

"All or nothing"

Constitution meets opposition

By The Associated Press

Supporters and opponents argued Wednesday about the "all or nothing" aspects of the proposed new constitution.

"Contrary to what the opposition is insinuating, voters can vote for or against each proposition on the ballot individually," Speaker Bill Clayton said of the Nov. 4 ballot.

"I think it is important for the people to understand that this is not just a revision but a totally new document," said Mrs. Alfred Negley, San Antonio, president of the San Antonio Conservation Society and former member of the State Democratic Executive Committee. "There are a lot of good things proposed in it but for every good thing that's in there, we have four or five bad ones that overwhelm me."

Mrs. Negley said "we can easily amend our present constitution, whenever necessary and that's what we should do."

"Texans can pick and choose what they like and discard what they don't," said Clayton. "Texas voters are not a flock of sheep. To be told 'all or nothing' insults their intelligence."

head of a statewide opposition effort, said he felt that Gov. Dolph Briscoe's decision to oppose all eight propositions caused the opposition to gain ground rapidly. "I believe that most people who study the proposed new constitution will vote against it," McKnight said. "But if a voter hasn't had time to examine every controversial provision, then I think he or she should play it safe and keep our present constitution by voting no."

Ben Atwell, former state representative and chairman of the powerful House Committee on Revenue and Taxation, said he thought anyone voting for the new constitution "is, in effect, endorsing a state income tax."

He said "it is my opinion we have been just a hairbreath away from a state income tax in recent years."

In other action Wednesday: The Travis County Commissioners court endorsed, by a 5-0 vote, the Local Government article of the new constitution. "County govern-

ment needs the constitutional authority to establish and enforce regulations in unincorporated areas," the court said.

Baptists

Texas Baptists were advised by their Christian Life Commission in Dallas Wednesday to vote against at least one section of a new proposed state Constitution and not to abandon the public education system.

On education, the reports stated, "We need to do all in our power to move with patience, correct injustice and improve our total public school educational programs."

The commission asked church members "not to panic or seek alternative plans as an attempt to avoid responsibility for public education."

TMA

Directors of the 6,800 member Texas Manufacturers Association (TMA) voted unanimously in San

Antonio Wednesday to oppose adoption of a proposed new constitution for Texas.

"The real thing that concerned the people in the meeting was the fact that the constitution which is constantly being revised to meet the people's needs," said Hull Youngblood, chairman of TMA.

The TMA board met, with 73 of 100 directors present, prior to the group's 53rd annual conference on Texas industry which begins Thursday.

About 4,000 Texas companies are TMA members. Some 6,800 executives are listed as active members.

Youngblood, president of Southern Steel Co. of San Antonio, said, "We feel like that the fact that the present constitution has been amended is a strength. The people have amended it to meet changing conditions."

"What we're saying is that it has been updated each two years for the past 100 years."

He said there were no dissenting

votes "and we asked for a dissenting vote. It's not one of those things that the legislature does."

Strengths

Youngblood said that among strengths of the present Texas Constitution were legislative sessions each two years instead of annually, present pay provisions for legislators and high number of votes required to override gubernatorial vetoes.

Youngblood said annual legislative sessions would hide errors in fiscal planning from taxpayers and make the legislator's job only for full-time politicians.

A full new Texas Constitution would also probably spark 10 years of court battles over its meanings and drive industry away, Youngblood said.

Such court battles would "dampen the desire of new industry to move into the state where the total Constitution was under a cloud," he said.

Speleological society sets drops

The Aggie Speleological Society caters to the enthusiastic caver — those people whose favorite hobby is exploring the dark, wet passages of some uncommercialized, tourist-free cavern.

Activities are trips scheduled for most weekends during the semester to some cave within driving distance of A&M. One favorite is Gormans Cave, located at a fishing camp near Lampasas, Texas.

Aggie cavers erected an informative sign over the entrance to Gormans Cave at their own expense. It tells other cavers the equipment needed and possible carbon-dioxide pockets within the cave.

There are extended journeys over the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. The Thanksgiving trip will include the more spectacular

caverns in Mexico.

The 10-day Christmas trip, during the first half of January will include a caving-camping excursion into the Guadalupe Mountains of New Mexico.

Caving skills are taught by club members. One of these is repelling, or descending a rope by sliding down it using a seat harness and mountaineering equipment.

Some of the caves that A.S.S. visits are accessible only by descending a steep rock face and entering through a deep hole that serves as the sole entrance. The caving club spends Sundays at the Bryan Fire Department's practice tower learning to descend or climb ropes in preparation for later trips.

But caving is not simply fun and games. In December 1974, two

Aggie cavers, Bob Bliss and John Gale, rescued another caver who fell 40 feet in an abandoned mine, landing unconscious on a ledge over another 200 feet drop. Bliss and Gale were instrumental in returning

the helpless man to safety.

To a true caver, there is little that is more beautiful than the many varied formations of a still-developing cave or the winding corridors of an intricate cavern.

Mum funds build house

Members of the A&M Floriculture Club used the summer vacation to build a new greenhouse near the KAMU tower by Hensel Park. The greenhouse was built entirely by the students from funds raised by mum sales.

"This will give students a chance to see the practical side of floriculture and expand his outlook on the profession," Mike Aylor, club president, said. He noted that it had been possible to get a floriculture degree from A&M without even being in a greenhouse. Currently the greenhouse is stuffed with 3,000

mums to be sold at the Texas game and various foliage to be peddled at the plant sale. The sale will be Dec. 6 and 7.

The club is also sponsoring a course on Wednesday nights at 7 at the Free University. The course features a variety of topics from floral arrangement to plant diseases. Anyone is eligible to attend.

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The Texas State Teachers Association District III Banquet will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 224 in the MSC.

The TAEX Retirees Banquet will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 201 in the Rudder Tower.

The Civilian Bon-Fire Committee will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 308 in the Rudder Tower.

OPAS will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 352 in the MSC.

The Radio Committee will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 216N&O in the MSC.

Muslim Student Association will meet Friday at 7 p.m. in Room 302 in Rudder Tower.

Venezuelan Student Association will meet Friday at 7 p.m. in Room 206 in the MSC.

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