Keilin, Price Defeated By Hardin - Simons Debaters

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Rice debaters Eugene Keilin and Eddie Price received a melodic welcome back to television Sunday in the quarter-final round of the state-wide intercollegiate tournament, “Young America Speaks.”

Due to technical difficulties, the audio portion of the program was replaced by music for the first few minutes.

Since the introductory remarks were obscured, it was rather difficult for the viewer to ascertain what was actually being discussed, or even who the debaters were. Eventually, it became obvious that Rice was matching its skill against that of Abilene’s Hardin-Simmons University.

The topic remained nebulous throughout the program, but obviously had something to do with the Connally amendment reserving a self-judging clause for the United States in its conduct in the International Court.

Despite the elevating influences of the opening segment, the Rice debaters, who were actually debating for the affirmative on the topic: “Resolved that the United States should withdraw the Connally Reservation from its adherence to the International Court of Justice,” lost to Hardin-Simmons, 129-122.

The winner received a $1000 scholarship award sponsored by the Sinclair Refining Company; Keilin and Price carried home a $500 award.