

'Why must everyone in class sit in chairs?'

By CAROL JONES
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Traditional liberal thought of the 1960's favored federal supervision and regulation of welfare, education, unemployment insurance and free enterprise. Now, the liberal scorns these ideas as much as he once supported them, said Frank Mankiewicz, Wednesday night's Political Forum speaker.

Mankiewicz was Senator Robert Kennedy's press secretary from 1966 until his death and was the national political director for George McGovern's presidential campaign in 1972. After observing Richard Nixon for many years, he has written two books, "Perfectly Clear: Nixon on Whit-tier to Watergate" and "US vs. Nixon." Mankiewicz is also an attorney and a journalist.

Mankiewicz said the liberal thought of the '60's was directed to help the laborers and workers. But, he said, the regulatory agencies that liberals thought would retain competition, now are run by the businesses they regulate.

Under President Lyndon Johnson, a federal education act set aside millions of dollars to improve schools but, Mankiewicz said, the schools are no better and apparently the act did not help.

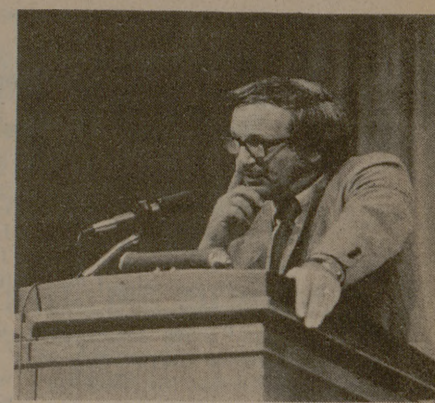
The tax laws benefit the rich and the rich actually pay less income tax, he said, and half the taxable assets goes to the Pentagon budget. He said the military establishment is enormous, swollen and out of control. He said there are more generals today than there were during World War II. Mankiewicz suggested cutting military expenditure and directing funding elsewhere.

He suggested the government should help a company financially convert from making missiles to maybe, transit systems. He said this would require more workers, increasing employment, and it would help prevent the creation of dangerous weapons that pressures the use of them.

Mankiewicz says liberals today want to see programs to benefit consumers. He said they look for less government regulation and less bureaucracy to increase competition.

The generation of Watergate and Viet Nam taught us about the dangers of big government — that it can become a crushing burden to its people, he said, so today's liberal is looking toward non-commercial values and quality of life.

President Ford's tax program proposes cutting taxes by \$28 billion if Congress will



Frank Mankiewicz

cut spending by \$28 billion.

Mankiewicz said liberals should actually support the program because it represents what they believe.

Liberal thought on education today is considering alternatives to the present system, Mankiewicz said. Why, he asked, must we base the school year on the agricultural year and why must we have classes conducted in a room with everyone sitting in a chair?



Frank Mankiewicz

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Panel discusses traffic changes

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Students riding motorcycles on campus in the future may benefit from at least one additional parking area specifically for motorcycles, the University Traffic Panel decided Wednesday.

In other business the panel considered an additional parking area for day students, heard results from two bicycle studies, and discussed several street modifications.

Motorcycle club representatives proposed a number of new motorcycle parking areas to the panel before panel member Don Woods suggested the area ultimately approved. The proposed area would extend along the east side of Spence Street near the Zachry Engineering Building in the

area of diagonal parking spaces presently blocked off by construction.

The Traffic Panel serves as a committee under Vice President of Student Services John Koldus, recommending action relating to on-campus traffic problems. The motorcycle parking area proposal goes now to Vice-President Koldus for approval, panel chairman Vergil Stover said.

Environmental Action Committee (EAC) traffic chairman Tim Rose presented the panel with results from the EAC - League of Women Voters bike survey taken Sept. 30. The survey showed that over 10,000 bicyclists and 9,000 pedestrians entered or left the campus between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. that Tuesday.

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One of the last remaining plants in the front of the Reed McDonald Services Bldg.

shows that students are not the only ones annoyed by the construction on campus.

Texas

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Leon Douglas lashed out at his colleagues in an opinion Wednesday, saying they were stretching logic on behalf of defendants in circumstantial evidence cases.

His latest dissent was precipitated by a majority decision reversing the murder conviction of Manuel Gardenas Gamboa, sentenced to 13 years by a Houston jury in the shooting death of his sister-in-law.

In Houston, Exxon cut its prices by a penny per gallon and some independents are now selling auto fuel for as little as 47.9 cents a gallon.

Exxon cut its prices in what the company called a change to reflect the competitive situation in the market place.

A privately owned P51 crashed near San Angelo Wednesday killing its Canadian pilot. It was part of a flight of four enroute to San Angelo after participating in a Confederate Air Force air show in South Texas. A second P51 in the flight was also missing Wednesday night.

John Henry Faulk told a University of Texas Law School audience Wednesday that he thinks the Communist-hunting group that blacklisted him in the 1950s had a right to warn people about him.

"Aware had a perfect right, in my opinion, to say I was a sorry radical, not that I was a Communist, and they didn't call me a Communist," he said.

National

It appears that California has won the promotional and legal battle, and the chili champions from throughout the nation will be brewing their tongue-burning concoctions in Rosemead, Calif., instead of Terlingua, Tex.

A suit to stop the move was dropped when a district court judge in Austin refused to accept a boiled chicken and two cases of pinto beans in lieu of a \$300 bond.

Hartford, Conn. police conceded Wednesday that an officer should have been directing traffic at the corner where President Ford's car was struck Tuesday night and blamed the failure to assign a traffic cop on "human error."

The intensive manhunt in Salem, Ill. for five escaped Marion Federal Penitentiary inmates was abandoned Wednesday with all but one of the fugitives back behind bars.

Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, R-Pa., said in Harrisburg, Pa., Wednesday that the Warren Commission report on President Kennedy's assassination is about to collapse and said his subcommittee on intelligence is looking into three separate conspiracy theories.

The Watergate Special Prosecution Force said in its final report Wednesday that before the country is faced with another scandal like Watergate, Congress should decide if an incumbent president is vulnerable to criminal indictment.

In a report published Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine, Harvard Medical School researchers say that marijuana is far more effective than any other drug in relieving the vomiting and nausea that plagues thousands of cancer patients undergoing chemical therapy and should be considered as a treatment for such side effects.

World

The Interior Department is trying to acquire Matagorda Island off the Texas coast that once provided a bombing range for the Air Force and wintering home for the nearly-extinct whooping crane.

In Ottawa, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said Wednesday he will not turn over State Department documents subpoenaed by a congressional committee but is willing to submit "a general summary of views on all subjects."

In Washington, the House Intelligence Committee had issued a subpoena for a memo written by a former State Department Cyprus chief who alleged that the government mishandled the Cyprus crisis.

In Dublin, Ireland, the kidnapers of Dutch businessman Tiede Herrema are threatening to cut off one of his feet if police keep insisting on proof he is alive, Herrema said in a tape-recorded message Wednesday.

Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor remarried at a game reserve in Botswana last week in a simple ceremony conducted by a tribal official.

Even John Denver did it!

Marijuana users often only warned

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"If you see me tonight with an illegal smile,
It don't cost very much, yet it lasts a long while.
Please tell the man I didn't kill anyone.
I was just trying to have me some fun."
—John Prine

Texas law provides for up to 99 years in prison for possessing over four ounces of marijuana. For possession of two to four ounces, a conviction provides for a sentence of not more than one year in jail and a fine of \$2,000. Two ounces or less of marijuana can bring the possessor up to 180 days in jail and a fine of not more than \$1,000.

The sociological aspects of being convicted can be equally intimidating, yet

estimates are that over half the college age students in America have tried marijuana at least once. Even one of the president's sons has admitted using marijuana, and the paradigm of the all-American kid, John Denver, has admitted using hashish.

This dichotomy, of the law on the one hand, and societal standard on the other has reached Texas A&M.

A student will only face a warning if a drug usage report is channeled through the Student Affairs office. If, however, University Police receive a complaint or a tip, the student will probably face criminal charges. Both University Police and Student Affairs are organized under the broader umbrella of Student Services.

Dr. Charles Powell, Director for Student Affairs, said that resident advisers are instructed that if they suspect a student of using drugs, they are to confer with the student and ask him to quit using it. Hiss assistant, Ron Blatchley, however, said that if there is pretty positive proof of drug usage, his office calls Campus Security such call had been made this year.

without warning the student, though he said no such call had been made this year.

Linda Anderson, an R.A., said that her instruction had been to use discretion in the matter, but if the RAs knew of a student using marijuana they were to warn them. She went on to say that if the student failed to heed the warning, the procedure was then to call on the area coordinator who at his discretion might call police.

"No, their job is to enforce all the laws, ours is to help students stay out of trouble," said Powell about the discrepancy between University Police's and his office's policy.

University Police officials for many years didn't prosecute possession of alcoholic

beverages charges against minor students, opting instead to have the student pour out his illegal spirits, said an investigator for the police.

At the University of Texas, said University of Texas at Austin police captain Jimmy Reed, an in-room bust for marijuana possession has not been made this year and he couldn't recall any in the past two years. He added that in the near future UT probably would issue tickets, similar to traffic tickets for any misdemeanor possession.

These tickets would charge the student with attempting to possess marijuana which carries a maximum penalty of a \$200

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Speaker appalled by Briscoe's stand

Associated Press

Voting began Wednesday on Texas' proposed new constitution as supporters and opponents reacted to Gov. Dolph Briscoe's advice Tuesday that voters turn down the entire document.

Secretary of State Mark White said absentee voting began Wednesday in all Texas counties for the Nov. 4 special election and will continue through Oct. 31.

"I urge all Texans who cannot be at the polls on election day to vote absentee," White said. "The result of this election will determine how state government will be restructured for decades to come."

White estimated only about 25 percent of Texas' 4.9 million eligible voters, or about 1.2 million, would vote on the proposed new constitution. He said that was an "optimistic" estimate. The largest vote concentration is expected in the Houston area where a hot race for mayor should attract more voters.

However, Robert Johnson, head of the Texas Election Bureau, which will gather unofficial returns of the election, said he stuck with his original "shotgun" guess that not more than half a million voters will bother to go to the polls.

Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert W. Calvert, head of Citizens for the Texas Constitution, said Wednesday he had no immediate comment on Briscoe's statement Tuesday urging defeat of the constitution submitted by the recent legisla-

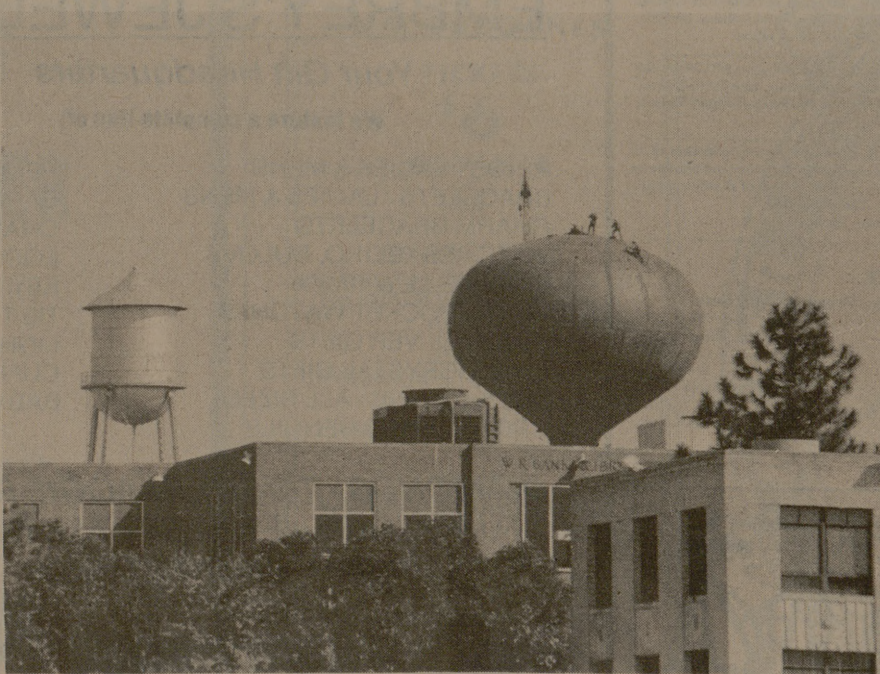
ture. However, Calvert said a news conference would be held Thursday to air the views of his statewide organization which has been the leader in pushing adoption of the new document.

Calvert also announced that the executive board of the Texas Association of College Teachers had endorsed the new constitution.

Sen. Peyton McKnight, D-Tyler, leader of the opposing Citizens to Preserve the Texas Constitution, said he was "delighted" that the governor "after a long, careful, independent study of the proposed new constitution, reached the strong conclusion that it should be rejected completely by the voters. . . . We have felt all along that if the people will read and study the proposed new constitution most of them will vote against it."

Speaker Bill Clayton said he was "appalled at the governor's opposition. . . . I always realized that he was opposed to or had questions about annual sessions. One of the things I think the governor and others opposing this constitution have overlooked is that they are in effect discrediting out of system of government. If we do not have confidence in our legislature and the legislative process then we better re-examine our whole system."

Rep. Paul Ragsdale, D-Dallas, said Briscoe's statement was "a last minute attempt . . . to wreck the constitutional revision process. . . . apparently the governor does not realize that Texas is no longer a rural, horse and buggy state."



Matching towers

An almost completed structure is dominating the skyline at Prairie View A&M University. Workers are winding up construction of a 146-foot water tower at the university.

The new tower will have a capacity of 500,000 gallons compared to the 30,000-gallon, 100-foot tower it is replacing.

Director of Utilities Luther Francis says the painting of a design on the globular structure, a design incorporated from ideas submitted by students, could begin in about one week.

The \$263,000 project is being constructed by the Houston office of Chicago Bridge and Iron.