

## SCONA speakers to include commander, political scientist

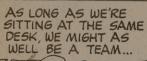
ference on National Affairs (SCONA) at Texas A&M next month will include Adm. Noel Gayler, commander of U.S. Pacific forces, and Dr. Charles B. Marshall, Johns Hopkins

University political scientist.

The Feb. 11-14 conference will wide changes in power.

Information they will use in considering "Global Power in Transi-











ers and other sources.
SCONA 21 Chairman Joe Charter said Adm. Gayler, a veteran in U.S. foreign policy matters, will speak on "The Post-Vietnam Status of the

Dr. Marshall, holder of the Paul enable student delegates from around the U. S. to discuss world- at Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies, will provide the conference overview. His topic is "U.S. Power in Transi-

> Other speakers, including representatives from the Departments of State and Agriculture, are being confirmed. The conference is expected to draw 150 off-campus delegates. Several are expected from Mexico. The 30 A&M delegates will include international students from Bangladesh, Nigeria, Guyana, Au-stralia and the Dominican Republic.

icy.
"It looks like we're on target,"

## U.S. to suffer oil crisis

By 1982-84 the United States will suffer an energy crisis worse than it

Dr. John J. McKetta Jr., Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Texas made this prediction Jan. 7, at the Thermodynamics Research Center Data Estimation Workshop at Texas

McKetta also predicted 15 pe cent unemployment accompanied by the worst recession in 40 years. He said there is no way the U.S. can reach self-sufficiency in petroleum by 1985 or even 1990.

McKetta said that political expediency, empire building, extremist influences and selfish re-election concerns have all shaped government energy regulations.

Speakers at the 21st Student Contion" will be provided by key speak- Carter said. "SCONA 21 will have something an accounting major can relate on, as well as a political science

major."
Dr. Marshall has held the Nitze Chair since 1967. He has also served on the Foreign Affairs Committee staff for the U.S. House of Representatives. He worked for the State Department's Policy Planning Staff and was advisor to the prime minister of Pakistan.

Adm. Gayler was formerly director of the National Security Agency. In his present command, he also serves as U.S. military advisor to the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, on the Australia-New Zealand-U.S. Council and U.S.-Japanese Consultative Committee

He was the third naval officer to pilot jet aircraft and holds the record Carter said the topic, centering on emerging international powers, appears increasingly appropriate

### pears increasingly appropriate. "The NBC-TV special Monday was almost the conference," Carter said. NBC presented a White Paper report on "American Foreign Pol-" Bicentennia **Bicentennial** tryouts set

Tryouts for Bicentennial-themed plays during Texas A&M's Centennial are planned for Monday and

Conducted by the Aggie Players, the four plays are open for participa-Robert W. Wenck.

Tryouts at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 and 20 will be in the Rudder Forum. The

Bicentennial festival of plays, to be presented Feb. 23-28 at Texas A&M, include "Lamp at Midnight," "The Man Who Never Died," "Coat of Many Colors" and "Harpers Ferry."

The plays emphasize turning oints in the lives of Galileo, Joe Hill, Joseph in Egypt and John Brown, men who shaped the de-stinies of the Western world," said Wenck, chairman of theater arts in the English Department.

The Bicentennial festival of plays are written by Barrie Stavis, who worked in a textile house to finance, his education at Columbia Univer-

The plays require 110 actors and actresses in addition to publicity, house, set, lighting, prop, costume and sound crew personnel.

## Committees questioned, writer seems confused

NEW YORK — This is the age of the study committee. In business, government and academic life the phrasing is similar: "The matter was referred to the committee for further

If after due study the committee fails to reach a conclusion, it might hand off the problem to a subcommittee, from whence it might then be passed on for further "action" by a foundation or institute, where study

is permanent.
Name the subject and it is being studied, but name the subject and the chances are you won't find the answers. Studies raise questions, like beating a rug raises dust, some-times beclouding rather than clarify-

And so, in the spirit of not expect- such club on a certain day were ing much, a few unanswered ques- gathered for the specific purpose of

tions are hereby cast into this murky talking business. Their memberoblivion, offered as subjects that might be studied somewhere, sometime, without the least expectation of resolution.

- Is a gentlemen's club a social rather than a business establishment? There is an intriguing tax angle to this.

In some parts of exclusive city "so-cial" clubs, in a taproom perhaps, you are forbidden from writing or shuffling papers on the surface of the table. Such conduct suggests business rather than socializing.

The rules are enforced too, and people so rude as to require reminding are watched carefully and might find themselves asked to leave if they persist in such crude behavior. The line has to be drawn somewhere.

Oddly, almost everyone at one

ships, in fact, were obtained through business associations. Their firms

When they were through, their checks were offered to the Internal

Revenue Service as business lunch tax deductions, and the waiters who enforced the "no business" rule gladly provided receipts for that The questions for the study com-

mittee are many, of course, but an especially intriguing one is whether this cultural schizophrenia should be

recognized by the IRS.

— Who is the mysterious "they," perhaps the most widely quoted alleged authority on everything and anything but who nevertheless remains unknown? A substear mains unknown? A saboteur, perhaps? "They" always seems to have bad news.

One effort to find the elusive sumer, right?

"they" led only to more suggesting the need for am attack, such as can be laund

committee, rather than a solo Referring to the economy, informant commented, T we're headed for more badi

The informant was rupted by a question: "Where headed for bad times" answer: "Oh, they all say we

Who is "they?" He or shen found

— Do high interest rate cause inflation or do they help

You think you know the but can you prove it? High rate to the cost of doing business they? And we know that h passes on increased costs to

## People buying peace with long drives

DALLAS — Many persons today are building their homes hours from work sites to take advantage of lower prices and peaceful surroundings, an official of the National Association of Homebuilders says.

E. Don Dobson, a staff vice president of the association, said homeowners don't seem to mind the long drive from their homes, which can be built with more conveniences

in a small community.

"As an example, there are several families living on the Oklahoma side of Lake Texoma and driving the 100 or so miles to work in Dallas," said Dobson, the man responsible for organizing the 32nd annual homebuilders convention which begins Sun-

Dobson also said the convention will look at the effect of local agency housing restrictions, which he said

are denying some persons the right to new homes.

The restrictions, Dobson said, "are raising the costs of housing and bringing on higher values for land."
"We hope at this convention to

advise and instruct the members of our association how best to deal with their community problems," Dobson said.
The five-day convention next

week will include appearances by

Sens. Hubert Humphrey, D Edward W. Brooke, R William E. Brock, D-Tenn., John B. Anderson, R-Ill., nand J. St. Germain, D-RI Carla Hills, secretary of House

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