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### DIES VS. DEMOCRACY

Editorial

EDITOR'S NOTE—The Collegian, in its open letter to Mr. Dies last week, has been accused by some critics as being vague and general in its denunciation. We submit the following as facts, facts which advocates of Mr. Dies must disprove if they still are convinced that this group is qualified and has a right to investigate colleges and universities throughout the country for an American activities. We submit them, too, as evidence to support the contention that the Dies Committee has not justified its further existence, than it has done more harm than good to the cause of democracy.

1. Most of the witnesses who have appeared before the Committee have accused themselves of having lied and conspired in the past. The truth of their statements could be established only by extensive investigation. Such investigations have not been made.
2. Individuals and organizations are, through mere mention and appearance at Committee hearings, labeled on the front page of every newspaper in the United States. The victims must themselves discredit the falsehoods.
3. Further smearing of innocent names: publication by the Committee of the mailing list of the American League for Peace and Democracy, a liberal and anti-Fascist organization charged with being a "Communist front." Outstanding men and women throughout the country unjustly accused by the implication that all on the mailing list are Communists.
4. Statement recently made by the President of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, a conservative business man, Wendell Willkie:—"The Dies Committee has been destroying reputations by publicity by inference, by innuendo."
5. The Dies Committee is dominated with political motives. It has entered close state and national elections in Michigan, Minnesota and California. In November, 1938, the mittie, on the eve of Michigan elections, called and heard a number of witnesses on alleged Communist activities in the State and alleged Communist connections of Governor Murphy, now Attorney-General of the United States.

Said President Roosevelt: "On the threshold of a  
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### MI Council Plans Better Student, Faculty Ties

By WILLIAM E. FOWLER

"Our Council has two primary objectives, to get freshmen and sophomores better acquainted with upperclassmen through social events, and to promote closer relationships between faculty and students."

Thus Charles E. Thompson '40, president of the Mineral Industries School Council, sums up the group's purposes.

Formulation of plans for a Mineral Industries All-College, dance and open house have featured the activities of the Council to date. The dance is aimed not only to encourage social relationships but to provide much-needed funds for the organization.

The Mineral Industries open house is to be held as soon as installation of equipment will permit use of the new MI building. The Council has joined with other groups in pushing the movement for an interviewing course, and has secured the cooperation of Dean Edward M. Steidle in planning the course.

Second of the school councils to be organized under the new set-up, the 25 members of the Mineral Industries group were chosen last May. To the eight seniors, seven juniors, and seven sophomores now on the Council will be added three freshmen in the near future.

Members of the organization are chosen from each curriculum according to a system of proportional representation, with two representatives from the larger curricula and one from the smaller in each class. The Council adopted a constitution October 21. Besides Thompson, who is president and All-College Cabinet representative, the officers of the Council include Louis Cavalier '41, chairman; Charles O. Tarr '42, vice-president; and Thomas S. Luerssen '40, secretary-treasurer.

### First Semester Exams Scheduled

Classes for the first semester will end at 5 p. m., January 24 and examinations will end at 10 a. m. February 1. Scheduling officer Ray V. Watkins announced yesterday. Grades for graduating seniors are due at the Registrar's office at 8 a. m. January 29.

For those seniors who have examinations scheduled after Saturday, January 27, special examinations will be arranged by instructors concerned unless provisions can be made for them in conflict examinations. Seniors graduating at mid-year who have examinations scheduled after January 27 should report this fact on conflict cards.

Any student having two examinations scheduled the same time is required to report the fact in person at the office of the Registrar, not later than 5 p. m. January 8. Any person having three examinations on the same day may report a conflict. Notices of adjustment will be available to those students who reported conflicts and will be mailed to heads of departments on Monday, January 15.

### 7200 Students Register Here This Semester

Seventy-two hundred students, the largest number in the history of the College, are enrolled on the campus and its undergraduate centers for the current year, William S. Hoffman, College Registrar, revealed yesterday.

Women on the campus are outnumbered three to one by the men, 5457 to 1743. The Liberal Arts School heads the list of school enrollments with a total of 1490 men and women compared to the Schools of Agriculture with 1316, Engineering 1033, Education 888, Chemistry and Physics 644, Mineral Industries 306, and Physical Education 178.

Only one coed is enrolled in Mineral Industries, while the largest number, 663, are entered in the School of Education. The greatest number of men are registered in Agriculture, 1276, and the lowest number in Physical Education, 98. Every county in the state is represented, the largest delegations coming from Centre, Allegheny and Philadelphia counties, with Pocono county having the smallest number.

### Players Cast Chinese Drama

Kluger, Segal, Coleman To Star In 'Circle Of Chalk'

Diving deep into the realm of mystery and intrigue of 13th century China for their first production of 1910, the Penn State Players released yesterday the cast for "The Circle of Chalk," to be presented on January 19 and 20 in Schwab Auditorium.

The production, directed by James Doll, instructor in dramatics, deals with the story of a Chinese girl who, although somewhat degraded, came from a family which had great prestige. She encounters many difficulties in married life, and puts up a continuous fight to overcome them.

Ch'ang Hai-Tang, the Chinese girl, is played by Thelma R. Kluger '41. David Segal '42 is cast as Ma Chun Shing, Hai Tang's husband. Catherine E. Coleman '42, plays the part of Hai Tang's mother, Mrs. Chang.

Mrs. Chang's son is Ch'ang-Lin, played by Eugene C. Scheffel '42. Florence Marquardt '40 is cast as Madame Ma, Ma Ch'ang-Lin's first wife. Herbert Doroshov '40 plays the role of Ch'ao, clerk of the court, and Madame Ma's lover. The mighty governor of the court of Ch'ing Ch'iu is, Su Shun, played by Malcolm Weinstein '41. Leon Rablowitz '43 and Bernard F. Siegel '43 are cast as police officers, T'ang Shao and Hsieh Ua. George E. Berry '40 and Leonard J. Wisnow '42 are cast as neighbors of Ma Chun Shing. Ruth J. Plessett '42 and Dorothy H. Schulman '42 will play the roles of Mrs. Liu Su Shin and Mrs. Chang, midwives. Charles S. Burlington '42, carries out the part of a wine seller. The governor and supreme judge of the Court of Kai Fang Fu, Pao Ch'ing, will be played by Norman A. Shaudman '43.

### 2 Chemists Synthesize Secretions

Marker, Rohrmann Derive 3 Hormones From Sarsaparilla

Two College research chemists were today marked for international recognition for their discovery of a new method of synthetically producing three of the most important secretions of the human body.

Professor Russell E. Marker and Dr. Ewald Rohrmann, of the organic chemistry laboratories of the School of Chemistry and Physics, announced yesterday a method of synthesizing three hormones (testosterone, progesterone, and deoxycorticosterone) and pregnandiol, which occurs in pregnancy urines as a reduction product of progesterone.

Cautiously enough, the source material for the synthetic hormones preparation is derived from the lowly sarsaparilla root found in Mexico, which has been known to man for at least 400 years, but long since outlawed by modern medicine as being of no practical value even in the treatment of minor ailments.

The time for those courses listed "By Appointment" should not be arranged until Monday, January 15, when notices of conflict adjustments are available. The dates of these special examinations will be announced by instructors concerned.

### Friends' Committee Asks Student Aid

To help clothe destitute Poles, a movement has been started on campus to collect old clothes from students for the Friends' Service Committee which is doing relief work in Poland.

The local group in charge of collections includes Carlo M. Davis '41, Ruth H. Pennington '43, R. D. Anthony, professor of pomology, Dr. John H. Ferguson, professor of political science, and the WSGA House of Representatives.

The committee, besides working in Poland and other European war zones, maintains centers for Pennsylvania coal miners, Southern share croppers, and Chinese refugees.

### NYA To Pay After Holidays

NYA checks for the pay period ending December 10, will not be available until after the Christmas holidays, according to Stanley B. Maddox, director of NYA.

### Special Buses, Trains Will Run Tomorrow

When leaving for Christmas vacation students can take advantage of special transportation offered by the Greyhound Lines and by the Pennsylvania Railroad. Special bus transportation will be provided, with direct buses going to the principal cities of the state. The buses will leave from the parking lot in the rear of the Chemistry Building at 12:45 p. m. tomorrow. Trains will leave State College via the Bellefonte Central at 12:30 p. m. tomorrow for Altoona, Creson, Johnstown, Latrobe, Greensburg, Pittsburgh, and points west. At Bellefonte connections will be available for eastbound travelers.

### Hopes Grow Dim For Opening New Buildings Next Term As GSA Lags With Equipment

Installation Of Seats Is Slow; Work Remains To Be Started Under Three Recent Contracts

4500 Seats Provided Under One Contract Are Yet To Be Placed; Buildings Now Have Heating Facilities To Allow Cold Weather Work

Hope of utilizing the new buildings next semester was dimmer today as local GSA headquarters reported only slow progress during the past several weeks.

Only about 1,000 of the 5,900 seats provided under Contract 12 have been installed, officials said, since work on the contract began a month ago. Workmen are now putting seats in Liberal Arts and Electrical Engineering buildings while chair holes are still being drilled in Chemistry and Physics.

Work has not been commenced on any of the three new contracts, according to reports these are Contract 15, for EE switchboards, Contract 21, for fixed shop equipment; and Contract 22, for fixed electrical equipment.

Fire-fighting equipment under Contract 19 is being installed in Agricultural Science Building, while the installation of scientific and laboratory furniture under Contract 20 should be under way by next week, GSA authorities said.

Since heating facilities have been installed in the buildings, cold weather will not hold up any of the contracts, officials stated.

### Artists' Ticket Sale Problem Is Still Unsolved

Committee Will Consider All Suggestions; Marquardt Cites Factors Involved

All suggestions for the sale of Artists' Course tickets next year will be considered by the Artists' Course Committee, Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, chairman of the Committee, said yesterday. However, no specific method is likely to be decided upon until plans for next year's series are complete, he added.

Dr. Marquardt emphasized that the Committee has offered and is offering no prize for suggestions, and is unable to say whether it would do so. A recent contest was held by Dr. Nelson W. Taylor, head of the department of ceramics, but was in no way sanctioned by the Artists' Course Committee.

"A plan to broadcast numbers from the Auditorium to other buildings is precluded by a clause in the standard artists' contracts which prohibits the broadcasting of any concert or the use of transmitting device without the consent of the contracting artists," Dr. Marquardt pointed out.

"The suggestion that a lottery be used to ease the conditions of the sale has been considered by the Committee previously," Dr. Marquardt said. "At that time it was the opinion that the plan would work a hardship on those subscribers who prefer to stand in line and thus be assured of better seats than might fall their way by chance. The possibility of disapproval."  
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### Three Profs On 'Brain Trust'

Three Faculty Men Serve As Advisers To State

Three members of the College faculty are members of a nine-man "brain trust" advising a joint state government commission engaged in an interim study of legislative proposals. The faculty members are Dr. Jacob Tange, head of the department of political science, Dr. Fred F. Lintner, professor of agricultural economics, and Dr. Paul H. Wuehler, associate professor of economics.

The professors have agreed to serve without pay in an advisory capacity on state finances, taxes, relief, unemployment compensation and other matters requiring research. Other members of the advisory board are Dr. Clarence A. Krippl, professor of insurance, and Dr. Stephen B. Sweeney, his associate of the University of Pennsylvania, W. Brooks Graves, political science professor, Temple University, D. M. Diamond, head of the economics Sociology department, Lehigh University, Dr. Charles S. Tipples, dean of the school of business administration, and Dr. W. R. Newstetter, dean of the school of applied sciences, University of Pittsburgh.

### Next Issue

of the Collegian will be published January 9, 1940. Watch for details of the Collegian's faculty poll in the first issue of the New Year.

### 'Greed' Earns 2nd Showing

Film Will Be Shown By Pi Gamma Alpha

"Greed" is going to get another chance. When it first showed in State College 15 years ago, theatre goers were so stricken by its terrible realism that it wasn't allowed to stay for its scheduled second night.

The box-office of the Twenties couldn't stomach Director Eric von Stroheim's "masterpiece of realism" in which he took Frank Norris' story, "McTeague," to the screen to show the demoralizing influence of money.

When "Greed" gets its second chance here, the world will have moved from the Thirties into the Unknown Forties, with the showing scheduled admission free in Schwab Auditorium at 8:30 p. m. on January 10 as the second of three free movies sponsored by Pi Gamma Alpha, honorary fine arts fraternities.

A silent picture, "Greed" nevertheless lived up to its director's desire "to tell a great story in motion pictures in such a way that the spectator will come to believe that what he is looking at is real."

In the original film gold tinting was used throughout for gold, gold teeth, brass beds, gilt frames, and cany to heighten its terrible reality. This tinting, however, is absent from the present print which is lent by the Museum of Modern Art film library.

### Hetzels Donate \$57

President and Mrs. Ralph D. Hetzel have matched the WSGA \$57 gift to the student welfare committee emergency fund for gifts and loans to needy students.

### Alumnus Heads Railroad

Charles E. Denny '00 has become president of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Denny formerly was president of the Erie Railroad for 10 years.

### A CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL

By HERBERT NIPSON

The Christmas Spirit is upon us, in us, all around us. It will not be denied it shouts blantly from commercial advertisements; it sings softly from radio speakers; it laughs joyously under evergreen trees and flashes in colored lights in every town throughout the nation.

It walks reverently into the churches, hastens happily down dark little streets with baskets for the needy, crowds into huge department stores and spends money lavishly. "A Merry Christmas," it shouts. And echoes and re-echoes shout "A Merry Christmas" in answer as they gradually fade into silence, yet still ring in one's ears. The Christmas Spirit is everywhere. It crawls through crevices stuffed with rags to keep out the cold in slums and tenement areas; it edges its way through keyholes and padlocks in the exclusive residential sections. Hard heart, soft heart, indifferent heart—they all succumb to the wiles of a busy-body Christmas Spirit, and as was even Scrooge in Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol," are made the better for it. Lovably, laughable Christmas Spirit. Gay, happy, carefree Christmas Spirit. Spirit that makes

### Red Cross To Hold Dance

A community Christmas dance sponsored by the State College Red Cross will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn, from 9 p. m. to 1 Tuesday, December 26. Rex Rockwell's band will furnish the music for this "informal dance." Tickets are \$1 per couple.

### Lion Skin Drive Is 'Over The Top' With \$55 Surplus

The Lion Skin purchased for the College this Fall has been fully paid for by alumni, fraternity and individual donations, and a surplus of \$55.47 has been deposited with Student Union in a maintenance fund. The skin itself is now back in New York City undergoing alterations after an appearance here at the Pitt-Penn State football game. Contributions toward the skin totaled \$259.89 with \$162.25 of this amount raised on Alumni Day. Fraternity and individual donations made up the \$97.64 balance. Expenses deducted from this amount were: Skin, \$200, telegrams, \$2.70, and express charges, \$1.72.

### Alumnus Heads University

Dr. Arthur L. Carson '19 has been appointed president of Sillman University, Dumasque, Philadelphia Islands. He was formerly director of the Rural Institute of Ohio University, Esnaú, China.