

Dishonorable discharges

Army men cleared

WASHINGTON (AP) — After 66 years, the Army yesterday cleared the records of 167 black soldiers dishonorably discharged for a frontier shooting in Brownsville, Tex. that resulted in what the Army says is the only documented case of mass punishment in its history.

Declaring it a gross injustice, Secretary of the Army Robert F. Froehke ordered the discharges changed to honorable for the 167 members of the 1st

Battalion, 25th Infantry, an all-black unit.

President Theodore Roosevelt ordered the men punished in 1906 for their "conspiracy of silence" in refusing to testify against their fellow soldiers during investigation of the shooting.

A Pentagon spokesman said that while Froehke's action won't do the men any good now, the "secretary felt the record should be cleared and did so."

An Army spokesman said the case was brought to

Froehke's attention during a review of administrative and judicial policies.

The spokesman said this is believed to be the only documented case of its kind, in which an entire company was punished.

According to history books, at about midnight, Aug. 13, 1906, some 16 to 20 armed men rode on horseback through the streets of Brownsville, firing into the homes of whites. One resident was killed and several others injured.

The shooting followed a fight between a black soldier of the 1st Battalion and a white merchant, which resulted in the town being placed off-limits for the battalion, quartered in nearby Ft. Brown.

The incident drew national attention and President Roosevelt ordered an investigation.

The townspeople claimed the riders were black troops from Ft. Brown, but a series of military inquiries and a county grand jury failed to establish the identity of any of the men involved. No soldier would give evidence against his comrade.

Pols, polls, voter rolls

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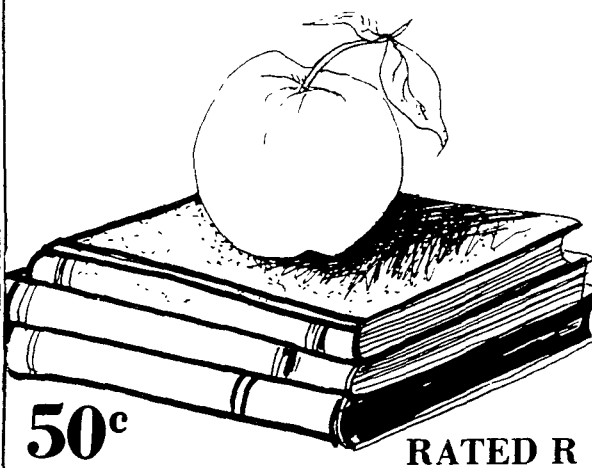
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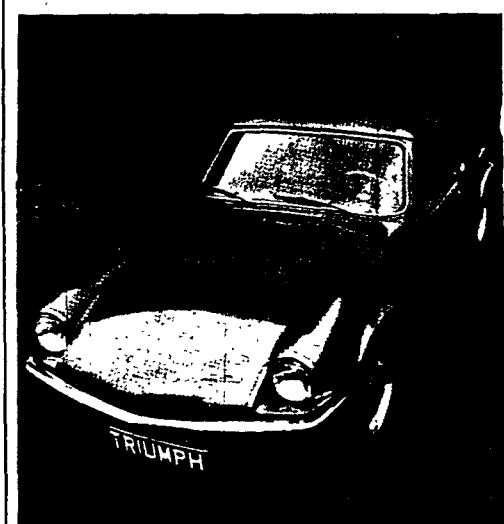
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The parties of '72

WITH THE ELECTION seven weeks away, volunteers for both parties are organizing their forces. Above, Nixon workers share the county Republican committee's office temporarily, while McGovernites (below) have set up shop in a second-floor walk-up. Both offices are on the 100 block of E. Beaver Avenue.



Nixonites: no office yet

The Centre County Citizens to Re-Elect the President do not yet have an office to serve as their headquarters, but that doesn't mean they are not actively campaigning.

So far, the State College Nixonites occupy one crowded desk top and about 4' by 8' of wall space in the local Republican office at 121 E. Beaver Ave. But according to Fred Willits, an area co-chairman, they should be opening an office the first week in October.

"We don't want to open a Nixon headquarters just for something to do," he said.

Willits said it would be "good politics" to set up an office where interested people, Democrats, Independents and non-registered citizens as well as Republicans could come in to ask questions.

"People are starting to listen to us," he said.

Willits explained that he and his fellow campaigners currently are conducting organizational meetings, planning for the critical final six weeks of the campaign.

Willits said his committee is conducting voter registration drives, leafletting and meeting with supporters and non-supporters.

"We haven't fired all our cannons yet," he said, adding that he could see no reason for needlessly stretching out the campaign, as the "the Democrats have been running for four years now."

Willits estimates there are about 400 volunteers in the Nixon camp, ranging in ages from high school to senior citizens in their 70's.

He adds, "We're a quiet, efficient organization, with a good cross section of ages and occupations. We're a group of people who like to get involved, which is the way it should be," he said.

Nick Maiale, chairman of the Penn State Students for the Re-election of the President, is optimistic about the success of his efforts in this campaign.

Maiale said he, and about 200 students recruited at registration currently are manning a table in the HUB three days a week, and plan to canvass the campus.

"On Election Day," Maiale said, "we plan to run a car pool to run to and from the polling places to the benefit of everybody, regardless of their political affiliation."

According to Maiale, the attitude of the Democrats is "paternalistic."

"They take the attitude of the American people for granted," he said.

Maiale said he had "high expectations" that canvassing on campus would show the majority of the students (those in business, agriculture, engineering and science) to be strong Nixon supporters.

McG staff counts days

Though nobody remembers exactly when, the McGovern campaign headquarters at 103 E. Beaver Ave. was a doctor's office.

Now, crowded into the three room office area are the cluttered desks, folding chairs, posters, bumper stickers, red, white and blue crepe paper and assorted paraphernalia that has come to mean a presidential campaign.

An enormous calendar counting the days to Nov. 7 (election day) above his desk, Chris Sayer, the Democratic Party's Regional Coordinator in central Pennsylvania said he thinks his office is a "usual picture of a campaign."

Sayer estimates his volunteer staff to be about 450 people ranging in age from 12 to 65.

Local women, unfamiliar with headquarters' electric typewriters transfer precinct records to canvassing sheets and check leafletting schedules. Other workers plan fund-raising projects. The group tentatively is scheduling a Rec Hall concert for early October, later events will be beer parties, get-togethers and speeches by Democratic spokesmen.

Many of the students are conducting a door to door campaign on campus and in apartments handing out voter information and stepping up the voter registration drive before the Oct. 10 deadline.

And according to Mary Ziegler, a campaign worker, a group of high school students are working on their first political experience and "doing more for this office with their optimism and enthusiasm than anyone."

"Our people are here to work," Sayer said, "to them this is

an important campaign."

Manning one of the HUB tables is John McCann (7th-political science). Wearing a three-tone-T-shirt and cuffed blue jeans, McCann "supposes" that 250 students attended a recent Young Democrats meeting because "they feel they have to do something — now."

McCann said that in the last four years, there have been demonstrations, protests on campus and trips to Washington, but "until they end the war, we are not accomplishing anything."

McCann said many feel they are doing something by working for McGovern.

"Most of us (the volunteers) are here because of Richard Nixon," he said then added "and McGovern too."

The Nixon headquarters has yet to go into full swing.

"The Nixon people are doing nothing," Sayer said, "and as far as I can see they don't plan on doing too much."

Sayer said county Democrats are involved in a "personal contact" with nearly every registered voter in Centre County.

"We are pushing our campaign to the people," he said, "and it is paying off." Sayer pointed out that primarily Republican Centre County now has more Democrats registered to vote than any other time in the county's history. "And that's not counting the students," he said.

Sayer added, "The Republicans don't seem to want to register anybody," adding, "I think they're going to be quite surprised."

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The Organization of Town Independent Students will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. Friday in the HUB Assembly room for all residents of Laurel Glen Phase II to advise them of their rights and to discuss the present situation.

Gerald M. Friedman, professor of geology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will lecture on "Original and Secondary Pores in Sedimentary Reservoir Rocks: Relationship to CaCO₃ Cements" at 3:45 p.m. Friday in 26 Mineral Sciences as part of a Geosciences Seminar.

John H. Snow, professor of pastoral theology at the Episcopal Theological School,

Cambridge, Mass. will speak on "The Effects of Women's Lib on Marriage and the Family" at 8 p.m. Saturday in Eisenhower Chapel Memorial Lounge.

Snow also is University Chapel speaker Sunday.

A Religious Drama Workshop will begin with an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday in Eisenhower Chapel.

The Office of Foreign Studies has moved from Engineering C to 314 Willard. The telephone number remains the same.

The Table Tennis Club will meet from 9 to 11 p.m. Friday in White Building.

There will be a sailing meeting at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12 in 214 Boucke. All who are interested are invited. A sailing film will be shown along with discussion on racing, recreational sailing and sailing lessons.

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