

THE ROSTRUM

It Can't - But It Did Happen

"Dictatorship - oh heavens no! This is America, land of the free, home of the brave! It can't happen here!"

And why not? Just because we have a pince-nez on our nose instead of a paper-hanger's brush in our hand?

"But that paper-hanger was a power-crazed fanatic," you say, "a man who sat in jail and worked out step by step how he was going to rise to the all-powerful ruler of a country of which he was not even a citizen."

Well, at least he did it the "hard" way. At least he did not wait until the nation came to him, emptied all their wealth in his lap and said, "Here, control us; we are yours." Now why should an intelligent man, a lawyer, an aristocrat from birth, turn his head away from the same conditions? Would he not be a fool to do so?

"On the other hand," you argue, "are we not given the right to vote as we please? Is it not a fact that the majority rules, and that this man won by a majority?"

"Oh yes, of course that is true; but then if a man has billions of dollars at his disposal and flaunts those billions in your face with promises of, "Vote for me and this is yours!" is it not quite difficult for a man on W. P. A. or relief to close his eyes to such a temptation? "Why bite the hand that feeds you." But does it?

Let me cite an example. Suppose a girl has to choose between two men the one whom she is going to marry. One says, "Marry me; I am rich and control lots of business. Something may happen that I will not always be so situated, but until such a thing occurs we can enjoy life to the fullest." The other says, "Marry me; I have a small but steady income; you may have to wash dishes, but our security will always be assured."

Which should she choose?

And so it is with governments. Let us not give everything to one man and by so doing, hand him a certificate of dictatorship; rather let us divide the power among many and let each one be secure.

Let's be sure the raising of the hand will always mean "hello" for us, and not "long live the Fuhrer."
Marion Bender

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the setting up of a Center-wide tournament. This tourney will take place at the local "Y." The students bowling the six highest scores will form a team to represent H. U. C. in regional competition. They might even consider taking on the faculty.

In an effort to widen the student's selection, a new addition has been made to the sports program, that of a swimming team. Dave Yeakel, a prominent alumus, has taken steps to organize the team, which will represent the school in competition with local schools and Y. M. C. A.'s. Instructions are being given during regularly scheduled gym classes to all students interested.

Do you know that the women of our school have no organized activities in the field of athletics? Where are all of those feminine bowlers? Suggestions have been made for the organization of a girls' swimming club, or a girls' ping-pong tournament? Is it true that a famous college football coach has scouted one of our school's basketball games and that he has signed Tommy "Cave-man" Evanko to play tackle on his next year's squad? We understand that Mrs. Knute Rockne has written to Charlie Shupeck suggesting that he give up impersonating. If a few members of our basketball team don't soon shave, we shall have to change the name of our team from the Hucsters to the House of David. What is this we hear about Ray Morgan filing a petition to make ping-pong a major sport here at the Center so that he can become a letterman? **QUESTION OF THE MONTH**—What do you think of our basketball team?
T. A.

OPINION

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son's personality on the same level as his working efficiency, and the sooner the freshman becomes aware of this, the sooner will he really enjoy associating with others and the sooner will he acquire the poise usually manifested by upper classmen.

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political parties speak to the students, outlining the major issues of the campaign. Since there was no member of the Republican party available, Mayor Costello, the Democratic spokesman, was featured in a "one-man debate". The Freshman and Sophomore classes each presented a variety show, the Sophomores featuring imitations by Charles Shupeck and a song, "Trade Winds," by Frank Andreuzzi. A more educational program was the showing of a sound movie, demonstrating the mining of coal. The film was contributed through the courtesy of the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company of Jeddo, Pa. On Armistice Day, Professor August Martin, Principal of the West Hazleton Schools gave an interesting talk on the importance of Armistice Day to the generation born after the First World War. The last program before Christmas was sponsored by the Women's Club. The Women's Glee Club sang several selections and the club gave a short play, "A Busy Day at the Office".

A Student Tribunal was organized, with Mr. Howard Thorpe as faculty adviser, to enforce Freshman customs. This Tribunal met with little success because of the antipathy of the Freshmen and the indifference of the Sophomores.

A new record cabinet has been placed in the Game Room for the convenience of the students. The cabinet is divided into two record-sized sections, each containing room for twenty-five records. The records are numbered and filed, responsibility for breakage resting with the borrowers.

At the present time there are 112 students attending the Hazleton Undergraduate Center. Of these, 66 are Freshmen, 31 are Sophomores, and 15 are part-time students. A greater number of Sophomores returned this year than in previous years. This, together with the increased enrollment of regional students, accounts for the rise in enrollment at the Hazleton Center.

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FEATURING

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victorious. After the game, the HUCsters, in groups of fours, were sent out on a scavenger hunt. In no time at all, the groups returned all prepared for corn and wieners. The winners of the hunt were Donald Hallman, Arrio Brennan, Samuel Arey, and Carl Wagner. The corn was roasted in true picnic fashion and was in great demand. After everyone had his fill of both corn and wieners, most of the students went dancing at the pavillion.

Hallowe'en was celebrated at the Center in a gala fashion. Ghosts, goblins, and witches stocked thru the building from top to cellar. The HUCsters in all sorts of costumes tried their luck at darts, bingo, and many other games. The thriller of the evening was the "trip through hell" conducted by Ghost Morgan. And despite the ominous warning "abandon all hope, ye who enter," many brave souls undertook the trip and strange to say all came back in the best of health. For those who wanted the mysteries of the future unveiled, Madame Tell-onga Stale was at hand to tell all. Some, it is true, received quite a shock.

Although there were many good costumes, the judges had no trouble in choosing the best-dressed couple; this prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Herpel, who, in evening dress, looked very charming. To Michael Sztot went another prize, and rightly so, for who could have dreamed that Michael could make such a bewitching maiden?

For those who enjoy dancing, the Thanksgiving Dance was by far the most important social event. The tuxes and tails sported by some of our faculty and students lent a colorful touch to the affair.

The Christmas Party featured a variety of games, carol singing in the open, or should we say cold, air, and gifts for all present. The ever-able Mr. Shupeck made a very satisfactory Santa Claus.

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