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'RES NON VERBES'

WITH MINGLED joy and gratitude, the Collegian greets the initial response to the Refugee Aid campaign now under way here—a campaign which aims to provide for some deserving student or students the opportunity of a college education.

Purely a non-partisan, non-sectarian and voluntary undertaking, the campaign here is similar to many others now being carried on in different colleges throughout the nation.

Despite intimations like the one included in the letter box today, the campaign is not merely Semite in "origination and accomplishment." It includes Catholics, Protestants, Jews—members of every faith. In fact, of the 15 members of the local committee, only two are Jewish. It is, thus, definitely non-sectarian.

That religion or race should enter into any undertaking—especially in an institution such as this—is indeed a sad commentary upon our educational system and the future of our cherished democracy. For if we are to have freedom of religion in America, what difference does it make to what religious beliefs a person subscribes?

AS FOR THE funds which will be collected, they will be held locally to establish as many scholarships as possible, depending, of course, upon the cooperation of College authorities and local fraternities.

If this cooperation is not forthcoming, then the money will be given to the International Student Service, a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization with headquarters in New York City—with this one proviso: That the money be equally distributed between refugees of all faiths—Catholics, Jews, Protestants, etc.

If no case will a scholarship be given to any refugee until the committee here passes upon his qualifications. Documented records of the refugee's previous educational standing will be required. What's more, no refugee will be brought here from any foreign nation. Every scholarship will be presented to a refugee already here in America.

BUT, SOMEBODY SAYS, "have we lost sight of the plight of our own people here in the United States to the extent that we must rush pell-mell into some scheme to raise the amount of money it would take to bring one refugee here to school?" No, the Collegian replies. Definitely not.

For, despite the fact the campaign is aimed primarily to supply an educational opportunity to a deserving refugee, it is in fact something greater than that.

It is the consummation of American tolerance, the personification of American democracy, the repudiation of the persecution of any human being, regardless of race, creed or color.

We have—all of us—paid plenty of lip-service to American tolerance, American democracy, American freedom.

We have—all of us—paid plenty of lip-service to our feeling of good neighborliness and our love for the underdog.

Perhaps, for a change, we should practice what we preach. At least, it won't hurt us to try.

DIVIDED AGAINST OURSELVES

OUR CAMPUS is divided into two factions with a wide gap of indifference between. On one side loom the "ogres" and the "wolves" that form the faculty; on the other, slouch the apparently unambitious students.

Why must we have this gap? Faculty members would lose their "ogre-like" characteristics on acquaintance, students would come out of their apathy if they thought anyone was interested. And once the gap was bridged the mutual benefits would more than compensate for the trouble.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

"When the Cat's Away—" Here it is ten o'clock and no sign of Campy. Where in the hell's that so and so that is supposed to dish out news. We have a good idea but just when we would print it we would be sure not to "make out" Campy or no, there is a deadline to make it, so here goes our nothing.

Don't Say It We were scanning the Philly Ledger the other day when this charming bit of a kick stuck in our head. From one of their serials we plucked the following paragraph.

"Janie felt that he was trying to be kind to her because she was just a poor, dumb new-comer and because she was a 'feta'." (Italics are ours)

So far, so good, it must be easy to write a column. Wonder who they are going to have for Senior Ball. We hear "Proxy" Bob Smith is plenty sore because Boal got the appointment when Smitty figured himself all set for it.

What We Like We've been itching for a chance to point out that the nicest smile on campus belongs to Lucy Greenberg (really, this is no apple polishing), and the loveliest eyes to Marcella Anderson.

So They Say, Prof "The Penn State co-ed goes into life with a big handicap. She will never be made as much of elsewhere as she is here," said Prof. Lopley in one of his psych 2 classes.

What's Wrong Dept? Every Tuesday afternoon the Collegian women have a meeting to quiz sophomore candidates for the staff. Last Tuesday, one of the questions asked was "How would you improve the Collegian in regards to women's news?" After writing a page, one of the lovely tryouts summed up her point thus: "The main trouble with women's news is the men on the staff."

Quote of the Week "I'm contaminated with love" Author unknown but we could name one or two couples to whom it might fit.

Now what do you do when you've used all the items you have and there's still another page to write? Let's see Campy isn't a poet, he didn't like the Maniac's classified ad fillers last week, ah, we'll call on Miss Campy and see what she knows! After a half hour dialing 4961 we find she's out for the evening, but boy was that Ath hall operator nice! Let's see, she's a Phi Mu, a C and Fler, and studies when the boys quit bothering her. 3,000 phone calls, between 7 and 10, on big nights, that's really moving. Wonder where she got that voice? Ah, the boss comes!

Flash, Flash! What the hell are we flashing about? Let's see my good stooge has filled almost all of this d--- pardon me, this column. Oh yes, all fashion editors please copy.

For the real low down on what women are wearing in the way of slips just ask photographer Breon. When the dear co-eds get their picture taken it is usually with a drape around the shoulders which necessitates their removing their blouse, or something. One of them told me that he is a good arranger which you can take any way you like. (I arrange like like photography)

Odds And Ends Bobby Hayes chio has been pinned by some du, while one of her sisters Olga Krepal now wears Chuck Sweet's Beta badge. Janie Gruber's houseparty queen picture finally hits the Inquirer with the caption "Penn State's Most Popular." we can imagine what sister Watson will say to that one. What do these Kappas have that we don't?

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Present Woeful Medical Care For Needy Must Cease, Says Pundt; Predicts New Program

Cites Report Showing Sickness Rate 87% Higher Among Relief Families

Under the date line of October 24, 1938, the following news item was reported from Philadelphia: A son born unaided yesterday to Mrs. Marion Rucker, twenty-two, died before the belated arrival of medical aid summoned by police. Police Sergeant Edwin Johnson said he telephoned "half a dozen" physicians after an anonymous call but that "none of them was willing to go out at that time of day on a charity case." I bawled them out, but it didn't do any good," he said. Sergeant Johnson reported Mrs. Rucker "out of funds, hence unattended delivery."

According to the "Principles of Medical Ethics" formulated by the American Medical Association "the poverty of a patient should command the gratuitous services of a physician." This is, no doubt, a noble sentiment, but it is an indisputable fact that families in the lower income brackets receive woefully inadequate medical attention and that Mrs. Rucker's experience duplicates that of thousands of mothers in this country.

Last summer the National Health Conference was called in Washington by the Interdepartmental Committee to Coordinate Health and Welfare Activities appointed three years ago by President Roosevelt. Under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Josephine Roche, the committee made an extensive survey of health needs throughout the country and at all income levels. The report of Mrs. Roche's committee was submitted to the National Health Conference, including representatives of the medical profession, of government and public health departments, of labor, farm and consumer groups and of universities and civic organizations.

This committee reported some startling facts to the conference. It found that among families on relief... acute illness is 47% more prevalent and chronic illness 87% more prevalent than among families with incomes of \$3000 or more. Non-relief families with incomes of less than \$1000 have twice the rate of disability of families in the higher income group. No physician's care is received in 30% of serious disabling illnesses among relief families and in 28% of such illnesses in families just above the relief level. The death rate among infants in families with incomes of less than \$500 was more than five times the death rate among infants in families with incomes of \$3000 or more.

Forty million Americans are either recipients of public assistance or have incomes so low that they cannot purchase medical care. After a summary of the committee's most important findings had been presented a delegate rose to ask "Can anyone challenge the figures on medical need that have been presented here?" A silence of a minute and a half ensued; the committee's data went unchallenged.

On the basis of the committee's report it was recommended that the most pressing needs for public health, maternal and child services, increased hospital facilities and medical care for the medically needy be provided through an expenditure of a maximum of \$850,000,000, about half of which should be met by the federal government. The committee also recommended that a comprehensive program be adopted to increase and improve medical services for the entire population to be financed by taxation or insurance or both. Finally, it was proposed that some kind of insurance against loss of wages during illness be provided, possibly along the lines of our present unemployment insurance.

These recommendations of the Interdepartmental Committee deserve the most serious consideration of every social-minded American. It is impossible for Americans any longer to ignore the health of those who will inevitably guide its destinies tomorrow. The facts disclosed by the committee show how neglect of the nation's health has balanced the pyramid of our social welfare upon its apex. It is well known that those in the lower income groups—and there are 50,000,000 Americans in families with incomes of less than \$1000 a year—are still the fittest, biologically. It is this group that, having the greatest need of health services, receives the least. To argue that a situation in which the poorest element of society is also the fittest is an unworkable state of affairs is beside the point.

Likewise it is senseless to contend that a person's health is his own business. The fact is that we are lavishing medical attention upon the biologically "dead end" (Continued On Page Four)

Letter Box

To the Editor A campaign to raise money to bring a German refugee to college is the latest and most unattractive activity on the Penn State campus.

The fund is to be used to bring some unlucky student refugee here to finish his education. The campaign is well under way in that two methods of raising money have already been employed. The local merchants have been approached with their well-known contribution boxes and the Christmas program held at the College netted a sum from a collection from the students. A lecture party is planned.

After a brief study of the plan, the questions which evolve are these: Is to whether it is non-partisan? Where is the money sent and spent? How is the deserving student chosen? Is this nothing but out-and-out Jewish in origin and accomplishment? Is some reference more important to us here in America than one of our own (and we have plenty of them) brilliant young men or women who are unable to finish college for lack of funds? If we must help a German Jew, can we not find one who is an American citizen?

Have we lost sight of the plight of our own people here in the United States to the extent that we must rush pell-mell into some scheme to raise the amount of money it would take to bring one refugee here to school? It is safe to say that we could educate two of our own American citizens on the same amount of money it would take for one refugee.

No doubt every person feels it necessary to aid the refugees and political prisoners of Germany, but it seems almost too much to ask us to educate them as well when we have hundreds of our own citizens who are deserving and capable of making the most of an education. I hope it will be a short time before the students of Penn State will begin to look at the problem from two sides and take some action in the direction of drawing a line between necessary aid to those in need and questionable funds.

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Advanced ROTC Unit To Get New Insignia

A new insignia for the advanced ROTC cadets will soon make an appearance, according to an announcement by Col. Ambrose R. Emery, head of the department of military science and tactics. This shoulder medalion will be of felt, similar in style to the pin of the Penn State Club. It will have a blue background with a lion's head in white and the initials PS. The department is also considering similar insignia for the basic students.

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Dog Gives Birth As Witnesses Sigh, Gasp

It was a dramatic moment in a dramatic setting. The little apartment on South Allen Street fairly bubbled with excitement.

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Nervous benefactors paced the room, ringing their hands furiously. And the bee-hive murmur in the background was growing steadily into a stadium roar.

Lady Montgomery was going to become a mother! The whole world was waiting for the news! Then, suddenly, from within the sanitarium, a nervous, weary from the dramatic tenacity of the moment, appeared at the inside door. The murmur stopped instantly and a death-like silence fell over the group. Photographers and newspapermen crowded around.

"It's a woman," the solitary figure announced. "Two boys." He vanished mysteriously into the room.

Lady Montgomery had twins. The gala event was to be celebrated by all but one. Morley Feldbaum sat dejectedly in the corner. He had promised 18 people that they would receive puppies gratis.

Lady Montgomery had only two.



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The Suspense was Awful!

It was a pretty sad week-end at first with exam grades being given out back at college and no one knowing the results. But Archie stepped right up with that amazing intelligence of his. He simply turned to the telephone, called the school and soon had the facts for us. It was good news for all, so then the fun began!

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