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## BANSHEE BURNS ON CARRIER

**Pilot survives a landing crash**

A Banshee jet fighter returning from a routine flight over the Sea of Japan early last month was settling down at 90 mph on the attack carrier U.S.S. *Oriskany*, and a Navy photographer got set to take a sequence of pictures of a standard landing. Then some mechanical failure caused the plane to drop suddenly and the pilot to undershoot the flight deck. The underpart of the fighter's fuselage smacked against the after-edge of the deck, and the plane exploded. Its tail section, ripped off by the force of the crash, fell to another deck below. But the flaming fuselage careened along the flight deck on its hosewheel, leaving a spectacular trail of fire and billowing smoke. When it finally skidded to a halt and keeled over, the pilot, Lieutenant F. J. Repp of Waukegan, Ill., who is visible in Picture No. 5, crawled unhurt from the fiercely blazing wreckage. The 32-knot wind blowing across the deck as a result of the carrier's forward speed had swept back the flames and had given him time to get away.



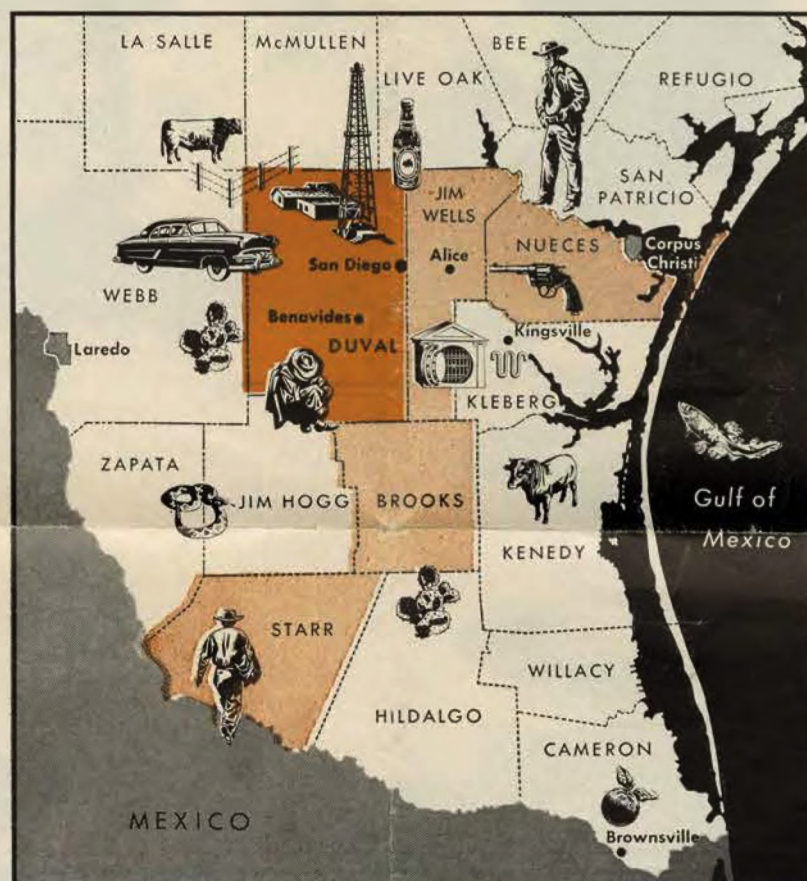
**TWISTED TAIL** of the fighter, which did not catch fire, rests against a gun control platform on the carrier's lower deck, where it landed next to a sign posted as a warning against possible crashes.



**GUN ON THE READY**, anti-Parr man James McDonald peeks out window at strange car. McDonald is running for sheriff's office now held by Parr's nephew.



DUKE OF DUVAL RESTS A MOMENT IN HIS TOWN MANSION IN SAN DIEGO.



**THE DUKE'S DOMAIN** includes five counties (shaded above) totaling 5,613 square miles. Control is strongest in Duval. Symbols represent Parr's interests.



WHEN THINGS ARE QUIET HE GOES TO 57,000-ACRE LA SALLE COUNTY RANCH

## TRIGGERS AND TENSION IN A TEXAS DUKEDOM

The Parr autocracy is shaken after four decades

The mild-looking man in a business suit above, until recently a rarely photographed man indeed, is absolute ruler of one of the strangest political autocracies in the U.S. His name is George Parr, known otherwise as "The Duke of Duval." Last week a battle against his rule brought men out with carbines and six-shooters. Up and down his dukedom, which flings itself across south Texas between the Rio Grande and the Gulf, he owns oil wells, banks, an exclusive beer-distributing agency, even rival car dealerships. Most of all he owns the votes, 80% of which are Latin-American. Parr came by this rule from his father, a cowpoke who took the Mexicans' side in a gunfight with the "anglos" in 1911. After that he became their *cacique*, or patron, taking care of them and, at election time voting them, frequently at majorities of 100 to 1, for his own candidate.

For two years now everyone has known the battle would come. In 1952 Governor Shivers sent pistol-wielding Texas Rangers into the dukedom to protect members of a newly formed anti-Parr Freedom party. Then a half-dozen U.S. and state investigations of Parr's affairs were started. The state supreme court removed a Parr judge for official misconduct. Parr and the Rangers tangled, and in a confused mauling a Ranger drew blood when he boxed the duke's ear. And last week Parr, whom once no man dared challenge, was in court on a petty charge: illegally carrying a pistol.



TEXAS RANGER SENTRY, Walter Russell, stands guard outside Parr-owned bank in Alice to prevent removal of records, which were ordered held by court.



MURDER TRIAL QUOTE MARKS MASON'S GRAVE



**TWO KILLINGS**—Mason (grave, top) and Floyd (left)—were pinned on Parr men. Mario Sapet (center) was convicted of killing Floyd and Alaniz awaits trial.

## LAND OF MURDER AND THREATS

George Parr was once hauled in by the federal government for tax evasion and sent to jail. But locally he seemed immune from the law. In fact, a man was taking his life in his hands to lisp a word against the duke's rule. In 1949 a radio commentator named W. H. Mason criticized one of Parr's deputy sheriffs. Next day the deputy shot him dead. In 1952 Jacob S. Floyd Jr., mistaken for his father, an anti-Parr Freedom party leader, was shot to death with the help of another Parr deputy sheriff. The deputy was convicted of murder, and soon a Parr assistant county attorney named Nago Alaniz will go on trial for complicity in the killing.

This trial is just one pincers in the attack on Parr. In addition to the Rangers, at least six internal revenue agents, two U.S. postal inspectors and two Texas assistant attorney generals are now in the dukedom investigating Parr for everything from income tax evasion to mishandling school funds. Some school boards like San Diego's (right) have been cleared, but evidence of fraud has been found elsewhere.

Then Parr suffered a humiliating slap. A tortilla maker who belongs to the Freedom party accused Parr of threatening him. Parr was found guilty of carrying a pistol, and though all it cost him was a \$150 fine, this was the first time that a local jury ever went against the Duke of Duval.



SAN DIEGO SCHOOL BOARD GETS BACK RECORDS AFTER STATE AUDITORS



**ANTI-PARR WOMEN**, "United Mothers of Duval County," thank Governor Shivers for efforts to clean up county and give him letter on corrupt conditions.



**PRO-PARR WOMEN**, "Women Voters of Duval County," give Shivers petition protesting intervention. Parr broke with Shivers over political appointment.



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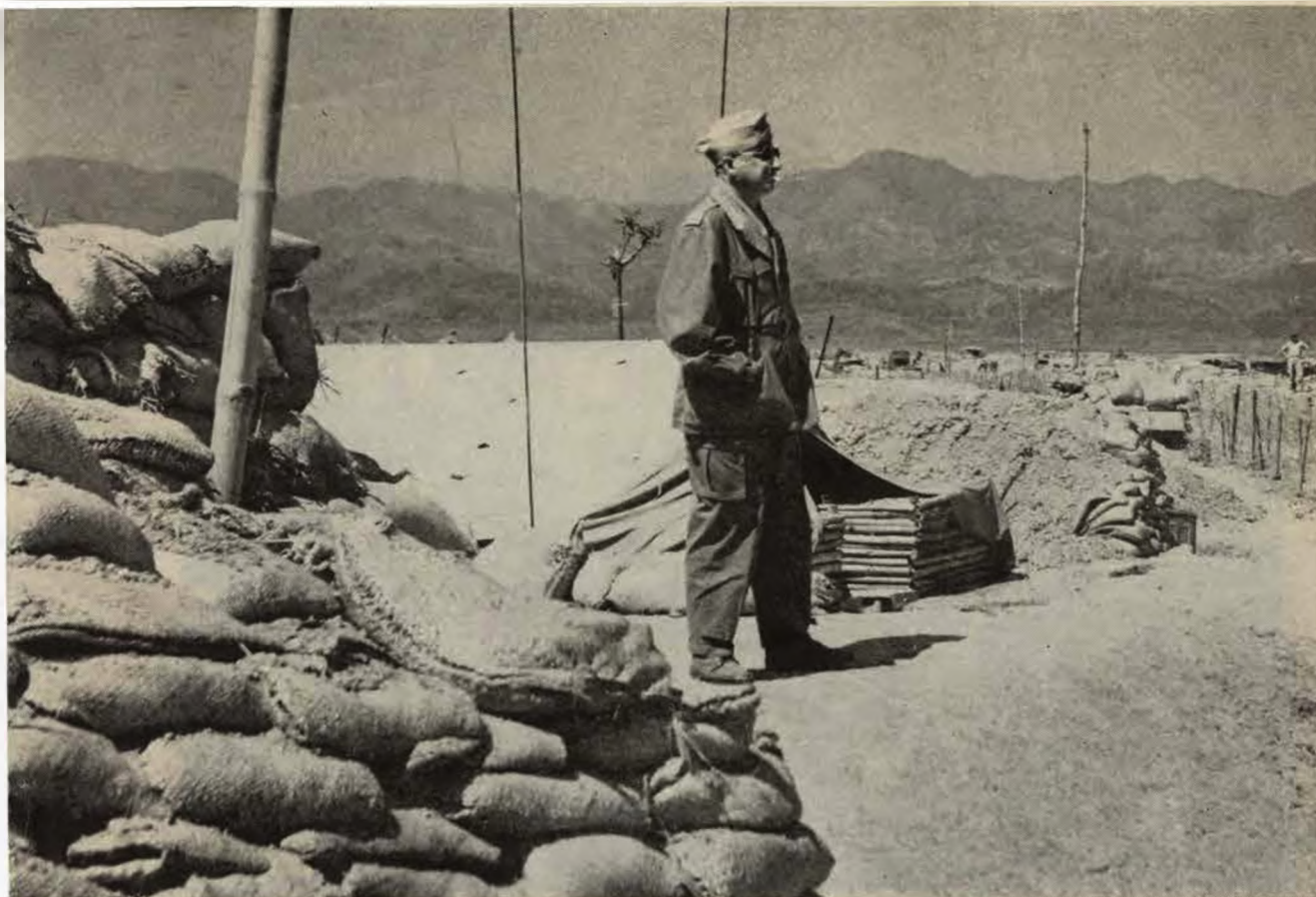
**SHERIFF PARR** of Duval, the duke's nephew Archer, testifies at trial, held in Jim Wells County.



**IN COURT** on pistol-carrying charge, defendant Parr (*far left*) waits stolidly as witnesses are sworn in. They include Ranger Captain Alfred Allce and complainant Marroquin (*third and fourth from left*).

**ON THE STAND** Parr denies he was carrying a pistol and shows court binoculars he says he was actually carrying, in order to see who was present at Freedom-party meeting held at Marroquin's home.





STANDING BY HIS SANDBAGGED HEADQUARTERS DURING LULL, COLONEL DE CASTRIES SCANS VALLEY



SOLDIER (ABOVE) PEERS UP OVER TRENCH WHILE ANOTHER (BELOW) CROUCHES NEAR SHELL BURST



PARATROOPERS LAND TO REPLACE THE WOUNDED

## VERDUN STAND IN VIETNAM

### Dienbienphu recalls 1916 battle

As the battle for Dienbienphu (*LIFE*, March 29) raged through its second week, the sight of sandbagged shelters, of men scampering for rocky trenches, of close-bursting shells kicking up dirty clouds of debris (*lower left*) was reminiscent of World War I. A Paris paper referred to this besieged basin, 175 miles west of Hanoi, as the "Verdun of Vietnam." These pictures of the heroic stand being made by 15,000 encircled French troops against some 40,000 Reds show just how much like Verdun the battle of Dienbienphu really is.

Commanding the French troops is a 51-year-old soldier of fortune, Colonel Christian de Castries (*upper left*). The colonel, who President Eisenhower says should be a general, is a sentimental as well as a very courageous man. He gave the nine heavily fortified strong-points at Dienbienphu names of girls who, his men understood, had been his old flames. Last week Gabrielle and Béatrice were in enemy hands. But to capture and keep them, while French planes showered down napalm and bombs and parachuted in reinforcements, the Reds suffered 6,000 casualties. It is estimated that to overrun the rest of Dienbienphu the Communists would have to sacrifice another 15,000 men. Only Red General Vo Nguyen Giap knew if the Reds were that anxious for a bargaining position at the Geneva conference.

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#### DUVAL, U. S. A.

Why has there been so much talk about Duval County?

Why did the State of Texas move into the stronghold of George B. Parr?

What is the significance of our findings there?

These questions are on the lips of many Texans. For years the people of Texas have looked at Duval County with smiles of amused tolerance. Every time the county registered a 99% vote for the Duke's candidate, every body just grinned and said, "Old George has done it again."

But the smiles began to fade when conditions in the "free state of Duval" began to cost human lives and affect national elections, and when evidence of the misappropriation of public funds began to pile up. The situation in Duval County has finally been recognized for what it is - - - a hotbed of political and economic despotism, moral degradation, and fear.

#### Why Interfere?

In Texas there is a long-standing tradition of local self-government and non-interference from above. When does it become the duty of the State of intervene in local government? It becomes necessary when conditions or practices begin to affect adversely other citizens outside the jurisdiction of that government, through the misappropriation of their funds or the illegal election of their officeholders; or when the citizens under that local government are denied the rights guaranteed to them by the State Constitution.

Duval County citizens were denied the right of free assembly. They couldn't even find out where meetings of their local governmental bodies were held, much less attend them. They were denied free speech, and the peaceful enjoyment of their homes. They had no recourse to law for the redress of grievances. They were thrown into jail without cause. They were denied bail and legal counsel. They were run out of the county, squeezed out of business, threatened, intimidated and beaten. They were unable to get public attention to their problem. The people of Texas couldn't believe such a situation really existed.

It was not a question of interfering in local government. There was no local government in Duval County under the Constitutional laws of this state. That, in a nutshell, is why we moved into Duval County. There was no ulterior motive, nothing in the closet, and nothing under the bed. The people of Duval County have the right not to have to be afraid.

#### The Brush Crawlers

When we first went to Duval County to get information, it was almost impossible to get anyone to speak up. The only way we could persuade a witness to talk was to meet him in some lonely farmhouse at night. Some of our witnesses would park their cars a mile away from the house on a dark section road, crawl through the cactus and mesquite in the dark, and slip in the back door. Others would change cars halfway to the meeting place to avoid being seen and followed.

Why were they afraid? Because of the many people in Duval County who had been beaten, threatened, and squeezed out of business by the man they called "Tacuache," the Possum. The people of Texas were recently subjected to the ridiculous spectacle of George B. Parr asking a Federal Court for protection against the violation of his civil rights. Let me tell you about civil rights:

Case No. 1. Donato Serna is a small man of Spanish extraction. He holds a medal for gallantry in combat. Serna's brother operated a drive-in Cafe in San Diego. Because he wouldn't bow the knee to Parr, Parr's pistoleros filled up his driveway with their cars to keep out the customers. They arrested some of them on false charges. Donato Serna stood across the street with a camera trying to take pictures of the cars for use in civil suit. Parr and his pistoleros threw Serna into a car, took him to jail and held him without filing charges. Parr smashed his camera and beat him on the head with a five-cell flashlight.

Not satisfied with physical injury, he worked through the mayor of San Diego, who was also vice-president of Parr's bank, to have Serna's drug-store discontinued as a bus terminal, and had a city ordinance passed establishing a taxi stand in front of the store to take away the customer parking space.

Case No. 2: Manuel Sanchez is a short, roly-poly man of about 350 pounds. He can be seen any day in the week sitting in his little grocery store with a dirt floor and dust on the pitiful stock of canned goods on the shelves. That is the price he pays for opposing George Parr. Sanchez used to have a bigger store but because he did not vote a Parr ticket, Parr exerted threats and caused Sanchez' customers to trade elsewhere. He ordered persons on county relief not to trade with him. He ruined the business.

On many occasions Parr and his thugs drove by Sanchez' home at night and threw strong flashlights in the faces of Sanchez and his family, including his mother, who was ill. Parr's nephew Archer, who succeeded his uncle as Sheriff, secured an illegal search warrant and ransacked Sanchez' store on the pretext of looking for narcotics. Insult added to injury.

Case No. 3: Cristobal Ybanez is a kindly, middle-aged man, very quiet and very religious, the brother of a priest. He made the mistake of voting against Parr's candidates in the 1952 election. One August 17, 1953, he and a friend were sitting on the sidewalk talking and laughing when George Parr drove by. Parr whirled his car around, parked on the wrong side of the street, came up to Ybanez and his friend with a Winchester in his hands and accused them of laughing at him. Ybanez denied it, but Parr swung his Winchester at his head and would have cracked his skull if Ybanez had not thrown up his arm. The blow tore a great deal of skin off his hand.

Ybanez had to try three times to make the County Attorney, R. F. Luna, accept a complaint against Parr, and then it was pigeonholed and forgotten. He repeatedly tried to get before the Duval grand jury and they refused to allow him to testify, until recently when they met for about 12 minutes and gave him token attention.

Case No. 4: Manuel Marroquin operated a tortilla factory. He opposed George Parr at the polls. Parr sent his pistoleros around to the stores of San Diego and to most of those in Benavides, and they bought no more of Marroquin's tortillas.

Last January 16, at the scene of the now-famous meeting of Duval County citizens in Jim Wells County, Marroquin approached a car parked beside the highway. George Parr and Juan Barrera, his bodyguard and fellow Deputy Sheriff, pulled guns on Marroquin and threatened to kill him and all the people at the meeting. Parr later told a Jim Wells county jury that he was holding binoculars, not a pistol. He was fined \$150 for carrying a gun.

I could go on. I could tell what happened to J. L. McDonald, John Rutledge, and others - - - things that didn't happen in Russia, but in Duval County, Texas.

### Records? What Records?

In February, 1954, a Houston paper announced to the public that investigations were going on in Duval County. Soon after Federal and State Investigators sounded an alarm that records of the county and the school districts were mysteriously disappearing. Eight hundred checks for example, in the records of County Auditor, C. T. Stansell, Jr., which has been examined and separated by Federal Agents, suddenly "evaporated."

Something had to be done, and fast. On February 10 we obtained a court order for the impounding of county and school district records, issued by Judge Arthur Klein, who sat in the 79th District Court in the absence of Judge Laughlin. We stood in the Duval County Courthouse and watched county officials reluctantly drag in what was left of the records, and State Auditor C. H. Cavness set a battery of assistants to work. On the same day the entire County Commissioners' Court and four members of the Benavides School Board resigned, and the Board's secretary, tax collector and attorney soon followed.

Most of the county records prior to 1951 were missing, and almost all of the records of the Benavides School District before September 1953. Imagine, if you can, this situation: a county auditor was brought into court and was not asked whether he stole money or juggled the books, nor any other personal, embarrassing question, but was asked merely the whereabouts of the public records in his custody; and he excused himself, went across the street, came back in fifteen minutes, stood on the Fifth Amendment, and refused to answer on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate him.

Apparently even a court order was not sufficient to stop the frenzied destruction of records in Duval County. On the 17th of March County Superintendent of Schools R. L. Adame was unable to produce the records of the twelve common school districts under his jurisdiction. Not one, not two, but twelve! He stated that he destroyed all school records at the end of each school year, including checks and vouchers: This, of course, is a violation of state law.

This same school superintendent was asked for a list of the trustees of the twelve common school districts -- nothing else, just a list of the trustees -- and he replied that he could not answer that or any other question until his lawyer was present! There is no record of any school board election in the twelve common school district prior to 1953. In that year they elected all 36 at one time. That was soon after our investigations began.

### The Odd Coincidence

It isn't suprising that they did not want to show us the records. They would have made our eyes pop. The ones that were not destroyed were enough to show us that Duval County bookkeepers were masters of the odd coincidence.

On one occasion, for example, fifty-seven county checks were issued to fifty-seven different people in odd amounts. According to the books, these fifty-seven people just happened to file into the bank and cash their checks in the exact serial-number order of their issue, and not one endorsed his checks when he received payment. The checks just happened to total a good, round \$10,500.00.

On another occasion county checks in varying amounts were issued to ten road workers. The bookkeepers would have us believe that the laborers saved them for six months, cashed them on the same day, in the exact order of their issue, without endorsing them. They totaled a good, round \$2,000.00.

We found that payroll advances up to \$2500 in a single instance had been made in violation of state law. Checks in amounts up to \$1,000 had been made out to a payee, et al (and others), and had been so endorsed; 138 checks, some in thousands of dollars, and been cashed without endorsement.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in Constitutional funds had been unlawfully transferred from one account to another.

There was a \$2,000 discrepancy more than a year old between the books of the county auditor and the county treasurer. There was no evidence that any fines on forfeitures had been paid into the county treasury, and the only officials who paid fees of office were the tax assessor and the district clerk.

Eighty checks were found in the records with the amount or the payee's name left blank. Clerks stated that it was common practice for county commissioners to drop by anytime and pick up a check for some person who allegedly had done work for the county, with no questions asked.

E. N. Martin, handwriting expert from the department of public safety, reported that a large number of checks apparently carried forged endorsements. On several occasions, he said the county auditor apparently signed his own name and that of the county treasurer, then flipped the checks over and signed the name of the payee.

#### "I Can't Write"

Several Duval County citizens who do not support George Parr have dared to offer possible explanations for some of these irregularities. For example:

Affidavit from a common laborer: "I have been shown in the records of the Benavides School District that I received and endorsed a check for \$635.60 for electrical work. I never got the check. I never did any electrical work. I cannot write my name."

Affidavit from a carpenter: "I have been shown the records saying that I was issued checks by the Benavides School District totaling \$3,478. for various repairs. I did not receive these checks, nor the money, nor did I do the work."

Affidavit from the former Deputy Tax Collector of the Benavides School District and Secretary to the Board of Trustees: "I have examined the annual reports of the Benavides School District submitted to the Texas Education Agency. I have listed 101 vouchers which were issued to fictitious persons, totaling \$67,414.17, and 24 vouchers totaling \$2,883.00 issued to existing persons who did not perform the services for which they were paid. They were not even employed by the school district."

Affidavit from two construction contractors: "We have both been active in construction work in Duval County for seven years and are well acquainted with the citizens of the county and the construction work of the Benavides School District. These 24 persons listed as having done construction work for the district are totally unknown to us and are non-existent. The last construction work done in the district, except for minor repairs, was in the summer of 1950."

Evidence of the outrageous cost of the Duval political machine can be seen right in the Almanac. Take four other counties with the same population as Duval --- Freestone, Comanche, Coleman and Grimes --- and compare their statistics. These counties have a tax valuation of from 11 million to 17 million dollars; but Duval has a valuation of 31 million. Every one of these counties has a tax rate of \$.80, except Duval, which has a rate of \$2.55, the highest in the state. Three of the counties have a debt just under two million dollars, and Coleman County's is just over two million. But Duval County's debt is five and one-half million --- two and three times as high as the other counties in the same bracket.

### How Do They Get Away With It?

A lot of people have asked, "How can a system like that be made to work?" The answer is simple. By controlling elections you control the Sheriff, the District and County Attorneys, and the District and County Judges. The District Judge appoints the grand jury commissioners, and they in turn appoint the grand jury. By locking up or destroying the records, you remove the evidence. You cannot be arrested, indicted, prosecuted, tried, convicted or sentenced.

But how do you control public opinion? When possible, you merely terrify the people into silence. When you cannot frighten them, you pay them off. Spread the rake-off around. Put key members of large, prominent or influential families on the public payroll, even if they do no work. Nobody is going to complain about Uncle William's source of income.

Many such people have been carried on the county payroll for years as "professional consultants." Others have been paid by the county or school districts to do nothing but loaf around town, talk politics, keep public opinion in line, and spy on those who refuse to bow down to the system.

Nepotism seems to be the rule in Duval County, not the exception. Trustees in just eight of the twelve common school districts have at least six sons and one daughter on the payroll, two brothers, four nephews, two cousins, two sons-in-law, three brothers-in-law, and at least one husband.

Trustees who have given themselves salaried jobs on their own payrolls or contracted to do work for their own districts include laborers, wood haulers, repair contractors, yard cleaners, fence builders, and painters. One payment of \$1,825 was made to a trustee for an auto chassis. Another trustee got \$475 for "water services and janitor salary." Another got \$600 as part payment on a bus he sold to the school district.

And where do decent citizens go for justice in Duval County? They have to go to those controlled officials -- the Sheriff, the County and District Judges, the County and District Attorneys, and the Duval County grand jury -- and all of these people have been relatives, business partners, close friends or strong political supporters of George B. Parr.

The District Judge was removed from office by the Supreme Court of Texas on March 17. County Auditor C.T. Stansell, Jr., probably afraid that he would be kicked out anyway, resigned that same day, and he and the District Judge together walked into the sunset. On April 2 the New County Auditor appointed to fill the vacancy also resigned.

Judge Broadfoot, called out of retirement by the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy left by Laughlin, appointed an outstanding county auditor from Brownwood, John Arthur Thomason, to fill the position.

A few minutes after learning of the appointment of an impartial auditor, the Duval County Commissioners' Court met hastily and abolished the position of County Auditor!

Even though the move was illegal, without loss of time the County Auditor's office was stripped of files, furniture and fixtures in the dead of night.

### "Investigate Me, My Old Pals"

For the past ten years the Duval County grand jury commissions have been stacked with George Parr's friends. A number of men have served eight times, many others six times, and a much larger number at least twice or three times. The result can be seen in the membership of the grand jury that completed its investigation, Duval style, and made its final report April 2. Look at them:

The Foreman was Parr's business partner, on the county payroll as a "professional consultant" . . . another member was vice-president of the San Diego State Bank, of which Parr is President. Another was Parr's business partner and a recipient of funds from the Benavides School District . . . and another had three daughters, a sister and two nieces teaching in the school district under investigation.

One man held his appointment as City Marshall of San Diego at the pleasure of George Parr . . . another was Mayor of Benavides under Parr's auspices . . . at least five were heavily indebted to Parr's bank . . . five or more had received funds from the county and school districts in question... at least four were in the position of investigating their own relatives, and at least five were subject to investigation by the very grand jury on which they served!

It is not surprising that this grand jury returned no indictments. At no time did it meet for more than thirty minutes. It didn't convene long enough to read the state auditor's report. I predicted on February 9 that it would only whitewash the situation, and that is exactly what it did.

This grand jury also complained that the state was meddling in local affairs. I can't see that the state has any choice as long as it is sending \$779,000 in state funds to Duval County in a three-year period, none of which has been properly accounted for, not to mention \$18,000.00 a month that flows to Duval County in state and federal welfare funds.

Several months before his removal by the Supreme Court, Laughlin proceeded under the infamous Duval Code and/or justice under Parr to appoint a new grand jury to be impaneled April 5. Judge Broadfoot issued an order which in effect dismissed it. Let's see if he was justified:

The Grand Jury Commission appointed by Laughlin was composed of three men who were all subject to investigation by the grand jury they appointed. One had served on grand juries and commissions nine times in ten years, was a former official of the Benavides school district and was father-in-law of the President of that district who resigned under fire on February 10, along with the rest of the school board and the entire county commissioners' court.

Another was the father of one of the county commissioners who quit, and the third was an employee of a business financed by Parr, the proprietor of which was a former trustee of the Benavides school district.

Now look at the grand jury panel:

One member was the brother-in-law of Juan Barrera, Parr's personal bodyguard and co-defendant in a pistol-carrying charge. One was a cashier in Parr's bank. One was principal of the Benavides Grammar School and brother of the president of the board who resigned February 10. And one was a trustee in a common school district and a receiver of many questioned checks, who had at least five close relatives on the school payroll.

Another had a wife, a father, a brother and a sister-in-law working for the Benavides school district, one was an employee of the Parr-Delaney Oil Company, and another was the uncle of the assistant District Attorney.

This is the grand jury panel that has taken its case to the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, demanding to be impaneled. This is the first time I ever heard of even one man, much less 16, claiming vested right to serve on a grand jury. Having lost their district judge, the Duval Dupes are desperately trying to save their bucket of whitewash.

You Can't Keep the People Down

A great change has come over Duval County in the three months since state and federal investigations and findings were made public. If believe violence has been stopped. The people are not afraid any more. The county has a new look. The timbers of Parr's political structure have begun to rot, and Duval County citizens are laying on the axe. What a contrast between them and the "brush crawlers" of a year ago!

The clearest evidence of Duval County's new look lies in the state box score at the end of three months.

THE BOX SCORE

1. The stoppage of stealing and killing.
2. The impounding of the records and the State Auditor's report.  
For the first time, Duval County citizens have seen the books. In spite of the mass destruction of records, enough evidence was left to tell the dismal truth about the political vise in which Duval County has lain helpless for forty years.
3. The removal of the District Judge. This action, initiated last year by eleven attorneys of the seventy-ninth judicial district, was a serious blow to Parr's control of legal processes. It broke up the triumvirate of judge, grand jury and district attorney through which Parr had kept his heel on the neck of justice.
4. The dismissal of the April grand jury. Another of the triumvirs bit the dust. It remains to be seen what an impartial grand jury will be able to do with the wealth of evidence at hand.
5. The resignation of the County Auditor and appointment of an impartial successor. The County Auditor is a key figure. He keeps the books and must sign all the county checks. Malpractices are almost impossible without his collusion.
6. The hasty resignation of twenty-five key officials and employees, including the entire County Commissioners' Court, four members of the Benavides School Board, trustees of other school boards, staff members and legal advisors. This weakened the system.
7. A series of tax payers' lawsuits:
  - a. Enjoining Parr from molesting peaceful assemblies
  - b. Charging county officials with overpaying county employees \$22,000 in three years
  - c. Charging that \$319,000 in Constitutional moneys was illegally juggled among county funds
  - d. Enjoining county officials from making unlawful salary advances to favored employees
  - e. Enjoining the common school districts of Duval County from illegal practices
  - f. Enjoining Parr's bank in Alice (depository of county funds) from cashing checks with false endorsements and checks made out to fictitious persons.

Injunctions have been granted in four of these suits, and others are pending. These actions struck at the very core of the malpractices and rake-offs that have helped to support Parr's political machine.

Until financial records are complete it cannot be known how drastically the expenses of Duval County government have been cut since state action began. But it is significant that election costs in the Benavides School District, recorded as \$1,322.48 in 1951, with a total vote of 959, were reduced to \$150 in 1954 when the total vote was 2,240.

8. George Parr's recent ineptitude before the bar of Justice.

A federal court in Houston denied his plea for an injunction against the alleged violation of his civil rights; a Jim Wells County jury found him guilty of a pistol-carrying charge; and he was compelled to drop his charge of attempted murder against Captain Alfred Allee of the Texas Rangers because he knew an impartial jury outside Duval County would find the Ranger innocent.

9. A recent school board election in Benavides Independent School District, in which the ballots were impounded and kept in safe custody. As a result, this was the closest election in Duval County history, with Parr's opposition polling more than one third of the votes. In the previous school election in this district, the vote was recorded as 500 to two!

The State is not interested in local politics in Duval County, nor in who is elected to office; but it is interested in honest elections. This one was conducted without incidents--without an army of pistoleros patrolling the voting areas. As one resident put it, "Thank Good we can now vote without a crowd of gunslingers looking on."

10. The formation of militant citizens' groups, such as the United Mothers and Wives of Duval County and the Duval County Clean Government League. The women's group was formed "to protect our children from any effort to instill in them a fear of individuals, to make them the servants of a machine or system, or to make them afraid to speak, think or vote according to their own conscience."

The Clean Government League is dedicated to "work with all officials and offices to promote clean, efficient government; to oppose any persons or groups who try to control government, elections, or public funds in Duval County by unlawful means; to insure the inviolability of the free and secret ballot, and to secure the appointment of honest, impartial election officials."

The Clean Government League petitioned the foreman of the November grand jury to effect a complete audit of county records. The Mothers' organization sent a delegation to Austin and petitioned the Governor to uphold the enforcement of the law in Duval County by State officers. Another group of citizens sent a petition of 500 names to the County Commissioners' Court asking for an audit of the records. Such things were unheard-of in Duval County prior to January, 1954.

11. The establishment of democratic processes in the conduct of County government. Until March 1954 the citizens of Duval County were unable to attend the meetings of their own governmental bodies, because they were held secretly. At the first public meeting of the County Commissioners Court, held recently, one of the commissioners was flabbergasted to see the public in attendance. He didn't even know the meetings were supposed to be open! The meeting was held up until the commissioners called their lawyer to see if it was all right for the public to attend!

Nothing in the box score, of course, can equal the new confidence and hope the citizens of Duval County have gained since the Duval political machine began to come apart at the seams after 40 years.

All of us, as Texans, want to prevent a repetition of the Duval story in any other county in Texas. To do that, Texas needs certain laws, and I would like to name them.

1. We need a statute providing for indictment outside the county of persons accused of misusing or embezzling public funds or destroying, altering, injuring or defacing public records.

This wouldn't be anything new. We already have a rape statute allowing indictment in any adjoining county within the same judicial district as the one

where the offense is committed. In the case of the misuse of public funds or the destruction of public records in violation of state law, we should have a similar venue provision, plus the addition of Travis County. These matters could then be considered away from the scene, away from the cronies in the same courthouse. They could be given calm, deliberate attention by a body free of local politics and prejudice. It would also preserve our concept of local self-government.

2. The refusal of a public official to lay his records open to the public should be statutory grounds for removal.

Imagine, if you can, this situation in modern-day Texas: a county auditor is called into the courtroom, and he isn't asked whether he has juggled the books or stolen money, nor any other personal, embarrassing question, but is asked merely the whereabouts of the public records in his custody; and he excuses himself, goes across the street, comes back in fifteen minutes, stands on the Fifth Amendment, and refuses to answer on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate him!

And we had to sit by and wait for that man to resign.

3. We should also have a statutory provision that any refusal by an officeholder under the Fifth Amendment to answer questions about his official conduct ought to constitute grounds for immediate removal or suspension from public office.

This would not deprive a person of the right to use the Fifth Amendment as an individual; but its use is inconsistent with the honor of public office.

4. I said at the T. P. A. meeting in January and I say again that Texas ought to have a law requiring the publication of all financial reports on all governmental levels.

There should also be a requirement for publishing the names of the persons on the public payroll. In Duval County people were and are on the payrolls of agencies which they have never even been near. Some have been carried on the books for years without their next door neighbors' even knowing they are on the public payroll.

This Mandatory Publication Law should provide for removal or suspension from office for the failure to comply. If we cannot enact such a law by statute, we should advocate the submission of a Constitutional Amendment.

5. We have a law requiring all district, county and precinct officials to file financial reports with the district clerk, who gives them to the state auditor. If they fail, it costs them \$25-- provided they are even called to account about it. If their reports are not right, the State Auditor has no power to do anything about it. The law has no teeth whatever and is not enforced.

Teeth should be put in this law. The penalty should be increased. Failure to comply by either the individual officials or the District Clerk should be made grounds for removal. The State Auditor should be given sufficient personnel to check the reports and the power to further audit apparent irregularities, together with sufficient funds to present irregularities to local enforcement officials.

6. Texas should join other states in the immediate passage of an anti-secrecy bill that would prohibit closed and secret sessions of governmental bodies, boards and agencies from the State Capitol to the precinct. There is no place on an open door for a sign that says "closed meeting" or executive session."

I wouldn't advocate such changes in Texas law merely to squash malfeasance in Duval County. The tail must not wag the dog. In fact, new laws could not be used to punish irregularities already committed there. But they

could serve to prevent other demagogues from gaining a stranglehold on other Texas counties in the future. They would keep the public's business public and insure the protection of the taxpayer's dollar.

The secret of Parr's success is that he has abused our system of local autonomy. Without breaking down that system, we should establish in county government an optional link with the law outside its own boundaries.

Please note that nowhere do I advocate additional powers for the Attorney General's Department.

#### "What About Our County?"

Sometimes we are disturbed not only about places like Duval County, but about conditions in our own localities. Sometimes, looking at our own counties, cities or other subdivisions, we think conditions are not what they ought to be and we wonder why the State doesn't step in.

We have to remember our tradition of non-intervention. We have to remember that as long as we can sit in our living room without having to lock door in fear . . . as long as we are not denied the common rights of free speech and assembly . . . as long as we can go to the polls and cast a ballot that we feel will come out of the box just as it goes in. . . as long as we are not threatened with violence, thrown into jail and denied justice . . . as long as our district and county attorneys will accept a complaint, and we can go to our district or county court for a fair trial, or go before a grand jury and be heard. . . as long as we have police protection, know where our public records are kept and can go there and look at them. . . as long as we know when and where the meetings of our governing bodies are held and are free to attend them . . . as long as we have newspapers that will join with us or even print a statement from us. . . as long as we have these things, we don't have a Duval County. We are helpless and ought not to be looking to higher authority. The remedy for our problems still lies with us, in our own locality, through the processes of democratic government.

#### "What Does All This Mean?"

All the things we thought could never happen here -- things that could happen only north of the Yalu -- have happened just north of Rio Grande. Duval County is an object lesson in how democracy fails when we fail. It is a lesson that should jolt every Texan down to his boot heels.

What has happened in Duval County can happen anywhere, and will, unless the lesson is told and re-told. When you are in doubt about paying the poll tax and voting, remember Duval County. When you doubt the importance of visiting the County Commissioners' Court and the school board, remember Duval County. When you make an excuse to avoid jury service, turn down an appointment to a civic committee, are too busy to go to a political rally, had rather read the sports page than the editorials and the news . . . when you don't feel like going to church or visiting the school-room, and don't particularly care who gets elected to office . . . remember Duval County, the County that is under Parr.

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'Unclean Hands' Cited

# Parr Is 'Linked' In Floyd Death

By W. J. McGLASSON  
United Press Correspondent

HOUSTON, Feb. 23.—The state hammered away today at alleged connections between Duval County Boss George Parr and the murder of Jacob S. Floyd Jr., as they sought to nullify Parr's case against the Texas Rangers by showing he entered the court "with unclean hands."

The state's principal witness was Ranger Capt. Alfred Allee, one of the two defendant Rangers, who was called after attorneys for the state's side (the defense) moved that the Parr case be dismissed.

The three-judge federal court hearing the case took the motion under advisement but had the testimony continue pending a decision on the motion.

Allee, wearing his usual tan colored cattleman type trousers and coat, and speaking in a well-modulated voice, testified that he and other Rangers were ordered on special assignment into the Parr domain in March, 1952, on complaint that Parr and deputy

sheriffs were trying the wreck the floundering "Freedom party" by threats to its leaders.

Allee said that he asked Parr once to call off this harassment, and, under questioning said he went to Parr, then sheriff of Duval County, because "I know that George Parr has been the head of the political situation there and he is the man the majority of the people look to and listen to for leadership."

Allee said that leaders of the Freedom party told him "we were told by George Parr that we couldn't hold our political meetings." He estimated there were some 200 "pistoleros" in the county before the July primary—pistoleros being men who wear pistols.

He said he knew them as deputies and special deputies of Parr.

He identified Mario (El Turco) Sapet as one of these deputies and said he once saw Sapet at a Freedom party meeting. Sapet later was convicted of the murder of young Floyd and is now serving a 99-year term.

## Four Grounds

The state's motion to throw out Parr's case was made on four grounds:

1. It failed to show "by a clear and convincing" fact that Parr has been denied his civil rights, as he alleged.

2. That the facts brought out by the Parr counsel did not establish "the degree of proof required" that Parr is in imminent danger.

3. That the evidence entered to support Parr's allegation that his life has been threatened "is subject to speculation as to meanings."

4. Plaintiffs (Parr) by their own evidence have shown they do not come into "this court with clean hands."

Four witnesses testified yesterday they heard Allee tell Parr:

"If anything happens to me or my men, I'll get you. I'm going to hold you personally responsible for anything that happens to me or my men."

The court—composed of District Judges T. M. Kennerly, presiding; Allan Hannay and Ben Connally—deliberated overnight whether Parr's attorney should be allowed to develop testimony that Allee once ordered Ranger Joe Bridge not to take off his gun when he went before a Jim Wells County grand jury.

The attorney, Arthur Garfield Hays of New York, a noted civil rights lawyer, said the indictment showed Allee's "contempt of lawful process" and the arrogant manner in which the Ranger captain tried to control things in Jim Wells and Duval counties.

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## It's Kansas Dust Here This Time

Grab a handful of that dust in the air today.

That's Kansas dirt, brother. It's not coming from West Texas today.

The latest duster, which reduced visibility to four and one-half miles at the Fort Worth Airport at daybreak, came from the North on the heels of a cool front that blew in at midnight.

Last Friday's black dust storm, one of the worst in 20 years came from West Texas.

Visibility at the airport had cleared to eight miles at mid-morning and was due to clear up more later in the day. Weatherman T. L. Gibson's forecast is fair today through tomorrow, cooler tonight. The low tonight should be in the lower 40s; the high tomorrow in the mid 70s. High yesterday was 81, low last night 51.

Visibility at Amarillo closed in to 1000 yards at Amarillo last night, but the Panhandle dust apparently was blowing southwest. Visibility was only 600 yards in New Mexico at mid-morning.

## Tanker Indictments

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (UP) The Justice Dept. announced today that a federal grand jury here has indicted 18 individuals and seven corporations in connection with the purchase and later resale of surplus tankers after World War II.

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# Parr Again Blasted by Rangers

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the backdrop of a state and federal investigation of Duval County, where Parr's power has led to the title of "Duke of Duval." The court yesterday refused to let five of Parr's political opponents, members of the "Freedom Party," intervene in the case.

They had charged Parr's domination of Duval and Jim Wells counties, usurped their civil rights, but the judges ruled their petition was irrelevant.

Most of yesterday's testimony revolved around three incidents:

1. A Jan. 18 scuffle in the Jim Wells County courthouse at Alice, in which Parr's ear was bloodied and the glasses of his nephew, Duval Sheriff Archer Parr, knocked off.

Allee and Bridge later were indicted for assault to murder Parr in connection with that fight.

2. A Feb. 9 altercation between Allee and 79th Dist. Atty. Raeburn Norris, a Parr supporter, in which Norris said he was cuffed, kicked and cursed.

3. A conversation later that day between Allee and Parr, in which Parr said the Ranger captain accused him of sending to Mexico for assassins and warned him "if anything happens to me or my men, I'll get you."

Just 'Binoculars'

Parr's current trouble with the Rangers stemmed from a meeting of his political opponents Jan. 16, after which Parr was

accused of threatening one man and charged with carrying a pistol illegally.

The political boss, who testified he was carrying a pair of binoculars and not a weapon, was late to a court appearance Jan. 18. Rangers and his nephew, Sheriff Parr, went for him, and the two Parrs later appeared at the court together.

Archer Parr testified yesterday that Allee came up to them in the courthouse and said: "I don't like the run-around you gave me over in Duval County."

"There have been a number of times when I understand you were guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer," Archer Parr said he answered.

Then, the sheriff said, Ranger Bridge slapped him and knocked off his glasses, then disarmed him.

George Parr said he jumped in and grabbed Bridge. Allee then pulled his gun on George Parr and a Ranger radio technician twisted his ear until it bled.

Curses Recalled

They later went to a private room, where George Parr said Allee told him:

"I'm tired and fed up with the way you're running things in Duval County, and if you want things rough, we'll give it to you rough."

Norris testified about his trouble three weeks later with Allee.

"Captain Allee called me about every name you could think of," the district attorney

said. He said the names included "low-life B—" and "—"

"Don't you ever dare interfere with my business again," Norris quoted Allee.

Ruffino Lopez, a San Diego auto dealer, said Allee then drove to George Parr's office, where Lopez heard Allee tell Parr:

"I just slapped hell out of coon-face Norris."

Parr said Allee told him in that conversation, "If you fellows want a shoot-out with us, you can have it." Parr said Allee then delivered the blanket threat of reprisal if any Rangers were harmed.

## Cub Scout Banquet

I. B. Hale of Convair will demonstrate the handling of firearms and how to protect against attack by criminals at the annual Blue and Gold banquet of Cub Scout Pack 40 at 6:30 p. m. Thursday in Westcliff Elementary.

# C. W. Riley, 76, Dies of Illness

C. W. Riley, retired Gulf Oil Corp. employe, died today in a local hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Riley, 76, lived at 601 W. Broadway. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He lived here 25 years.

Survivors include three sons, including C. R. and Garland Riley of Fort Worth; two brothers, including Bob Riley of Fort Worth, and three sisters, including Miss Ella Riley and Mrs. Emma Williams of Fort Worth.

Funeral plans are being made with Lucas.

## Marilyn Monroe Ill

TOKYO, Feb. 23. (UP)—Movie Actress Marilyn Monroe was confined to her bed today with a virus believed contacted in Korea where she appeared before thousands of servicemen in below-freezing weather clad only in a thin, lowcut dress.

# MONNIG'S

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ROOMFILL!

# Hottest U. S. Fight: Shivers Vs Parr

BY GLADWIN HILL

New York Times

Alice.—The hottest political fight in the nation is rocking this South Texas oil and cattle region.

No one would be surprised if it suddenly boiled over in another outburst of the gunfire and bloodshed that has intermittently punctuated the politics of the area for two generations.

The conflict is between the administration of Governor Allan Shivers and the almost feudal regime of the Parr dynasty, long an awesome curiosity of Texas politics.

The outcome may have wide effects on Texas politics, possibly extending to the national level, where there already has been felt the vote of a single precinct in this never-never land of desert ranges, fertile farms, Cadillacs, and coyotes.

Now, in scenes reminiscent of the old West, pistol-packing Texas Rangers stalk the streets of Alice and nearby communities, alert for false moves. Inhabitants eye each other nervously, and jump at the backfire of automobiles. Invisibly in the background, an intricate mechanism of political alliances whirs mysteriously like the gears of a slot machine, with the answer yet to come up on the dial.

## Shivers Forces Move

On several fronts, Shivers forces were moving to smash the vest-pocket empire of George B. Parr, wealthy businessman and political leader generally credited with putting Texas' Lyndon Johnson in the United States senate.

Governor Shivers capped a half dozen investigations and legal actions by state and federal agencies aimed at facets of the Parr empire by declaring this week that he would impose martial law on the area if necessary to assure the proper functioning of regional administrative and judicial machinery.

Parr, 52, a suave prototype of the genial, imperturbable political boss, was fighting back. A grand jury classified as pro-Parr indicted on murderous assault charges two of the rangers Shivers had sent here.

## Counties Dominated

The main Parr stronghold is Duval County, 60 miles west of Corpus Christi. It covers

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factions have seized county court-houses representing governmental authority and moved them to another community as a means of gaining power.

Parr, who inherited from his late father Archer Parr the nickname of "The Duke of Duval," relies for his influence primarily on the classic techniques of paternalistic sway over the vote of a largely uneducated electorate. A story is told of a Mexican-American called as a court witness who, in response to every question, repeated the only English he knew: "I vote for el Senor Parr."

## Influence Extended

In addition, Parr, formerly Duval County judge, has extended his influence beyond Duval to Jim Wells, Brooks and Starr counties, the four counties comprising the Seventy-Ninth Judicial District. His political momentum was not materially reduced by a 1936 prison sentence for income tax evasion.

In elections, Duval County and some of its neighbors traditionally are the last in the state to turn in their tallies, and repeatedly have provided winning margins for candidates. In 1948 the 87-vote margin (out of nearly 1,000,000 votes cast) achieved by Lyndon Johnson over former Governor Coke Stevenson came from Duval County's thirteenth precinct—whose ballot box mysteriously disappeared during the ensuing investigation.

## Rangers Permanent

Allegations of vote tampering and other interference with normal democratic processes caused Governor Shivers in May, 1952, to assign a detachment of Texas rangers here to keep an eye on things. The rangers are an elite corps of state police numbering only 50, whose functions range from that of special constabulary to undercover investigation and occasional maintenance of martial law. The detachment has been on hand ever since. It has never numbered more than two or three men at a time, one Texas ranger traditionally being the equivalent of a brigade of navy peace officers.

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## Democrats Defeated on Tax Slashes

### Political Maneuvers Mark House Panel's Action on Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP).—The House Ways and Means committee Tuesday sidetracked—amid sharp political maneuvering—Democratic proposals for big cuts in both individual income and excise taxes. Rep. Jere Cooper (Dem.) of Tennessee, senior Democrat on the tax-writing group, promptly served public notice that Democrats will fight on the House floor, if necessary, for an individual income tax cut this year for all taxpayers.

Cooper, in a statement backed by House Democratic leaders, urged Republicans on the committee to reconsider their earlier action defeating a Democratic move to boost personal income tax exemptions from \$600 to \$700.

That would save taxpayers—and cost the government in revenue—about \$2,250,000,000 a year. Cooper said individuals "have not received their fair share of tax relief" in a fast tax revision bill now nearing completion within the committee.

There were no outward signs of Republicans yielding on the politically explosive issue at this time, but GOP congressional leaders confided privately that some of their party members are getting restive under almost daily Democratic hammering for bigger tax cuts. These leaders said they are expecting President Eisenhower to make a nationwide television or radio broadcast soon, aimed at marshaling public and congressional support for the administration's embattled tax policies.

Rep. Hale Boggs (Dem.) of Louisiana provoked a sharp argument within a closed-door committee session by moving to cut all else or sales taxes which are now above 10 per cent down to that level. Chairman Daniel A. Reed (Rep.) of New York banged his gavel and cleared the motion out of order. There was a flurry of debate, but Boggs' motion never was passed to a vote.

Boggs said later that all ten Democrats were ready to vote for the move, which would cut revenues about \$50 million dollars a year. He said all fifteen Republicans opposed taking up the issue.

House Speaker Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts and other Republicans already have backed a similar proposal, although the Eisenhower administration apparently opposes it unless excise taxes are raised to offset any loss in revenue.

Reed ruled the Boggs motion out of order and adjourned the committee.

Reed usually not to deal with rates in the general session. The chairman said

# McCARTHY CHARGED RED SUSPECT

## Ranger Denies Threat to Parr

By DAWSON DUNCAN  
News Staff Writer

HOUSTON, Texas.—Veteran Ranger Capt. Alfred Allee denied Tuesday that he tried to kill George Parr or anyone else, but admitted under questioning by a Parr attorney that he "didn't like George Parr or anything about him."

A packed courtroom listened to the slow-talking Ranger tell of events surrounding alleged threats made by Duval Political Boss George Parr against political foes, and fracas Texas Rangers have

had in the turbulent South Texas area.

It was the second day of the civil liberties suit of Parr to restrain Allee and Ranger Joe Bridge from harming him.

Allee was firm in telling the court when asked if he thought Parr was a dangerous man, that "I think George Parr would do anything under the sun."

Allee's testimony consumed the entire morning session after Parr's attorneys closed their case.

Federal Judge T. M. Kennerly and two associates will hear two hours of legal arguments Wednesday and then decide if Parr should get the restraining order he seeks.

Counter allegations of violence on Parr's part was brought into the suit by state and private attorneys defending the Rangers.

Arrayed for Parr were a battery of lawyers headed by Arthur Garfield Hays, noted civil rights lawyer of New York.

Defending the Rangers were State Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd and his staff plus Jacob S. Floyd of Alice, long a foe of Parr, and Frank J. Knapp, Houston attorney who handled the questioning of witnesses.

Both Allee and Bridge told their stories of the cuffing Allee gave Dist. Atty. Raeburn Norris of Alice, a Parr-backed candidate in San Diego, a slapping Bridge gave Sheriff Archer Parr, nephew of George Parr, in Alice and of Allee's drawing a gun on George Parr and hitting him in the same ruckus in the courthouse at Alice.

Hays made many unsuccessful objections to restrict the testimony but Judge Kennerly said the court desired to hear it.

Both Allee and Bridge denied they had ever threatened to harm Parr.

Bridge who has spent fifteen of his eighteen years as a Ranger in the South Texas district with Duval County as his responsibility was milder in his remarks about Parr.

Both Bridge and Allee are under indictment in Jim Wells County for assault to murder in connection with the Jim Wells County courthouse fracas with the Parrs.

By agreement of attorneys, introduced into the record was a transcript of a district court hearing at Alice in which Allee was

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## Woman Of Army

WASHINGTON (UP).—A woman charged Tuesday that the Army employed in a secret Pentagon FBI undercover agent said and still may be.

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## 2 Arrested In Effort to Call on Ike

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP).—Police arrested and took a rifle from two men who attempted to call on President Eisenhower at his vacation headquarters Tuesday.

Announcing the arrest, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen there was "no indication at all" that the men, one an Indian, had plotted an attempt on the President's life.

The incident occurred in mid-afternoon, a few hours before Eisenhower was scheduled to start back to Washington by plane.

Two men who had been "drinking quite a bit" drove up about 2:30 p.m. to the gate of Smoke Tree Ranch where the President and Mrs. Eisenhower have been guests since last Wednesday, Hagerty said. He identified them as Carl Lee Kinsey and John D. Ortega, an Indian, both about thirty years old.

The told Secret Service agents guarding the gate they wanted to see the President, who had just returned to the ranch from nearby Tamarisk Golf Club.

The agents became suspicious of the behavior of the men and took a look in the back seat of their car, an old Ford, and found an unloaded rifle and some shells.

At Tamarisk, Eisenhower played golf with Ed Leahy, former football coach, and then

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ordered to instruct his men to go before the Jim Wells County grand jury without their side arms.

Judge Kennerly reserved a decision on the request of the Rangers' defense attorneys to toss the case out.

Knapp contended Parr had failed to make a case that his civil rights had been denied. He argued that evidence failed to establish he was in imminent peril of his life, person or property; that Allee and Bridge had threatened him, and that Parr did not come into court "with clean hands."

Over repeated protests of Hays and John J. Pichinson of Corpus Christi, another Parr lawyer, Judge Kennerly permitted Allee to testify at length about the calling of Texas Rangers into Duval County in 1952 to protect those organizing the anti-Parr Freedom party. Allee recounted that Ricardo Beasley and others were forming the party and complained that Parr and his deputies were molesting their meetings.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety, ordered Allee to move men of his Southwest Texas Ranger company into Duval County on May 16, 1952.

Allee said he went to Parr and

asked for co-operation. Parr was then Duval County sheriff. He told him of the complaints that had been made concerning alleged interference and threats by Parr and his deputies. Allee testified, and Parr promised co-operation to prevent trouble.

Allee said there were some 200 "pistoleros" in Duval County—men carrying pistols who he said were "card-carrying" special deputy sheriffs and associates of Parr.

Details of the investigation and arrests made in the mistake political ambush slaying of the son of Jacob S. Floyd of Alice, an attorney on the anti-Parr side, were told.

Allee identified one as Mario (El Turko) Sapet, a former Duval County special deputy under 99-year sentence in connection with the slaying, and, another as Nago Alaniz, who he said is assistant county attorney of Duval County and former law associate of Dist. Atty. Raeburn Norris of Alice. Alaniz is under indictment but not yet tried.

Knapp asked if the Duval County sheriff's department had helped in the Floyd slaying probe.

"We have had no co-operation from the sheriff's department in Duval County in the Floyd murder case," Allee testified.

Allee related that on Jan. 10 he assured Parr the Texas Rangers had nothing to do with the candidacy of J. L. McDonald of Benavides, Freedom party worker and special Texas Ranger, for sheriff of Duval County.

Parr assured him, Allee continued, that he knew anybody had a right to run and he was not going to bother any one and Freedom party members could have their meetings without molestation.

Then he related events on Jan. 16 leading up to the charge that Parr and Juan Canante Barrera, a deputy sheriff, had illegally displayed pistols before Manuel Marroquin, at whose place in San Diego a Freedom party rally was being held.

The next day Allee went with Sheriff Halsey Wright of Jim Wells County to serve warrants on Parr and Barrera. They were to appear in court at Alice the next day.

When Parr didn't appear, two Rangers were sent to arrest him. They waited for nearly an hour in the Duval County sheriff's office while, in the meantime, Parr showed up in Alice.

Allee said Ranger Joe Bridge returned and when they met Parr in the Alice courthouse, he shook hands, talked about the appearance and incident at San Diego.

Allee said Parr told him officers had nothing on him in regard to the charge, for he had only a pair of binoculars "and George (Parr) said 'I wanted to scare hell out of Marroquin and told him I would shoot any of the ..... at the meeting.'"

Bridge slapped Archer Parr, Duval County sheriff and Parr's nephew, Allee said, when Bridge reproached him for "the run around in San Diego" and Sheriff Parr told Bridge "you have done some things unbecoming a Ranger."

Allee related he drew his gun, disarmed Sheriff Parr and hit George Parr on the ear with his pistol when Parr attempted to interfere with him.

In a conversation later, Allee said he told Parr "You agreed to help me keep this kind of situation from happening and you have not lived up to your agreement, and I don't think there is a word of truth in you." Allee said Parr said he was sorry.

Of the altercation, Allee said "I used what force I considered was necessary to keep down what could have been a very serious situation."

He said he had never threatened to kill George Parr "or any one else."

"Did you attempt to kill George Parr?" asked Knapp.

"No," said Allee in measured tones. "If I had, I believe I could have done so."

Allee also told of his slapping and

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Serna said he was arrested, after which Parr hit him with a flashlight and broke his camera.

At another time, he said his drugstore was searched by Duval County deputy sheriffs, allegedly for marijuana, but nothing was found.

Hays asked if he had filed a civil liberties suit because of it.

"There is no use to file in Duval County and it was too expensive for me to file elsewhere," Serna said.

Manuel Sanchez, San Diego grocer and Freedom party worker, said in 1952 George Parr and his deputies would come by his home at nights and play a searchlight

in their faces "to provoke and aggravate me."

His store also was searched by deputy sheriffs for marijuana, he said, but none was found.

Hays put on only one rebuttal witness, Ben Allen of Premont, a Jim Wells County deputy sheriff, who testified he saw the "scuffle" Jan. 18 between Allee and Bridge and the Parrs.



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**PARR CONFERS WITH LAWYER** — Duval County political leader George Parr, left, is shown talking with New York lawyer Arthur G. Hays just outside the courtroom of Federal Judge T. M. Kennerly in Houston's Post Office building. Parr has filed an injunction to prevent Ranger Capt. Alfred Allee and his assistant, Ranger Joe Bridge, from interfering with his civil rights. He has retained Hays as counsel in the trial. (AP Wirephoto)

# Parr-Ranger Hearing Slated to End Today

*The Paris News*  
4/4/54

HOUSTON (AP)—A three-day federal court hearing ends today on Political Boss George Parr's plea for an injunction against two Texas Rangers he says want to kill him.

Final arguments were expected to be completed in the early afternoon.

The three judges—T. M. Kennerly, Allen B. Hannay and Ben C. Connally—have given no indication as to when their final ruling might be expected.

Before seeking to prove that Parr had not entered court with "clean hands," attorneys for the Rangers yesterday filed a motion for dismissal of the injunction plea.

Ranger Capt. Alfred Allee and Ranger Joe Bridge also told the judges they had never threatened to kill Parr.

Allee frankly admitted this about his feelings toward Parr: "I personally don't like nothing about him."

"I have no intention of killing

or harming him—and no intention of getting killed, either," Allee said.

Parr's petition alleges the two Rangers have shown "convincing proof" of wanting to kill him. He testified Monday that Allee pulled a gun on him during a Jan. 18 scuffle in the Jim Wells County courthouse at Alice.

The petition was filed in the midst of an investigation of the financial operations of Parr, Duval County and the two school districts there. Both federal and state agencies are involved in the probes.

Records have been impounded. The state auditor last week said his investigations have noted peculiar and seemingly illegal practices. A federal court injunction hearing involving missing bank records is set for Friday in Corpus Christi.

The rangers replied to the Parr injunction plea by charging Parr did not come into court with "clean hands." Testimony from the two

Rangers and four other witnesses yesterday was aimed at proving this claim.

Four Duval County residents said they had been struck, threatened or abused by Parr.

Arthur Garfield Hays, Parr's chief counsel, contends the "clean hands" issue has no connection with his client's claims the Rangers have violated his civil rights.

Allee admitted he slapped 79th Dist. Atty. Raeburn Norris in San Diego on the night of Feb. 9. He said he got mad, adding that Norris "tried to sneer at and needle me and the Ranger service every chance he got."

Bridge acknowledged he had slapped Parr's nephew, Duval County Sheriff Archer Parr, in a corridor of the Jim Wells County courthouse at Alice Jan. 18.

In speaking of the Alice scuffle, Allee said:

"I used what force I considered necessary to prevent what might have been a serious matter."

Later, he said he told Parr:

"You agreed to help me. You've not lived up to your agreement. I think you are responsible for all the happenings in Duval and Jim Wells Counties. I don't think there's a word of truth in you."

Allee answered "yes" when asked by Hays if he considered Parr a dangerous man.

"I think George Parr would do anything under the sun, that you would assault him more quickly than another," Allee said. "I would use force if necessary."

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We just wonder what Jack Porter means, trying to elect Republican Congressmen from Texas. Our peculiar brand of "TEXAS DEMOCRATS" are doing a better job supporting Republican measures, than the Republican Congressmen themselves, from any other State. Porter says that he wants to elect four Republican Congressmen from Texas in 1954. That man must be "hoggish," he wants everything. A majority of our Texas Congressmen—(self-styled "Democrats"), are already doing better than anybody he is likely to elect. You pick out your own Congressman, and examine his voting record, and find out whether he ought to be running on the Republican ticket—or not. You'll be surprised.

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THE WAR OF WORDS between Governor Allan Shivers and Attorney General John Ben Shepperd—versus—George Parr of Duval County, shows signs of turning into "The Battle of the Century," though it may not last quite that long. Both sides are threatening to "have the law on" each other. The headline writers appear to be "losing their pep" and people are getting somewhat "fed up" on these tidal waves of hot air, with nothing much coming of it all.

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rushed into the breach, by announcing that he had received an appeal from "400 mothers in South Texas" begging him to defend them and their children. We had not heard—before—that George Parr was attacking women and children. In fact, we are not convinced—even yet—that he is. But Governor Shivers, with his customary gallantry, promised to send enough rangers down there to handle the folks who were frightening the ladies. The only casualties we had heard of here-to-fore, was George Parr got his ear bloodied and somebody disciplined the Sheriff and the District Attorney. With this job completed, the rangers can now protect the women and children—perhaps.

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But if the Republicans are having primaries on the same day as Democrats—as now required by law—then a good many of those Republican voters are going to stay out of the Democratic primaries. That fact might well result in the defeat of some Republican-Democrats by real Democrats.

The only insurance against that happening, of course, would be repealed by the Legislature of the requirement that Republicans hold a primary in 1954. If that were done, the GOP could sit back and let the Democrats nominate in their primaries then cross-file those candidates they liked. And since the Republican voters would once again have been freed to vote in the Democratic primary, the odds would be good that the Republican convention would like most Democratic candidates.

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emerged as something of a hero to Democrats. Some 240,000 voters were mad enough about cross-filing to scratch Gov. Allan Shivers on both the Democratic and Republican Tickets.

The questions for Shivers and other incumbents are: How mad are those 240,000? And how many of the 970,000 who voted for Adlai Stevenson are mad enough to take vengeance on the cross-filed candidates of 1952?

Most political analysts believe that the 240,000 voters are out for vengeance and will vote against the cross-filed Democratic-Republican candidates of 1952 if they have anything resembling a decent choice in 1954. They figure, too, that a good many more of the 970,000 who stuck with the Democratic party in 1952 will have a tendency to prefer a candidate without a Republican taint.

On the state level, Shivers, Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey, Land Commissioner Bascom Giles, Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd and Supreme Court Justice Clyde Smith all were cross-filed. Ramsey is the only one who so far has drawn an announced opponent. Rep. George Hinson of Mineola is running for lieutenant-governor, and he has made it clear that he is a Democrat and has no use for hybrid candidates who accept nominations by both parties.

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## By COUNTRYSIDE AND TOWN—with M. F. C.

Was there any special significance in the fact that the recent fire in the capitol at Austin occurred from an over-heated wire in the House Appropriations room??? I guess the boys are having a pretty hot time in that Committee right now.

### Taxes in Texas Seem Painful

It is said that no other equal square mileage on the face of the globe is so rich in potentialities as this our so great Texas. Then shouldn't it be true that the citizens of no other state should be so well served as those of this our so great great Texas? Lately I heard a person making a savage attack on taxes over the radio. I jotted down a thing he said it was so true. Here it is: "You get nothing out of government that you do not put in it." So what? Isn't that a reason for putting adequate financing into it? Why not put in enough to give the children of this our so great, great, great Texas good educational opportunities? Q. Who is against it? A. Those who hate Texas.

### What Makes Texas Rich?

Undeveloped natural resources enrich no one. To develop natural resources requires science. Where do our citizens get the basic education in science and its applications? As children in our free public schools. Once there was a great steel magnate who said that all he asked of his employees was a strong back and a dumb brain. That man publicly retracted that famous remark in the last decade. It is now accepted that nearly every modern industrial plant requires trained and educated workmen for the success of the industry and the safety of all the employees.

### We Need the Schools

Why then the heat in the Appropriations Committee Room?

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# Judge Asked To Help With Duval Docket

## 'Threat' Told By Ex-Mayor

District Judge W. L. (Jack) Thornton of Dallas disclosed Monday that District Judge A. S. Broadfoot has asked him to name a North Texas judge to help with his rapidly increasing Duval County criminal docket.

Judge Thornton is presiding judge for the 35-county First Administrative Judicial District, and is chairman of the judicial section of the State Bar Association.

He said that he has talked with one North Texas judge who indicated he would like the Duval County assignment.

"But he said he would have to talk the matter over with his wife. He's supposed to let me know tomorrow," Judge Thornton added.

Another judge, he said, had turned the proposition down cold.

Judge Thornton said that Judge Broadfoot told him that he needs help for two basic reasons.

First, he has been named defendant in a federal civil suit in Corpus Christi, which will take part of his time.

Second, Judge J. C. Epperson of Alpine, who has been helping out, died last Saturday.

Judge Thornton said that Judge W. R. Blaylock, presiding judge of the Fifth Administrative Judicial District, including Duval County, has approved appointment of a North Texas judge to the special assignment.

Monday afternoon Judge Thornton said that if he were not so busy, he would assign himself to the job.

Judge Broadfoot, retired Bonham district judge, was named a few months ago to serve as district judge for turbulent Duval County after Judge C. Woodrow Laughlin was ousted by the Texas Supreme Court.

AUSTIN, Texas (UP). — Tom Miller, former state finance chairman for the Democratic party, testified in the trial of Frank Scofield Monday that a government prosecutor threatened to "embarrass" him.

Miller testified in the opening day of the trial of Scofield, former internal revenue collector. Scofield is charged in a six-count indictment with soliciting and receiving political contributions while in government service, a Hatch act-type offense.

Miller, former Austin mayor, said he conferred on May 24 with Oliver Dibble of Washington, special assistant attorney general serv-

ing as prosecutor in the Scofield case.

Under examination by Defense Atty. Dan Moody, former Texas Governor, Miller said Dibble showed him a "piece of paper" and "asked me if I would go along with it. I said I couldn't."

"He (Dibble) jumped out of his chair and said if I didn't he would embarrass me and try this in the newspapers," Miller added.

Dibble asked Miller what was contained in the piece of paper.

"An alleged statement Mr. Scofield is supposed to have made," Miller replied.

However, Federal Judge Allan B. Hannay sustained objections raised by Moody to introduction of the "piece of paper."

Testimony by other witnesses included present and former employees of the Internal Revenue Bureau as to purchase of tickets for a Jefferson-Jackson Day Democratic party dinner in 1950 at Austin.

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him a note stating your comments on this  
article ..... we couldn't decide if it  
was nice or sarcastic.

Martha

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BY-THE-WAY

# Love of Football, Farm Problems Bond Uniting Parr, Lyndon

By CARL VICTOR LITTLE

Anyone want to buy a ticket for the political funeral of Lyndon Johnson, the Great Liberal and Apostle of the Enlightenment who has carried the courtesy title of U. S. senator from Texas for the last six years?

We got 'em and they're selling like five-cent cups of coffee with the privilege of a free refill. The price of a ticket is only 10 cents which barely covers the cost of printing.

It's a shame that the forces of darkness have doomed the Great Lyndon who, as the exponent of Sweetness and Light in Texas politics, has attracted such a "meek and respected man" (the words of Mouthpiece Arthur Garfield Hays, defender of the weak and oppressed, especially when they have a \$50,000 fee) as Georgie Porgie Parr, the Boy Scout leader of Duval County, president of the men's auxiliary of the Blue Birds, and founding father of the Docile Duval Civil Rights League, Inc. and Ltd.



LITTLE

Unlike Marc Antony, who only came to bury Caesar (Big Caesar, not Little Caesar), old By-the-Way comes to praise Lyndon, too. A follower of Lyndon, the Knight in Shiny Armor, since the days he reportedly fried his eggs on FR's kitchen range, we are devastated that our idol has been killed politically by the forces of repression that have engulfed Georgie Porgie, the do-gooder.

"WHY?" as Mefo used to ask. Just because Lyndon is being judged by the company he kept during the 1948 election, meaning Georgie Porgie, against whom Coke Stevenson started a smear campaign when Coke was beaten by Lyndon in a fair fight (for Duval County), although the former governor won in the rest of Texas where pistoleros cavort.

Coke, who was defeated by 81 votes after the ballot boxes of Duval County were belatedly counted and some ballots burned (said Parr) claimed he had been robbed, which was mighty unreasonable of the man and certainly poor sportsmanship.

## Our Boy Doesn't Like Donahue's Attitude

The fact that Lyndon probably has been killed politically, just because he had the support of Georgie Porgie, the exemplar of the better type of citizen in politics, is one of the tragedies of our era and certainly is a sad commentary on the political climate in the Texas Free State where a brace of Rangers go around terrorizing righteous citizens and their leader.

We, as a citizen who always has upheld the Beautiful, the True and the Decent, certainly are resentful that Jack Donahue of The Press staff, who went to Duval County and wrote a few pieces that stirred up a lot of fuss--and why can't we have unity?--should have had the poor taste to phone Lyndon in Washington yesterday to ask him if he had heard the report that somebody with lots of influence had stopped the federal investigation of Parr for possible income tax evasion.

We don't blame Lyndon for waxing irritable and snapping at the nosey Mr. Donahue. Lyndon, who upon a time always turned on the charm when a newspaperman came within hailing or dialing distance, was understandably overcome by righteous indignation and if he didn't like Jack's attitude, we can't blame Lyndon. Why should reporters always be asking questions, anyway?

We certainly are glad that Lyndon when interrupted told off Donahue as follows, according to a piece in Houston's Fastest Growing Newspaper yesterday:

*"My business is here. My work is here. My work is in the Senate and not in any county in Texas."*

Atta boy, Lyndon. That's telling a snoop who had the gall to phone you in the middle of whatever you were doing. As the Democratic whip of the Senate, whipping the Democrats into line behind Ike, you certainly are kept busy.

## Bond of Friendship--Football and Church Suppers

We are happy that Lyndon clarified, too, his relationship with Georgie Porgie Parr.

Asked by Snooper Donahue how long it has been since he had seen the Scout Leader, Lyndon, who hasn't announced yet whether he'll enter this summer's primaries to succeed himself although the time is growing short, declared:

*"I have seen him two or three times in the last year. At football games and dinners. I've never had any official business with him."*

Lyndon said he had received a few communications from Georgie Porgie "about farm problems and the like." (Our agents report that there is an acute farm problem in Duval County. Lyndon Johnson grass took the place in 1948.)

So that's that and the answer of a statesman who has gained in the last few months. It should have



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Allee was the first witness called as the ranger attorneys sought to prove their claim. Parr had not come into court with "clean hands." The defense submitted Turn to Rangers Deny on Page 4.



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The secretary said there had been a report of an attempt on Eisenhower's life.

"That," Hagerty declared, "is completely inaccurate."

What did happen, he added, was that two men who had been "drinking quite a bit" drove up about 2:30 p. m. to the gate of Smoke Tree Ranch where the President and Mrs. Eisenhower have been vacationing guests since late Wednesday.

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## Republicans Win Clash On Tax Cuts

Democrats Hoping  
To Take Next Round  
On House Floor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP).—The House ways and means committee sidetracked Tuesday amid sharp political maneuvering—Democratic proposals for big cuts in both individual income and excise taxes.

Representative Cooper of Tennessee, senior Democrat on the tax-writing group, promptly served public notice that Democrats will fight on the House floor, if necessary, for an individual income tax cut this year for all taxpayers.

Cooper, in a statement backed by House Democratic leaders, urged Republicans on the committee to reconsider their earlier action defeating a Democratic move to boost personal income tax exemptions from \$600 to \$700.

That would save taxpayers—and cost the government in revenue—about \$2,250,000,000 a year. Cooper said individuals "have not received their fair share of tax relief" in a vast tax revision bill now nearing completion within the committee.

There were no outward signs of Republicans yielding on the politically explosive issue at this time, but GOP congressional leaders conceded privately that some of their party members are getting restive under almost daily Democratic hammering for bigger tax cuts.

These leaders said they are expecting President Eisenhower to make a nationwide television or radio broadcast soon, aimed at marshaling public and congressional support for the administration's embattled tax policies.

Representative Boggs of Louisiana provoked a sharp argument within a closed-door committee session by moving to cut all excise or sales taxes which are now above 10 per cent down to that level.

Chairman Reed of New York banged his gavel and declared the motion out of order. There was a flurry of debate, but the Boggs motion never was pressed.

**SPY HEARING WITNESSES**—These two women figured prominently Tuesday in hearings before congressional committees investigating communism in the United States. At left is Mary S. Markward, who served as an FBI undercover agent. She appeared before Senator McCarthy's investigations subcommittee. Mrs. Victoria Stone of New York, right, testifies before the House un-American activities committee. She was called about alleged atomic espionage.

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McCarthy's accusation—the latest move in his running feud with Army Secretary Stevens—brought a quick statement from the Army. It said the woman, Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, "never" had access either to secret codes or uncoded secrets.

Mrs. Moss's attorney said she denies ever having been a Communist.

McCarthy, speaking out at a televised hearing before his Senate investigations subcommittee, said Mrs. Moss was still working in the code room "as of today."

The Army retorted:

Army Makes Reply.

1. As a result of the Army's own investigation, undertaken "prior to any action by the McCarthy committee," Mrs. Moss was shifted from her \$3,335-a-year job as a communication relay machine operator for the Signal Corps in the Pentagon to an "unclassified position" Feb. 5.

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Maj. Charles Bruton, adjutant at Webb Air Force Base here, said the wreckage was found six miles north of Big Spring. The craft fell near some farm buildings which may have made it difficult for the wreckage to be sighted from the air.

Dozens of planes had fanned through dust-swept West Texas Tuesday in the search.

Dead were 1st. Lt. Harold E. Rogers, 30, of Vernon and 1st. Lt. Ray E. Badertscher, 28, of Sharonville, Ohio. Rogers was the son of Allan K. Rogers, Louisville, Ky.

The wreckage was sighted from the air by one of the 31 planes from Webb making the search.

An emergency convoy from the base sped to the scene of the crash after the wreckage was located. Members of the squad said both airmen had been killed instantly. The cause of the crash was undetermined.

Civil Air Patrol units from Lamesa, Odessa, Garden City, Sweetwater, Snyder and other West Texas towns joined in the massive aerial search.

## Escort Carrier to Return

SAN DEIGO, Cal., Feb. 23 (AP). The Navy said Tuesday the U. S. escort carrier Sicily would arrive Thursday from eight months of service in the Far Pacific.

# RANGERS DENY THREAT

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a motion for dismissal of the Parr plea but was told to submit the motion in writing for later consideration.

A federal court hearing is scheduled in Corpus Christi Friday on a plea by the Internal Revenue Service for an injunction against two banks headed by Parr. The bureau wants an order to prevent the banks from destroying or secreting records.

Judges T. M. Kennerly, Allen B. Hannay and Ben C. Connally refused Monday to permit de-

fense attorneys to question Parr about the bank records.

Allee became a bit ruffled shortly after Hays described the rangers as "men of honor, courage, reputation known throughout the land."

Allee agreed.

"And they are men who are gentle?"

"Yes."

"They are men who would not pull guns unless it were necessary?"

Allee agreed.

Hays then mentioned a courthouse incident that occurred in San Patricio County in November 1947.

"You lunged at an attorney there, did you not?"

"Yes. I did not draw my gun. It fell from my holster as I leaped out of the witness chair. I was angry at the time."

Allee later admitted slapping Attorney Werner Gomart in Brownwood last year.

He said the Norris scuffle at San Diego occurred "because I was mad."

"You hit him to assuage your feelings?"

"Well, I did it that time. Had I not been a ranger, I still would have done it."

"You now believe you made a mistake?"

"I might have but, by golly, I'm not sorry I did it."

Bridge said Archer Parr later told him three times: "I'm sorry I do you wrong."

"I told him that's all right," Bridge said.

Archer Parr testified Monday Bridge did not acknowledge the apology.

## Trip Home for Marilyn And Joe Left to Doctor

TOKYO, Wednesday, Feb. 24 (AP).—Joe Di Maggio awaited a doctor's report Wednesday before deciding if his bride, Marilyn Monroe, is well enough for them to leave by plane for the United States.

The screen actress has a severe cold, presumably contracted in Korea, where she appeared in a low-cut purple cocktail dress before soldiers, marines and airmen despite temperatures of zero or below.

The wife of the former New York Yankee outfielder has been confined since Sunday to her Imperial Hotel suite. Monday her temperature was 104 but Di Maggio said Tuesday it "is down a bit."

## 13 Cub Scouts Receive Awards at Banquet

Thirteen Cub Scouts received awards Tuesday night at Pack 24's annual Blue and Gold Banquet in St. John's Episcopal Church.

Yearly recognition pins were given six den mothers and six pack committeemen.

More than 200 persons attended the dinner.

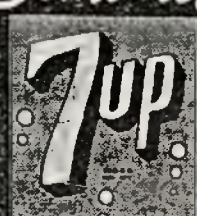
# Jurors Indict Youth Identified Through Sketch

An indictment charging William Ernest Holland, 20, with the \$35 robbery Jan. 26 of Mrs. Eula Allen, an art teacher at William James Junior High School, was returned Tuesday by county grand jury.

Holland, identified through a sketch of his face which Mrs. Allen drew and the Star-Telegram published, has been arrested in Riverside, Cal., as an auto theft suspect. His return here will depend upon disposition of charges against him in California, Chief Sheriff's Deputy George Johnson said.

Also indicted for theft over \$50 and forgery and passing was Doris Jean Kruger, 27, of 4629 Lafayette, accused of charging more than \$400 in merchandise to another person's account without authorization. She was released on bonds totaling \$4,000.

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Su amigo,

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—Jefferson

# VALLEY EVEN

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR—No. 225

McALLEN, TEXAS, V

## Rangers Asked for Duke Of Duval Found Guilty



**HE BRUISED HIS FINGER** — Russell W. Morley, 25, Pharr, escaped with only minor injury yesterday when the car he was driving, shown over-turned above, and a pickup driven by Mauro Vasquez, 34, McAllen, collided at Sixth and Ash. Police said Morley was going east and Vasquez, north. The accident occurred about 2:40 p.m. (Monitor Photo)

## Parr Pays Light Fine Assessed By Alice Jury

By TOM MACCABE

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The pilots, flying U.S.-built planes, said Red Viet Minh and

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## Duval School Head Named

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SAN DIEGO, Tex., March 24 —



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### H-Bomb Radiation Hits Sailors On Navy Vessel

PEARL HARBOR, March 24 —massive blast whose "hot" UP—Persons known to have been in one case were said to have been accidentally exposed to atomic radiation in the massive March 1 Bikini hydrogen explosion totaled at least 379 Wednesday, with possibly others still to be discovered.

A Navy announcement disclosed that the U. S. tanker Patapsco with 86 men and six officers aboard had been contaminated by radio-active "fallouts" of ashes from the Bikini blast.

The announcement said the men aboard the Patapsco were not dangerously exposed, but they were only the latest known to have been affected by the unexpected

Other Developments

Meanwhile, there were other developments: 1. Sen. John W. Bricker (Ohio) and three unidentified congressmen prepared to leave Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands, indicating that still tests are near.

2. U. S. and Japanese speed met at the Japanese foreign case in which 23 Japanese were only the latest known to have been affected by the unexpected

# NING MONITOR

## WEATHER

High yesterday—82.  
Low today 71; noon 90.  
Forecast—Cloudy, continued warm  
through Thursday. Highs up to 90  
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area today.

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## Donna Election In Pistol Case Intimidation And Threats Alleged



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**DONNA** — Assignment of Texas Rangers to Donna had been requested of Gov. Allan Shivers today as opposition to the present city administration labeled the political situation here "a little Duval."

"Citizens feel the matter should be controlled before bloodshed results," Bob Jeffreys Jr., editor of the Donna News, advised in a telegram to Shivers, Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd and Homer Garrison, department of public safety.

The telegram said assignment of Rangers here was being requested "for the protection of property and life due to mounting tension, intimidation, threats." It was alleged the "present administration is withholding absentee ballot information from supervisors, refuses open scrutiny of records and is

openly defying public rights."

"Occurrences have arisen," the telegram alleged, "wherein Latins report being threatened due to failure to adhere to political boss lines. The April 6 city election date will assuredly bring forth severe actions."

Meanwhile, city officials this morning made available a list of absentee voters which yesterday had been refused three supervisors appointed by four anti-administration candidates.

The three supervisors, Floyd Park Jr., Brook Frase and Bob Hager, were sworn in about 10 a.m. today by Roger Mize, election judge. Park immediately took up a station at the city office where he planned to remain for the day.

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## Ike Opposes McCarthy Role in Investigation

**WASHINGTON, March 24 —UP** —President Eisenhower, commenting on Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, said Wednesday that a man involved in a dispute should not sit in judgment on his own case.

The President at his news conference declined to comment that he be permitted the right of cross-examination in the investigation of a dispute between his subcommittee and the Army.

The President did say however that he did not believe any leadership could escape the responsibility for carrying on the tradition and practice that a man should not participate in the judgment of his own case.

### Asked For Comment

At the outset of his weekly meeting with reporters, the President was asked:

"The Republican leadership has said Senator McCarthy should not participate in an investigation in which he is involved. Yet the senator sits on the right of cross-examination in the investigation of a dispute between his committee

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## Churchill Wins First Round In Defense Battle

**WASHINGTON, March 24 —UP** —Wise old Prime Minister Winston Churchill has tripped up the British Socialists on the first lap of their campaign to make a big political issue of the new look in American defense plans.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles announced the new look in early January. Hereafter, he said, the United States would be prepared to meet aggression with instant and massive retaliation.

He said we would meet it by means and at places of our own choosing. That meant the A and H-bombs, if necessary, and on the Kremlin, if that seemed necessary, too.

**Fundamental Military Truth** — President Eisenhower the next day explained that the new policy

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## Revolt

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spokesman for the governor there would be no immediate ment.

### No Comment from Shivers

Shivers recommended a \$26.5 million tax program, with levies on beer, corporation-franchise and natural gas. That income would be used to provide a \$402-a-year teacher raises, estimated to cost \$24 million and \$120-a-year wage boosts for state employees, estimated to cost \$2.5 million.

Two of the three spending bills cleared the Senate — providing for the teacher pay raises and \$11 million building program. The building bill was approved today.

The bill weather a three hour 45 minute filibuster by Sen. My Phillips, Angleton. Tuesday was approved by a 25 to 1 vote, with only Phillips voting against it.

The House Appropriations committee was scheduled to begin work on the big spending bill Tuesday.

The Senate approved a \$23.5 million bill to give Texas school teachers a \$402 annual pay hike today. That was the first piece of legislation for which Gov. Shivers called the 30-day special session to be approved by the chamber.

Phillips, who waged even a long-fight against the construction bill in the Senate Finance committee, opposed it because, he said, it was of the construction was semi-emergency.

"We ought not to go on a spending spree for semi-emergencies, spending money that we do not have might not get," Phillips said. Meanwhile, the House Revenue Taxation committee, which is to find the money for the two pending bills plus a \$120 annual pay hike for state employees, held its third hearing on the administration tax bill.

The committee Tuesday took up the bill's section to increase the corporation franchise tax from \$1.25 to \$2 per \$1,000 of capitalization. Rep. Joe Burkett Jr. of Kerrville, a committee member, was the only opponent. He said it was a consumer's tax, because corporations would pass the levy on to users of their products.

The corporations of Texas don't have the courage — or are unwilling — to come up here and defend their ground and defend their owners," Burkett said.

### Estimates Cost

He estimated the tax would cost \$9 million a year, and cost the Texas family \$9 annually. A hike in the beer tax from \$1.37 a barrel to \$2 was considered today, and the third portion of the bill levied a one-half cent per cubic foot of natural gas tax. A tax replaced a gas gathering passed by the 961 Legislature. It was ruled unconstitutional last month by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Opposing the filibuster was an old foe of Phillips, who holds the state record of 17 hours, 55 minutes steady talking. He set that record April 3, 1951, when he spoke out a proposal to abolish the Hospital Board.

Phillips was particularly critical of the bill's section allocating \$3.5 million for the Southwestern Medical School at Dallas. Other parts of the bill provided \$2.5 million to the Texas School for the Deaf at Austin, \$3.5 million to the Eastham Prison, and \$1,187,500 to the University of Texas Dental School at

## Bomb

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men aboard the fishing vessel Fukuryu Maru were burned by the radio-active ash some 60 miles from Bikini. Japanese political groups demanded an end to hydrogen experiments in the mid-Pacific.

3. Guam authorities reported that 28 American Air Force weather observers in Rongerik Island, some 150 miles east of Bikini had been found unharmed after being hospitalized at Kwajalein.

### Natives Evacuated

4. Native inhabitants of Ujae Island, 160 miles south of Bikini, had been removed from the island and will not be allowed to return until heavy rains wash away the radio-active particles left by the "fall-out."

The Patapsco put into Pearl Harbor for decontamination on orders of the Navy and the officers and crew received thorough physical examination.

A Navy spokesman emphasized that none of the men was exposed to "sufficient radiation to be in any way harmful."

Two or three crewmen of the Patapsco registered a temporary slight abnormal count of white blood corpuscles, but the deficiency was overcome overnight and the men returned to duty without any reactions, the Navy said.

Decontamination squads have been checking such absorbent materials aboard the Patapsco as mops, brooms and other loose equipment to which radio-active dust could cling.

Sources on Guam said the fall-outs on Rongerik and Ujae Islands were caused by the unexpected magnitude of the blast and the failure of usually strong northeast trade winds to carry radio-active particles beyond inhabited areas.

## Debate

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Finance committee chairman, said he is confident the measure will pass the Senate in "substantially" the same form as approved by his committee. The committee boosted the cuts to \$958 million after the House approved the original bill providing annual reductions of \$912 million in excise tax collections.

The measure would reduce to 10 per cent present federal taxes on a large list of items including jewelry, furs, women's handbags, telephone tolls and some admissions. It would continue the present tax rate on liquor, automobiles and cigarettes.

### SPEEDERS FINED

PHAL — Traffic fines assessed in Judge L. M. Flowers' court today included Casimiro Garza, McAllen, speeding, \$1 and costs and having no commercial drivers license, \$1 and costs; Frederick Lamar Jordan, Mission, speeding, \$12.50; B. T. Evans, Mission, passing at an intersection and Floyd Monroe Hule, San Benito, speeding, both \$10.

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## Parr

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purpose was, this whole thing resulted from his act. George had no use for a pistol on that occasion."

Much of Tuesday's testimony centered on whether Parr had a dome light in his car. Marroquin testified Monday he saw the pistol when the dome light flashed on.

But Parr testified he had the dome light removed in April, 1952. He was supported by a service station operator, Vidal Garcia of San Diego. But Garcia, who admitted on cross-examination he owed \$6,000 to a bank controlled by Parr, was shown a picture of Parr's auto, with a dome light, and said "If I made a mistake, it was an honest mistake."

Juan Barrera, with Parr in the car and charged with the same offense, testified to a slightly more police version of the Parr-Marroquin encounter.

"Do you need some help, gentlemen?" Barrera quoted Marroquin as asking. He said Parr replied "No, go back," and Marroquin walked back to his own car.

Marroquin testified that Parr cursed him in Spanish and threatened to kill him.

## Suit

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a practice for the trustees of various common school districts of Duval county to appoint employees who are related to some members of the appointing board of trustees," the suit charged.

It said Adame approved the payments "with full knowledge" they were illegal.

The plaintiffs listed 21 employees alleged to be relatives of trustees, as well as a number of payments to the trustees themselves for work performed for the school districts and articles sold to them.

The plaintiffs were Raymundo Garcia, Israel Almaraz, Luis G. Martinez, Enrique Chapa, Santiago Trevino, Armando Cantu, Antonio Recie and Luz Ramos.

No hearing date was set immediately.

## Chaves

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show of strength this session.

The five Republicans who crossed over were Sens. Margaret Chase Smith and Frederick G. Payne, both of Maine; George D. Aiken (Vt.); John Sherman Cooper (Ky.), and H. Alexander Smith (N.J.). Two other Republicans—Sens. William Langer (N.D.) and Thomas H. Kuchel (Calif.)—were paired against the resolution.

Chavez could have voted, but he abstained. When it was finished, he issued a statement claiming vindication for himself and his state. "Despite all allegations and despite unfair criticism in the press, New Mexico elections are as honest as any conducted in the country," Chavez said.

In estimating distances, the Chinese once used a double scale of mileage, says the National Geographic Society. One was for long "uphill miles," the other for the shorter "downhill miles."

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# Donna

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Up to 11 a.m. there had been no absentee voting today.

The official list made available this morning showed 77 persons had voted since March 17.

## List Changed

Questioned by a reporter, City Secretary Frank Hester said all names on the list already had cast ballots but after further discussion, when an office worker was called in, the list was changed to show Carl Gerber had been mailed a ballot which had not been returned to date.

It had been reported yesterday the name of Mrs. Carl Gerber, killed in a traffic accident in November, was included on the list.

Of the 77 names listed today, all were Latin-American with the exception of three, including Gerber.

Yesterday Park said he had copied about half the names on the absentee voting list by noon when the city offices closed down for lunch. When he returned at 1 p. m. to complete the task, Park said Commissioner Panfilo Avila, who is seeking reelection, was in the office with city Secretary Frank Hester and "Hester refused to give me the list again."

Park said after being refused the list by Hester, he asked why and Avila told him a meeting of the city commission would have to be called. While the commission meeting was being held, Park said he asked Hester again for the list and was refused.

Park called the county clerk's office in Edinburg where he talked with deputy Cot Boling, he said. Hester also talked with Boling and was advised by him "he would have to give me the list of absentees already voted," Park reported.

"Hester then told me he would have a girl in the office copy the list for me," Park related. "He wouldn't let me see the original and wouldn't give the poll tax number, age and occupation, as required on the lists delivered by the county clerk's office."

## Clerk Called Again

Park said the county clerk's office was called again "and they told me they had to make out the list on the regular forms." He said the commission expressed displeasure at the development "and when I asked, they said they couldn't but told me I could have them sometime tomorrow morning."

In accordance with election laws, Park explained, cities of more than 4,000 population other than a county seat, may request the county clerk to appoint a deputy to handle absentee balloting. However, the request must come through the city commission.

A petition requesting the deputy county clerk was circulated here, Park said, and 108 signatures were obtained. He said the mayor, when presented the petition, stated the "county was not running" the Donna election.

After the petition move failed, Park said, it was learned through County Clerk George Anderson that absentee ballot supervisors could be appointed. Park was named along with Frase and Hager. He said it was planned that he would make a tally of names for voters this week, Frase next week and Hager the following week.

The supervisors would check the absentee list for poll tax receipts and reasons for absentee casting.

It was believed to be the first time in 20 years such absentee supervisors have been appointed here.

Wood is a candidate for mayor and Kammer, Huser and Escobar have filed for the two commission places to be filled. Incumbent commission candidates are Avila and Tony Taormina. Opposing Wood for mayor are City Attorney Walter Weaver and James Hold.

Present at the special meeting of the commission Tuesday were Mayor Dale Washburn, who is not seeking reelection, Avila, Taormina and Weaver.

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**Parr Quits**  
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**Judge's Race**

ALICE—Spl. — George Parr, Duval County political leader who recently filed for district judge, failed to pay his filing fee before the deadline at midnight Saturday, it was reported by Goode S. Weir, chairman of the Jim Wells County Democratic committee.



Former Judge Woodrow Laughlin, who was ousted in one round of the political battles in which the Parr organization has

figured in recent years, paid his fee Saturday, as did Mark Heath of Falfurrias. Another announced candidate, James Breckenridge South, had withdrawn from the race.

There had been reports earlier that Parr entered the district judge's race only because he feared a move would be made to bar Laughlin from running. When such a move failed to materialize, Parr apparently had no inclination to run against Laughlin.

does not have the judicial experience for the job.

Johnston said the main reason he voted against Warren was that the committee has not yet received an FBI report on the Chief Justice.

Kilgore said he voted no because he felt a full investigation of the charges should have been made to prevent a political opportunist of using them in the future to denounce Warren. He said he would vote to confirm Warren as Chief Justice when the nomination comes to a Senate vote.

Before his arrest by metropolitan police, Wilson had been placed in protective custody by Capitol Hill Police after he said he feared assassination.

## Sen. Johnson Sees Rise in Exemptions

WASHINGTON (UP).—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson predicted flatly Wednesday that the election-conscious Congress will vote to increase personal income tax exemptions.

The Texan's statement underscored Democratic plans in both the House and Senate to make a political issue of President Eisenhower's 25-point \$1,250,000,000 tax reform plan.

Democrats contend the President's program favors business and the well-to-do over the average taxpayer when the real need is for consumer tax cuts that will pump new purchasing power into the economy.

Mr. Eisenhower and his supporters in Congress contend the benefits of his plan would be divided about 50-50 between business and individuals and that it would encourage business expansion, thereby creating jobs.

The tax-writing House ways and means committee is expected to vote within a few days to slash one form of consumer taxes—federal excise taxes—by as much as \$1,000,000,000 on furs, jewelry, admission tickets, cosmetics, light bulbs and travel tickets.

The Democrats want to go further and raise personal income tax exemptions—a step opposed by the administration on grounds that every \$100 increase would cost the Treasury \$2,000,000,000.

Johnson said he believes the Democrats will prevail. He predicted exemptions would be raised from \$600 to \$800. That would mean a taxpayer with a wife and two children would get a credit of \$3,200.

It also would be in line with a bill by Sen. Walter F. George (Dem.) of Georgia, top Democrat on the tax-writing Senate finance committee, to increase exemptions to \$800 this year and to \$1,000 in 1955.

Knowland said he thought the George bill had a good chance. "You can be sure there will be an increase in personal exemptions," he added.

### 16 BRITONS MURDERED

LONDON (AP).—The government said Wednesday sixteen British subjects were murdered in Egypt the last thirteen months.

## Six Sectors Declared in Work Pinch

WASHINGTON (UP).—The government Wednesday added six more areas to its critical unemployment list, bringing to fifty-nine the number eligible for special federal help in trying to create jobs.

The new areas include three major industrial centers—Battle Creek, Mich., South Bend, Ind., and the "quad-cities" areas of Iowa and Illinois. Also listed were three smaller regions, Hudson, N.Y., Welch, W. Va., and La Crosse, Wis.

The Labor Department blamed the increase in unemployment on lay-offs in the auto industry, farm machinery, coal, textile, general durable goods manufacturing, transportation and trade.

An area is listed as having substantial unemployment when 6 per cent or more of its labor force is jobless, with no immediate prospect of increased work. In such areas firms may bid on certain government contracts set aside to relieve unemployment in distressed areas.

Meantime, government officials said there is a good chance employment will pick up next month. To bolster their optimism, they have Census Bureau statistics showing that employment has risen in March in twelve of the past thirteen years.

Since the unemployment census started in 1941, the number of jobless has increased in March only once. That was the immediate post-war year of 1946. Even during the 1949 recession, employment rose by 480,000 in March.

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"tense situation down there" in Duval County and neighboring South Texas counties.

"It involves what may be bloodshed," he said, urging the court that the only way to prevent it would be to enjoin the Rangers, who, he said he was amazed to find, take the position "they are above the citizens."

Allee and Bridge are under assault to murder indictments for a fracas in the Jim Wells County courthouse involving Parr and his nephew, Sheriff Archer Parr. Bridge struck Archer Parr and Allee pulled his gun when George Parr came toward him.

Hays said all the provocation for trouble came from Allee. He said Allee accused Parr "of having something to do with a plan for assassination." (Allee testified he told Parr he would hold him responsible if anything happened to him or his men after hearing of a plot to assassinate him and Bridge on Feb. 9.)

"I am amazed at the meekness of the people on my side," Hays told the court. "It is clear from the evidence that everybody down there is intimidated by the Rangers."

"If ever there was a case of meekness on the part of my side, and force and violence on the other, this is it."

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# In South Texas *File*

## Even Kids Well Versed On Duval County Politics

By CLARENCE J. LaROCHE

In South Texas, even the kids know all about politics.

One of the yarns going the rounds in Alice concerns a 5-year-old tyke and political jefe George B. Parr.

Seems George walked into a drug store recently and saw a tot dressed like a cowpoke and wearing two toy six-shooters on his hips. George walked up to the youngster, patted him on the head and observed:

"Sure a nice pair of pistols you got there young fellow."

The kid's face clouded and he looked up and replied: "Them's not pistols, mister, them's binoculars."

To those who didn't follow the news events of Jim Wells and Duval Counties in March of this year, it should be pointed out, as background to this yarn, that Parr was convicted on a pistol-packing charge. He maintained, however, that he wasn't waving a pistol but a pair of binoculars.

Those binoculars, incidentally, have become George's tag in a series of political cartoons being printed in a Corpus Christi weekly.

But if all this is bothering George B., he doesn't show it. He's still supremely confident of sweeping the "big" races of the 79th District—judge and district attorney—and electing the state representative of his choice. His predictions of victory made back in February and March still stand.

The Windmill Cafe in San Diego, these days, isn't getting the grand jury trade. When the panel takes its coffee break, it troops over to the San Diego Cafe—popularly known as Jesse's Place.

In the Duval political scene of sharp and complete cleavage, the Parr forces—or Old Party of Duval County—always meet at the Windmill. New Party adherents go to Jesse's.

And since the new grand jury is made up mainly of anti-Parr people, they take their trade to Jesse's.

Along the coffee-and-cakes front in San Diego, the ladies of the Old Party of Duval County have set up a sort of bazaar in the elementary school building, across from the court house on U.S. 59. They're getting a good flow of the court house crowd trade.

The most famous ballot box in recent U.S. history is Box 13 of Jim Wells County. The voting place is Nayer School.

This box became famed almost overnight in 1948 when a bundle of ballots were belatedly found—giving Lyndon B. Johnson a margin of 87 votes over his opponent Coke Stevenson. The ballots—before any investigations could take the field—were burned.

This year, according to official figures released by the tax assessor-collector's office in Alice, show Box 13 to have the biggest voting strength in Jim Wells County—1,612.

Last week, in Corpus Christi, Pat J. Dunne justice of peace of Precinct One drew himself an opponent from county jail. The opponent he drew is Joe H. Rook, who was remanded to jail under a \$10,000 peace bond set by Dunne.

Rook is a former policeman and private detective who earlier had filed for the peace justice race in Precinct Eight. He announced he planned to drop out of the Precinct Eight race and run against Dunne—either as a write-in candidate July 24 or as an independent in November.

A South Texas lass, Ruth Ann Scarborough of Banquete, last week took first place in the statewide 4-H Club individual dairy foods contest. She also copped a first for her 4-H Club records. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. (Buddy) Scarborough, who were named "Master Farm Family," one of 11 such titles handed out last December by the Progressive Farmer Magazine.

Other top South Texas winners in the big contest were J. W. Jackson, Jr., of Jim Wells County, who was second in tractor operation; and the Jim Wells County dairy food team—Ruth Ann Heider and Adelaide Heider of Orange Grove—won first place.

Willacy County's entomology team took a first place. The team is composed of Larry Robbins, Richard Kolterman, Jimmy Ellington and Roy Stanley. In the individual honors, Robbins was first and Kilterman second.

Another South Texas schoolboy winning a top farm-and-ranch award recently was Darrell Wyrick of Harlingen. A 17-year-old senior, Wyrick won first place in Ford Motor Co. tractor operation. He will compete in a state-wide meet in San Antonio July 20.

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Sunday, July 4, 1954

# Suspect in Alice Slaying To Go on Trial Tuesday

WACO, July 3 (AP).—Nago Alaniz, a dapper small-town lawyer, goes on trial for murder Tuesday in the ambush slaying that triggered burning feuds in Political Boss George Parr's South Texas domain.

The three shots that stabbed the darkness at Alice on Sept. 8, 1952, have echoed hauntingly in the background for two years as the bitter politics of the 79th Judicial District spilled out in a running series of investigations, court suits, charges, counter-charges and brawls.

Injected into most of these events in some manner was the killing of Jacob S. (Buddy) Floyd Jr.

The 21-year-old University of Texas law student was shot as he went to get his automobile, parked at the rear of the Floyd home.

His father, a prominent South Texas political leader, said the youth was killed by mistake; that the ambush was meant for him. The elder Floyd said "politics" was the motive.

In the oil-rich, desolate district there are two dominant political factions. One is headed by Parr, the San Diego millionaire called the "Duke of Duval" County and long the prime political power in the area. The other is spearheaded by members of the Freedom Party in Duval County.

Alaniz, also of San Diego, and Mario (El Turko) Sapet, a San Antonio bar owner and onetime Duval County deputy sheriff under Parr, were arrested and charged on three counts in the Floyd shooting. But the state said the actual triggerman was a Mexican national by the name of Alfredo Cervantes. He never has been arrested. Mexico has been asked to hunt him.

Sapet was sentenced to 99 years in prison as an accomplice in the shooting. In his trial, his attorneys bitterly accused the state of "trying George Parr" and not Sapet.

Parr has denied publicly any knowledge of the Floyd shooting.

The elder Floyd testified on three different occasions that he told him "hired killers" were going to kill him at the Floyd home.

He told him, "I had to say to

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# Lyndon Hasn't Time To Talk About Duval

By JACK DONAHUE  
Press Staff Writer

Sen. Lyndon Johnson is so busy in the U. S. Senate these days he just doesn't have time to pay much attention to what's going on in Duval County where George Parr—his strong supporter—is up to his neck in investigations.

That's the gist of a long distance telephone conversation I had with him when I called him in Washington.

"My business is here," he said. "My work is here. My work is in the Senate not in any county of Texas."

I wanted to ask him about a report that somebody—somebody with lots of influence—had

stopped the federal investigation of Parr for possible income tax evasion a few months ago. U. S. Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell said in Washington recently that he had been told of the investigation by Gov. Shivers and had talked with the Treasury Department about getting it stepped up.

"I never heard such a report," the senator said. "I never talked with anyone about any matter relative to Mr. Parr."

I asked him how long it had been since he had seen Parr. "I have seen him two or three

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## Lyndon Won't Talk About Duval

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times in the last year," he said. "At football games and dinners. I've never had any official business with him."

### About Farm Problems

He said he had received a few "communications" from Parr but that they were about farm problems or the like.

I asked him if Parr had ever hinted that he felt the senator was obligated to the Duval Duke.

The senator said no. "Parr has never made a request of me," he added.

I asked him if he felt obligated to Parr and the senator came up with a ringing answer. "I'm obligated to eight million Texans," he said.

### Threw Him Votes

I asked him those two questions because of the way Parr threw him such a huge block of

votes when Johnson was elected senator in 1948. Coke Stevenson had already been declared the winner when a big slug of Parr-controlled votes came in—all late and darn near all for Johnson.

There was a lot of ballot-burning at that time and Parr later blandly said there was some funny work at the polls in all probability.

The senator didn't want to talk about the revelations of misuse of funds in Duval County. He said he didn't want to get involved.

### Tried for Days

I had been trying for several days to get the senator on the phone but couldn't and I finally had to talk with a fellow who said he was George Reedy.

He said he was the senator's press secretary.

I talked with him longer than I talked with Senator Johnson just to get to talk with the senator.

He said he handled interviews with reporters for the senator and wanted to know what I wanted to talk about. I didn't tell him. But the senator finally returned my call about two hours later.

The senator had high praise

for the state officers investigating Duval corruption.

"I have every confidence they will act with wisdom and judgment," he said.

### Didn't Want to Talk

He said he didn't think that a U. S. senator had much jurisdiction over what happened in a Texas county, so I asked him what he thought about it as a private citizen, just a guy you'd meet on the street.

He just didn't want to talk about it at all.

He said all he knew about the investigations was what he had read in a few newspaper clippings.

Houston Press

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Broadfoot told the new jurors they could choose their bailiff from among Texas Rangers stationed here. He also told them they could, if they wished, follow the more usual course of naming one of the Duval County deputy sheriffs, or anyone else for that matter, as bailiff.

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District Atty Norris, District Clerk Julian Perez and County Atty Luna filed the petition seeking to prevent Broadfoot and Shepperd from acting on criminal matters. They asked for a hearing within 10 days.

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Shepperd has been personally active in Duval County since last January, when he disclosed that the county's financial affairs and those of Parr had been under state and federal investigation for about a year. No charges resulting from the investigation have been filed.

**THE COUNTY** grand jury then in session conducted its own investigation and reported it found no basis for any indictments. Judge Broadfoot dismissed that grand jury soon after he was called out of retirement in Bonham and appointed to the 79th district bench by the State Supreme Court. He replaced Judge Laughlin, fired off the bench by the court for incompetence and unfitness.

The petition seeking to prevent seating of the new grand jury was the first one filed Tuesday. It was similar to one filed Monday in federal court in Houston and was filed by M. J. Raymond of Laredo, acting for the Old Party.

Parr was one of the plaintiffs in the petition asking Judge Broadfoot to disqualify himself. Others were D. C. Chapa, Oscar Carrillo Sr., C. T. Stancell Jr., Francisco Saenz and R. L. Adame. Stancell resigned as Duval County auditor during the attorney general's investigation last winter.

In his statement to reporters, Shepperd said:

"At no time have we tried to displace district or county attorneys. We merely wanted to see that the law was enforced and that some action would be taken on obvious violations of the law.

**"ON THE CONTRARY,** information has been furnished to both the district and county attorneys and requests made for them to take some action."

He said the Parr forces were making "another desperate attempt to delay and confuse and to keep a fair and impartial jury from being empaneled. . . . It is just another attempt to preserve their bucket of white wash."

Raymond's motion claimed that the jury commission chosen last Feb 25 by Former Judge Laughlin was the rightful one. His motion said "a preconceived plan and scheme was devised and entered into between the state attorney general, his assistant and the present district judge" to discharge the old jury commission.

In Monday's federal court action, Judge T. M. Kennerly refused to order a delay in empaneling the new grand jury. However, he accepted an Old Party petition seeking a court hearing on the dispute.

The State Court of Criminal Appeals recently upheld Broadfoot's action in dismissing the old grand jury and the commission that chose it.

DALLAS NEWS

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## Parr Reports Assault Case Already Over

SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP).—South Texas Political Leader George Parr Tuesday filed a motion to get last week's assault to murder indictment against him dismissed.

He said he already had been tried in the case.

Parr said he already had pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated assault and battery in an incident involving Cristobal Ybanez here last Aug. 17. Ybanez charged that Parr whipped him with a rifle butt.

Parr said he appeared in county court on March 25 of this year to plead guilty to the charge and was fined \$150 and costs.

Just last Saturday the new Duval County grand jury indicted Parr on assault to murder Cristobal Ybanez.

Parr said he knew the assault to murder charge was different from the aggravated assault charge and carries a heavier penalty. But he said both were based on the same incident and he has had no other trouble with Ybanez.

His attorney, Luther Jones of Corpus Christi, filed a special plea of jeopardy, based on the claim of the previous conviction, and asked that the new indictment be dismissed.

With the motion Jones filed what he said were photostatic copies of Ybanez' sworn complaint against Parr, filed last Aug. 22, of the bond Parr made on the charge last Sept. 16 and of the court proceedings on March 25 when Parr pleaded guilty.

(The Austin Bureau of The News quoted Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd as saying that Parr's previously unannounced payment of the aggravated assault fine "is another example of mysterious record keeping in Duval County.")

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Tuesday, June 2, 1953

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*San Antonio Express*

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The acting clerk was appoin- ted because the regular district clerk, Juan Perez, was one of three in- volved in the suit.

John Pearce, San Antonio attorney representing the County grand jury and Broadfoot, said Perez has the right to file the papers. He was district clerk at the time the suit should be

"I'm not here for my own pleasure," Judge Barrow said. "I take the stand that the case is before the court and the matter you have brought up are not my business. The court's duty is to correct errors and so the plaintiffs should have followed the statutes. If the court holds the case is proper, if I am in error, it will not be my fault, you gentlemen."

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## Damage Estimate At \$30,000 in

A preliminary estimate of \$30,000 was made this afternoon in the aftermath of the crash through Harvey's Garage Company Highway, during the crash of Howard L. away from the highway. His wife and child were from the fire. Over the fire, the fire department, Halton, Brook and department, 3:15 to 4:15.

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## Parr Fight for Judgeship Is Top Political Development *Chronicle*

About the only surprise of importance in the state political picture, as the filing dead line passed, was in a familiar spot—Duval County. The “boss” of the Duval County political machine, George Parr, announced for judge of the Seventy-Ninth District Court, a post which has been a storm center during the last year in the anti-Parr fight. C. Woodrow Laughlin, who was removed from the judgeship by the Supreme Court, announced he, too, will run for the post again. It is unlikely that both George Parr and Woodrow Laughlin will remain in this race, but it does seem obvious that the Parr machine is going to make a fight for the bench wrested from machine control by the Supreme Court. This puts the issue up to the voters in the four counties in the judicial district, Duval, Jim Wells, Starr and Brooks. There are two other candidates.

In the state-wide races, Governor Shivers drew three opponents. They are Attorney Ralph Yarborough of Austin, who was the standard bearer

of the liberal Democrats in 1952 and was defeated by a margin of almost 2 to 1 by Mr. Shivers; an Austin contractor, J. J. Holmes, and Cyclone Davis of Dallas. In the other important state races, each incumbent drew one opponent. The state races aren't likely to generate much excitement this year.

In Harris County, a last-minute rush of aspirants boosted the total number of candidates. As usual, the biggest number is in the legislative races, where the filing fees are small. Most of the incumbents of other posts are unopposed. It appears that the fight between conservatives and liberals for control of the Democratic party machinery may prove of more public interest than the races for public offices.

The Republicans entered only 15 candidates for the primary it will hold on the same day as the Democratic primary. So, the Republicans aren't likely to stir up much public interest, at least until the November 2 general election.

## GENERAL

BY-THE-WAY

# Love of Football, Farm Problems Bond Uniting Parr, Lyndon

By CARL VICTOR LITTLE

Anyone want to buy a ticket for the political funeral of Lyndon Johnson, the Great Liberal and Apostle of the Enlightenment who has carried the courtesy title of U. S. senator from Texas for the last six years?

We got 'em and they're selling like five-cent cups of coffee with the privilege of a free refill. The price of a ticket is only 10 cents, which barely covers the cost of printing.

It's a shame that the forces of darkness have doomed the Great Lyndon who, as the exponent of Sweetness and Light in Texas politics, has attracted such a "meek and respected man" (the words of Mouthpiece Arthur Garfield Hays, defender of the weak and oppressed, especially when they have a \$50,000 fee) as Georgie Porgie Parr, the Boy Scout leader of Duval County, president of the men's auxiliary of the Blue Birds, and founding father of the Docile Duval Civil Rights League, Inc. and Ltd.



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Unlike Marc Antony, who only came to bury Caesar (Big Caesar, not Little Caesar), old By-the-Way comes to praise Lyndon, too. A follower of Lyndon, the Knight in Shiny Armor, since the days he reportedly fried his eggs on FR's kitchen range, we are devastated that our idol has been killed politically by the forces of repression that have engulfed Georgie Porgie, the do-gooder.

"WHY?" as Mefo used to ask. Just because Lyndon is being judged by the company he kept during the 1948 election, meaning Georgie Porgie, against whom Coke Stevenson started a smear campaign when Coke was beaten by Lyndon in a fair fight (for Duval County), although the former governor won in the rest of Texas where pistoleros cavort.

Coke, who was defeated by 81 votes after the ballot boxes of Duval County were belatedly counted and some ballots burned (said Parr) claimed he had been robbed, which was mighty unreasonable of the man and certainly poor sportsmanship.

### Our Boy Doesn't Like Donahue's Attitude

The fact that Lyndon probably has been killed politically, just because he had the support of Georgie Porgie, the exemplar of the better type of citizen in politics, is one of the tragedies of our era and certainly is a sad commentary on the political climate in the Texas Free State where a brace of Rangers go around terrorizing righteous citizens and their leader.

We, as a citizen who always has upheld the Beautiful, the True and the Decent, certainly are resentful that Jack Donahue of The Press staff, who went to Duval County and wrote a few pieces that stirred up a lot of fuss--and why can't we have unity?--should have had the poor taste to phone Lyndon in Washington yesterday to ask him if he had heard the report that somebody with lots of influence had stopped the federal investigation of Parr for possible income tax evasion.

We don't blame Lyndon for waxing irritable and snapping at the nosy Mr. Donahue. Lyndon, who upon a time always turned on the charm when a newspaperman came within hailing or dialing distance, was understandably overcome by righteous indignation and if he didn't like Jack's attitude, we can't blame Lyndon. Why should reporters always be asking questions, anyway?

We certainly are glad that Lyndon when interrupted told off Donahue as follows, according to a piece in Houston's Fastest Growing Newspaper yesterday:

*"My business is here. My work is here. My work is in the Senate and not in any county in Texas."*

Atta boy, Lyndon. That's telling a snoop who had the gall to phone you in the middle of whatever you were doing. As the Democratic whip of the Senate, whipping the Democrats into line behind Ike, you certainly are kept busy.

### Bond of Friendship--Football and Church Suppers

We are happy that Lyndon clarified, too, his relationship with Georgie Porgie Parr.

Asked by Snooper Donahue how long it has been since he had seen the Scout Leader, Lyndon, who hasn't announced yet whether he'll enter this summer's primaries to succeed himself although the time is growing short, declared:

*"I have seen him two or three times in the last year. At football games and dinners. I've never had any official business with him."*

# The Bryan Daily Eagle

Seventy-Seven Years Serving the Brazos Valley  
BRYAN DAILY EAGLE, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, 1954

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## Gov. Shivers Protests Move Of VA Office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas protested today to Veterans Administrator Harvey V. Higley against a proposed transfer of the Dallas district office of the Veterans Administration to Denver.

The consolidation, Shivers said, would prove a great inconvenience to tens of thousands of veterans in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi now served out of Dallas.

Shivers called on Higley after conferring last night with Rep. Frank Wilson. The Dallas congressman last week discussed the situation with Higley and told newsmen later he was convinced the administrator intended to announce the merger plan this week.

The agency has said it is considering not only this merger but also another of its Atlanta and Philadelphia district offices.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson made public a letter to Higley strongly protesting the proposed change.

"The move," Johnson said, "would flout the recommendation made by consulting engineers of the Veterans Administration who recommended Dallas as a logical location for one of the central offices of the VA."

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