve Goble



Pres. Elliott Bowers of Sam Houston State University presented this ceramic bull to Sen. William T. Moore during an appreciation program honoring the Senator yesterday. The bull's burnt orange cape carries a familiar nickname for the 5th District legislator.

Staff photo by Steve Goble



Briscoe nicknames Moore at appreciation barbeque

By JIM PETERS
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The praise was of a sort usually reserved for such names as John Nance Garner, Sam Rayburn or Lyndon Johnson. The setting: the birthplace of Texas Independence.

The event was Bill Moore Day Tuesday at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, west of Navasota.

Between four and five thousand gathered for the appreciation program honoring Democrat William T. Moore of Bryan, who has been the 5th District's state senator for 27 years.

Governor Dolph Briscoe praised the colorful and often-controversial Senator for "a service and record that is unequalled in the history of the Texas Legislature."

The Governor also coined a new nickname for the 57-year-old Moore, who is probably best known as the "Bull of the Brazos" for his aggressive espousal of his views.

"I think of him as the Rock," Briscoe said. "You good people . . . have not built your representation in the Texas Senate on sand but on a rock."

"Sen. Moore has been a rock when cour-

age is required. He has been like a rock as he has fought for excellence in education in all the institutions of higher learning . . . (calling) for the pursuit of decency, good manners, and strong moral values."

"Sen. Moore has been like a rock as he has fought for the preservation of our free enterprise system . . . (he) is a rock when it comes to loyalty . . . a rock where integrity is concerned."

Departing from his prepared text Briscoe added:

"Let us take pride in the fact that Texas is by far the best state in which to be born and the best state in which to raise a family."

"As we say thanks to Bill and Babe (Mrs. Moore) let us dedicate ourselves to be participating citizens in the years ahead and work along with Bill Moore to build a better Texas — a better way of life for each Texan."

Known for his ability to move legislation in and out of committees with the greatest of ease, Moore was called by Briscoe "one of the most skilled legislative tacticians Texas has ever produced."

That skill also earned Moore a "Special Worse than Worst Award" this year in Texas Monthly magazine's biennial awards for the Best and Worst Texas Legislators.

Sen. Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells called Moore "one tough, mean son-of-a-bitch," citing that trait as the major reason for his immense power in the Senate.

"He gets his power from his friends," Sen. Peyton McKnight, D-Tyler, said. Texas A&M President Jack K. Williams once told a Battalion reporter that "Moore is afraid of neither man nor beast."

"Bill Moore will stay and hit," said George Beto, former head of the Texas De-

partment of Corrections and one of the organizers of the special day. Any profits from the program will go to Moore's next Senatorial campaign.

During the program, the Prairie View A&M Band played while judges, clerks, politicians and citizens from the district's 19 counties milled about the parkgrounds, sampling free beer provided by Brenham area distributors.

The Texas A&M Singing Cadets sang "Texas Our Texas," the Introduction to the Declaration of Independence, "This Is My Country" and the Aggie War Hymn. Later, fireworks exploded in the night sky as the thousands waited in lines for their servings of barbeque. A fireworks display featuring a profile of the pipe-smoking Senator concluded the day's program.

A lifelong resident of the 5th District, Moore said he got into politics almost by accident. He earned a degree in economics from Texas A&M, then went to the University of Texas Law School.

"Being a member of the House of Representatives paid better than operating an elevator," he said.

He ran for the state Senate two years later in 1948 and has been there ever since. He holds second place in seniority to Sen. A. M. Aikin, Jr., of Paris.

Clyde Wells, chairman of the University Board of Regents and "representing the entire Texas A&M family," presented a plaque to Moore for his public service. Elliott Bowers, president of Sam Houston State University, honored Moore with a ceramic figure of a bull, draped in a burnt orange cape emblazoned with the words "Bull of the Brazos."

Governor urges 'against' vote

Associated Press

Gov. Dolph Briscoe said Tuesday he thinks the 1876 constitution is better than the proposed new constitution and urged voters to reject all eight propositions on the Nov. 4 ballot.

The long awaited decision of the governor on the new state policy document was a surprise to many who had expected him to endorse at least part of the proposal.

"There is no question in my mind that some parts of these propositions could lead to improvements in state and local government but unfortunately they are linked to other changes that would lead to higher spending and higher taxes while removing many needed restraints on government," he told a news conference.

Briscoe made it clear as he read a long statement on his stand that his prime objection was against annual sessions of the legislature. But he had a long list of other objections also.

"I am unalterably opposed to annual sessions of the legislature," he said, as he has said previously. "There is, in my opinion, nothing in the Legislative-Executive Articles of the new constitution that in any small degree offsets the detrimental effect of annual sessions of the legislature."

He said that "my natural desire has been

to support the entire document or at least be able to support part of it." He praised the Constitutional Revision Commission and the state officials and legislators who worked to prepare the proposal for submission to voters on Nov. 4. Then he added:

"It is my personal view that the current constitution under which Texas has grown and prospered for a century is preferable to the proposed new constitution. Accordingly, I believe it is in the best interests of Texas that all eight propositions on the ballot be rejected."

Briscoe spoke shortly before Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby told a crowd in Paris that adoption of the new constitution would free Texas state government "from the shackles it has worn for almost 100 years."

Speaker Bill Clayton gave similar support in a constitutional seminar at Victoria Tuesday night.

Atty. Gen. John Hill said, in a statement Tuesday, that "the new constitution will serve our citizens much better than the old" and urged financial support of the drive for adoption. He said he had written 300 personal letters asking financial assistance for the campaign and had received about \$5,000.

"The proposed constitution which is being presented is a good, basic document," Hobby told the Paris Chamber of Commerce. "It is not perfect, because we are not perfect, but, it is an admirable and impressive constitution. Its adoption will free our government from the shackles it has worn for almost 100 years."

On the other side, Richard Harvey, Tyler rancher-businessman representing the organization United Business and Industry Inc., said a survey of the group indicated the membership was 96 per cent against adoption of the new constitution. Harvey said the prediction was based on 50 replies received from a questionnaire sent the 400 members.

"We believe the greatest opposition comes over the idea of annual sessions of the legislature," Harvey told a news conference. "The people simply believe that the less the legislature is in session, the less chance they have to foul things up, to put it bluntly."



Sen. Peyton McKnight

Friday first Corps journey

Texas A&M's uniformed students hit the road Friday, for the first 1975 football season Corps Trip.

The 2,300-cadet movement to Fort Worth will be followed by a Houston Corps Trip in November.

A 10 a.m. parade in Fort Worth will put the 36-unit Corps, Texas Aggie Band and Parsons Mounted Cavalry on display. Air Force Brig. Gen. John Taylor, 301st Tactical Fighter Wing commander at Carswell AFB, will review the Corps.

The Fort Worth A&M Club plans a reception for President Jack K. Williams. Set at 9 a.m. at the Hilton Inn, the coffee also will involve former students and friends. Jack Benson, 1963 A&M graduate, heads the club.

The Texas Aggies and TCU kick off their football meeting at 2 p.m.

Corps Commander Joe Chandler of San Antonio and the Corps staff lead off the

parade. Units will march south on Weatherford to 9th Street, turn left in front of the reviewing stand near the Tarrant County Convention Center and return to assembly points on Grove and Pecan Streets via Main.

Rear guard of the parade will be the cavalry troop commanded by DeWitt "Tall" Ellison of Aspermont. The 36-rider troop will stable at the Will Rogers Coliseum horse barns.

Gen. Taylor, commander of the Carswell-based wing two years, has responsibility for detachments at Tinker AFB, Okla., and Hill AFB, Utah.

The command pilot, with 733 hours combat flying, has flown all over the world. Gen. Taylor's 6,800 flying hours have been mostly in fighter aircraft. Decorations and awards worn by the flag-rank officer include the Silver Star, three Distinguished Flying Crosses and Purple Heart, among many others.

Peyton McKnight

Moore echoes plea to reject all articles

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Gov. Dolph Briscoe was the guest speaker at the "Bill Moore Day" festivities at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park just hours after his announcement urging voters to reject the proposed state constitution.

Moore's statement that "I'm glad to say that Gov. Briscoe came out against all eight articles of the proposed constitution today," was followed by applause and cheers from the large crowd.

"I am convinced that annual legislative sessions would mean higher state spending," Briscoe said, "and it would head us down the road to a state income tax which we do not need and should not have."

Asked why he waited so long to announce his decision Briscoe replied, "I wanted to give it a complete and thorough study. . . . After a thorough and exhaustive study by my staff and myself, I am convinced this state will be much better off

under our existing constitution."

Sen. Peyton McKnight, D-Tyler, chairman of a statewide organization opposing the proposed constitution and a former member of the Texas A&M University Board of Directors (now Board of Regents), said this "was a propitious moment" for Briscoe to announce his decision.

McKnight said he didn't know if Briscoe would travel around the state to speak out against the proposed constitution, but he felt the publicity accompanying his announcement would greatly help the anti-revision cause.

Most government officials and members of the Capitol press corps are in favor of the new constitution, McKnight said.

"But, in my opinion, most of the people of the state are against it," he said.

"I think Briscoe's stand will help tremendously," Moore said. "It was obvious to me he wasn't for the new constitution because he never had said anything good about it."



Campus

"LOST HORIZON" will be presented by Aggie Cinema in the classic film series. This original 1935 version, directed by Frank Capra, tells the story of a utopian society of a city high in the Himalayas.

The movie will be shown at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday in the Rudder Theatre. Tickets may be obtained at the Rudder Box Office for \$1.

THE MSC DIRECTORATE and Aggie Players will present "The Women" Oct. 21-23 at 6:30 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom. A&M Student/Date tickets are \$4.50, general public tickets are \$7.00. The reservation period closes 24 hrs. prior to performance; tickets are available at the MSC Box Office. "The Women" is a satire of the "Fifth Avenue" women of every town.

THE SINGING CADETS will present an open rehearsal for students. The concert will be in the M.S.C. Lounge at 5 p.m., Wednesday.

FRANK MANKIEWICZ will speak on "Liberalism in Politics" Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom. Mankiewicz has observed Nixon for the last 25 years, and has written two books: "Perfectly Clear: Nixon from Whittier to Watergate" (1975 best-seller) and "US vs. Nixon."

He has been active in Democratic politics since 1950 as press secretary to Robert Kennedy, national political director for McGovern's presidential campaign, and Latin American Regional Director of the Peace Corps. Mankiewicz considers himself honored by his inclusion on the White House "enemies" list.

A&M students will be admitted for 25c, all others for \$1.00.

Texas

IN AUSTIN, the Texas Supreme Court announced Tuesday that Texas has 950 new lawyers. They will be inducted Oct. 21 at special ceremonies in the Austin Municipal Auditorium.

National

THE PARENTS of a youth who died in Fresno, Calif., after his life-support system was shut off, say they did not give doctors permission to unhook a respirator that kept their son alive for 18 days after his brain was destroyed through medical error. They said that they did not know their son had died until they read about it in the newspapers.

PRESIDENT FORD'S ARMORED LIMOUSINE was hit broadside by a car at a Hartford, Conn., intersection Tuesday night, but the President apparently was not hurt.

The President had addressed a Republican fund raising dinner earlier in the evening. (See related stories, p. 3 and 8)

World

A SOVIET MATHEMATICIAN favoring less Kremlin control over the economy and a Dutch-born American pioneer in how best to use men and machines were jointly awarded the 1975 Nobel Prize in Economic Science on Tuesday.

GEN. CARLOS FABIAO, head of the Portuguese army, gave in to mutinous soldiers Tuesday and agreed to reinstate leftist activists purged from a transport unit in northern Oporto.