Candidate Connally Stresses Education

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John B. Connally, Democratic aspirant for governor of Texas, stressed the importance of education in a Forum Committee presentation in the Fondren Library Lecture Lounge last Thursday, March 22.

In his speech Mr. Connally, former Navy secretary, outlined his qualifications for governor and outlined the role which education will play in such areas as economic development, improvement of society, and the battle against Communist ideology.

IN ANSWERING a question from the small audience, he said that he favored federal aid to education as long as there was no federal control of education. He said in answer to another question that he favors redistricting the state legislature in accordance with the Texas constitution, which provides for such action every 10 years, following the census report.

MR. CONNALLY stated that he favors thorough revision of the Texas constitution and opposes an Urban Affairs post on President Kennedy’s cabinet. Queried about the President’s plan for health aid for the aged, Mr. Connally answered that “the states should meet their own responsibilities.”

On the subject of censorship of textbooks in public schools, the candidate for governor said that “there has to be some control of textbooks because they are selected,” preferably by professionally qualified educators.