

VIEWPOINT



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been stymied by the Eastland-led con-servatives on the committee.

Similiarily, antitrust legislation - a

Kennedy pet project - now stands a bet-

Kennedy is not going to have an easy time of it. Democratic leaders, past and present, have helped by stacking the

Of the seven holdovers, five can be

classified as liberals and two others as cen-

trists. To fill the vacancies, the Democrats added two liberals and Sen. Howell Heflin of Alabama, an unknown quantity without a record as a legislator.

But the Republicans, who have seven

members, have stacked the committee

with conservatives. The only one who is out of place is Maryland's liberal Charles

Washington Window

Over the 22 years, Church has firmly

established himself as a liberal and an internationalist. Whatever direction he decides to move, everything in his past points to an active and outspoken term, along the lines of former Sen. William Fulbright.

There are some political hazards in this approach for the Idaho veteran. Churchs

up for re-election in two years and will be

an ideal target for conservatives who have shown in other states the capacity to knock off selected liberals.

He has a 9-6 Democratic margin on the committee. Three of the Republicans are

either liberals or moderates, giving

Church a good working majority.

But the Republican members added this year are a different breed. They include down-the-line conservatives like Sens.

Jesse Helms of North Carolina and S.I.

Hayakawa of California. They could cause him trouble.

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committee with more liberal allies.

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Church, Kennedy advance in Senate

By STEVE GERSTEL
United Press International
WASHINGTON — Two of the most intriguing figures in the 96th Congress are bound to be Edward Kennedy and Frank

They have much in common — relative youth, liberal philosophy, activism and unbounded ambition.

Kennedy and Church share another distinction. They are the new chairmen of two premier Senate committees.

Kennedy, a 16-year veteran of the senate, although only 46, takes the helm of

the Judiciary Committee.
Church, at 54 a 22-year veteran of the Senate, moves in as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

There could be no greater contrast be-tween Kennedy and Church and the men

they have replaced.
Church replaces former Sen. John
Sparkman of Alabama, an amiable and
friendly soul who lost in his great age whatever zest he had and provided the Foreign Relations Committee with less

than passive leadership.

Kennedy takes over for former Sen.

James Eastland of Mississippi, an aged tyrant who at one time imposed his inflexible conservative will on the panel until an influx of liberal members finally cut down on his powers.

Kennedy and Church are intriguing be-- even in this day of greater independence among senators — they will have great influence in shaping the positions taken by the Senate in the areas of the judiciary and foreign affairs.

With Kennedy leading the way, much legislation that might have been blocked or delayed in the Eastland era is going to be voted out by the committee and taken up in the Senate.

An excellent example is a proposed constitutional amendment providing for the election of presidents by popular, rather than electoral votes. In the past, that has

Talk with Dr. Miller

schooling with free grants and low interest loans.

the wealthy, nor to lavish money on the poor.

security by working part-time after school.

tance under the present program.

financial aid need analysis calculation.

funds to deserving students.

job after school.

Dear Mr. Irwin:

Loan set-up unfair

to working students

My parents are able to contribute only minimally to the cost of my college

However, at the beginning of last semester I was dismayed to learn that I was

education — the bulk of the burden is carried by me. Fortunately, through federal, state and University loan and grant programs my educational finances

no longer eligible for state or University loans or grants. The problem, I was told,

involved the large amount of money I had earned the previous year at a part-time

This extra money placed me in a higher income bracket which disqualified me from receiving any student aid this year. Little did I realize I was expected to save the entire earnings from this parttime job for future college expenses. Now of course, I see I should have taken the easy route: quit the job and paid off my

I realize educational loan and grant programs are not designed to accommodate

However, the present system seems to penalize initiative by prohibiting students from receiving grants and loans simply because we desire more financial

I appreciated your letter concerning your eligibility for financial aid for the

academic year. Your financial aid records were reviewed to determine the status

of your eligiblity for financial assistance. Since you reported on your financial aid application that you would work and earn over one half of your educational cost

from a local job during the year 1978-79, you did not qualify for financial assis-

your asset assessment and your basic Educational Opportunity Grant, your total resources exceeded the educational budget established for single students living

on campus. In this assessment, your parents were not charged with a family

contribution for this year, nor were your earnings from last year used in the

I certainly agree with your statement that a student who wishes to work should not be penalized for his desire to get ahead. However, regulations governing financial aid funds do place a ceiling on the earnings of recipients. Consequently, we are obligated to follow the regulations concerning over-awarding financial aid

Certainly, if it becomes desirable to modify our present system, we can do so by

letting our congressional delegates know of these inequities and work for a change in the federal law governing these programs. Texas A&M University would be very pleased administering to the needs of deserving students under any equitable

program particularly one that recognizes incentive on the student's part.

When your reported earnings are combined with your summer contribution,

Students beware (\$)

By DOROTHY DUBOIS

If you're sitting at home now in your 62 degree apartment, shivering because you're trying to keep your fuel bills down, you'll be interested in this.

Today, Jan. 25, the College Station City Council will consider a new utility rate or-dinance that has been proposed by the Utility Rate Study Committee. This ordinance will be of special interest to apartment dwellers in College Station because for some of you it may mean that your bill

will be going up. For those apartments that are not individually submetered by the city, i.e. "all bills paid" apartments, along with those complexes that are submetered, this or-dinance proposes a few changes.

Up until now these apartment complexes have been eligible for commercial rates, cheaper than residential rates. The Utility Rate Study Committee, after some debate, came to the philosophical conclu-sion that apartments are residences and therefore should have residential rates applied to them.

For those of you in "bills paid" apart-

ments, this ordinance could mean that your rent will go up. For those of you in apartments that are submetered by the apartment owners, this will mean that you will have a minimum bill every month of \$3.75. The ordiance does contain a provision to give these types of apartment com-plexes a break, however. Since the city does not have to worry about billing each apartment, installing meters, cutting them on or off and other such considerations, they are willing to give these apartment owners a 10 percent discount.

The question is: Will this make up for the difference between commercial and residential rates? Are apartment complexes residences or commercial

enterprises, and furthermore, how should they be billed? If you would like to express your opin-

ion on this, come to the city council meeting, or contact me at 845-1515 or 693-7051.

Dorothy DuBois is a junior political science major and an off-campus undergraduate senator and city council liaison

Writing the editor

The Battalion welcomes letters to the editor on any subject. However, to be acceptable for publication these letters must meet certain criteria.

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✓ Be neatly typed whenever possible. Hand-written letters are

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Umbrella warfare

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON — As if controversies over the cruise missile and neutron bomb. weren't vexing enough, President Carter may soon find himself emboiled in the military bumbershoot issue.

That prospect arises with an Air Force magazine report that the U.S. armed forces are testing umbrella-carrying by servicemen.

The test only involves male Air Force personnel stationed at the Pentagon. But when the trial period ends next April, a month notorious for showers, "full-scale approval Air Forcewide seems likely," the

To appreciate the significance of this development you must be aware that our defense establishment traditionally has barred the use of umbrellas by servicemen

Servicewomen have been allowed this extra measure of precipitation protection, presumably because of the havoc that dampness wreaks on coiffures. But for servicemen, umbrellas were deemed unmilitary. It was determined that open bumbershoots made saluting awkward, impeded close order drill and played hob with executing the manual of arms.

Nevertheless, the break in the oncesolid anti-bumbershoot front is almost certain to lead to massive crumbling of prohibitions, touching off a new wave of costly research and procurement.

Although Air Force magazine says the Army and Navy "show no signs of discarding the longtime ban," nobody seriously expects soldiers and sailors to stand around getting drenched while airmen

stay toasty and dry.
You can bet the Army and Navy not only will come up with unbrella programs of their own; they will be out to build a better bumbershoot than their sister service During the tryout period, the only requirement is that the umbrellas be non-plastic and either black or dark blue.

The next step surely will be government issue "M-1 Raindrop Diverters, Portable, Collapsible" for which Air Force procure-ment experts will draft 28 pages of specifi-

Then will come a 500-page manual of operations, setting forth the proper techniques for opening and closing unbrellas in

Humor

minimum drizzle under which bumbershoots may be unfurled and the heights and angles at which the canopy affords maximum dryness under various weather conditions.

Why, at a time when the administration is struggling to hold down the federal budget, is the Air Force opening the door to umbrella escalation? One defense analyst told me there was

fear at the Pentagon that military bumbershoot production might be restricted in some future SALT agreement.

"If our troops already have umbrellas in place, there is less chance of the Red Army gaining bumbershoot supremacy under the treaty," he said.

"Believe me, if Senator Jackson ever starts warning about an unbrella gap, SALT is dead.

Letters to the Editor

Corps 'unfeminine'

It would seem fair to me, to reward those students who are motivated to work by renewing their loan and grant eligiblity. In this respect, is there any possibility the present financial aid system can be modified? -William L. Irwin, '80

Rereading Miss Zentgraf's letter with an open mind it is easy to see that she is an astute observer of the obvious, however, the subtleties escape her. I wonder if she even noticed the inconsistencies in her

She joined the Corps, I assume, voluntarily and with full knowledge that it was male-oriented and dominated. But now, after three years of wearing trousers and fatigues and trying to be "one of the boys, she suddenly wants to hide behind the skirts of femininity. A woman's perogative is to change her mind, right? I guess so.

However, when she stands there screaming "I am woman" in her combat boots and fatigues, facing a career of driving tanks or firing cannons, then her argument is lacking.

I'm truly sorry that she didn't get into the Ross Volunteers or get Corps public relations officer for that matter. However, if her disappointment is real, may I suggest some alternate courses of career development for a bright, attractive young woman? — Modeling, being a stewardess, or even a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader — all of which seem to be popular profes-

However, I get the impression that this is not Miss Zentgraf's idea of representing A&M cr femininity. How cliche of Kim Tomes to earn the title of Miss USA, when she could be running in step with the

I think that 99 percent of the women at Texas A&M don't take a back seat to anyone. But, as the old saying goes, there is always that one percent who never find

-Cameron E. Clements, '79

Good Ags...

We would like to say a special thank-you to a good Ag that rescued us on Jan. 23, 1979, at 11 p.m., in the staff parking lot near Hughes Hall. He not only told us what was wrong with the car, but he went out of his way to take one of us home to her apartment. It is nice to know you can still trust Aggies around campus at night. Thanks again.

-Lynn Falco, '82 Debbie Spencer, '82

TOP OF THE NEWS **CAMPUS**

A&M ranks well in study

Texas A&M University was the only Texas school to rank first or second in specific fields in the latest Gourman Report, a rating of American and international universities published by National Education Standards. The University of Texas and Rice University also made a strong showing in the report. Texas A&M ranked first in petroleum engineering and second in both agriculture generally and in agricultural engineering. Cornell placed first in the two latter categories. Texas A&M also ranked seventh nationally in nuclear engineering and tenth in industrial engineering in the report.

STATE

Deportation of violators sought

The Texas State House of Representatives adopted a resolution Wednesday asking Congress to direct federal agencies to deport Iranian students who violate American laws. Rep. Clay Smothers D-Dallas, who sponsored the resolution, said Texas has been "directly affected" by demonstrating Iranian students. "It is high time the legislature takes some action, even mild action as this is. This thing is catching and we haven't raised our voices," he said.

Shah's family to leave Lubbock

Eight days after their arrival in Lubbock, four of Shah Mohamme Reza Pahlovi's family members are preparing to leave, possibly for a Moroccan rendezvous with the monarch, Washington sources said The crown prince is not leaving, however, and is expected to remain in Lubbock until June to complete his pilot training.

NATION

Parents appeal treatment ruling

The attorney for the parents of 3-year-old Chad Green Wednesday filed an appeal in Massachusetts of a court order barring them from using the controversial drug Laetrile to treat their son's leukemi 'The issue is whether or not a chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America is more qualified than you or I to make determination as to which medical treatment you should have," George Donovan, the Greens' attorney, said Tuesday.

Florida tornadoes damage homes

Small tornadoes spawned by a fast-moving cold front damaged houses and trailer homes in Fort Myers and Brandenton, Fla. and high winds caused additional damage inland at Port Mayaca. Wind blew over trees and power lines and a few minor injuries were reported at Fort Myers, where about two dozen homes and trailers were damaged. A tornado knocked down a radio antenna and dam aged about 40 homes in Brandenton.

Monster role actor dead at 45

Ted Cassidy, the 6-foot-8 actor who had several monstrous television roles, including Lurch on "The Addams Family" and the voice of the Incredible Hulk, died Jan. 16 of complications following open heart surgery. The death went almost unreported, as did a memorial service held for him in Hollywood Hills. Cassidy, 45, underwent open-heart surgery for a nonmalignant tumor, was recovering nicely his doctor said, but died when complications developed. Cassidy movie credits include "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" "McKenna's Gold" and "The Last Remake of Beau Geste."

WORLD

China absent from conference

The new enlarged Geneva Disarmament Conference began Wednesday with France present for the first time but with China absent for the time being. China declined to send a delegation to the conference, deciding instead to have only an official "listener" to follow the proceedings. U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim called on the U.S. and the Soviet Union to resolve their differences on a nuclear test ban and a ban on chemical weapons so the Disarmament Conference can debate draft treaties on both issues.

Tanks close Iranian airports

Tank-backed army units seized control of Iran's major airports today in an apparent move to block the impending triumphant return from exile of opposition leader Ayataollah Ruhollah Khomeinin and try to prevent a threatened civil war. But several hours later army sources said Tehran airport was reopened late Wednesday afternoon, although no civilian flights landed or took off. It was not known whether the airports would remain open for Khomeinin's return.

Army units backed by tanks remained on guard at the airport even after its reported reopening.

WEATHER

Cloudy and slightly warmer with drizzle throughout the day. High today in the low 50's and low tonight in the mid 40's. Winds will be south easterly at 10-15 mph. 60% chance of

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