Cuban Crisis, Texas Game Add To Week’s Tensions

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The same advances in communications which have made even the remotest jungle of Africa accessible to the latest news, have allowed the cares of the outer world to seep into Rice. Consequently, students were concerned with more than just the day-to-day cares and the impending Texas game last week.

Monday afternoon, having received word that the President would speak at 5:00 p.m., a large number of students gathered about radios and television sets. About eighty people watched in the basement of the Memorial Center as the Cuban crisis began to unfold. When the speech ended there was a grave silence sprinkled with a smattering of applause.

EVEN THE MOST inveterate bookworms had to admit that they were following the developing crisis. Staunch Republicans echoed “Battle Line” in their analysis of the President’s actions while well-known Democrats on campus felt relieved that some action was being taken.

However, most students simply watched anxiously as events developed, hoping for the best and feeling that partisanship was inappropriate at this stage.

THE WEEK SAW a run on copies of the New York Times at the bookstore. There were grim tight little conservations over coffee at Sammy’s. History seminars temporarily dropped assigned topics for immediate discussions. The relevancy of studying for a math quiz was questioned.

Cuba not being the sole crisis in the great world beyond, many an Indian student wore a grave look.

ONE ENGLISH 240 section which has been studying bird augury so far this year used their newly acquired analytical skills to divine the meaning of a newspaper picture appearing in last week’s papers of a golden eagle swooping down on a dog in metropolitan Philadelphia.