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vitality important gubernatorial election, they permitted a disgruntled Republican judge, a discharged Republican city manager, and a couple of officious police officers to make lurid charges against Governor Frank Murphy.

6. Representative Dempsey of New Mexico, himself a member of the Dies Committee, in a wire to Dies in which he threatened to resign:

"I know of nothing more cowardly than to permit wild and irrational statements which have no basis in fact and have only for their end the assassination of characters of men who are outstanding and who both you and I know to be American citizens of the highest type."

7. A careful study of available reports indicates that with a few exceptions most of the accused have not been called to the stand either for cross-examination or to make statements in their defense.

8. Documents have not been discovered by the Committee's investigations which would aid in cross-examination.

9. For the most part, testimony has been given freely by persons bitterly opposed to the activities on which they testified.

10. A New York reported (not yet proven a Communist) in a recent story:

"The mixture of plausible testimony with the fantastic, the practice of Committee members of putting words in the witnesses' mouths, their almost universal failure to seek development or proof of startling accusations or to develop backgrounds and possible animus of accusers make covering the inquiry a headache of major proportions."

11. The practice of various Committee members of making public statements, speeches and radio addresses before the hearings on specific charges are completed.

12. The first volume of the hearings, which includes 500 pages, was "read in" to the record with little or no questioning. The same testimony named as "Communist" 640 organizations, 483 newspapers, and 280 labor organizers.

13. Consumers' organizations, striving to further the welfare and interests of millions of consumers throughout the country and including thousands of conservative members, were accused last week of being "Communist transmission belts."

The consumers' report was issued by Dies and a discredited aide, J. B. Matthews, without consulting the other members of the committee and without a single hearing.

THESE ARE the facts. We leave the verdict with the students. The Collegian rests its case.

Is this a Committee that Americans want to investigate their colleges and universities? Is this a Committee which would benefit the cause of free thought and free speech in our institutions of higher learning? Have not the tactics of the Dies Committee, we ask, done the cause of democracy more harm than good?

If the Committee has effected a single benefit, it has more than nullified its attempts with a bigoted and Hitlerian pattern of tactics which future historians will look upon as a cancer on the body of democratic government.—E. R.

OLD MANIA

State College, Pa.

Dear Santa: We won't waste time. Every year, you know, we've been writing for something and this is no exception. This neck of the woods may be slightly known in many things, but around Yuletide everyone knows that you'll be here for your annual trip.

As official correspondent for the gang here, I have the following list of gifts for your fulfillment. Please, Santa, don't slip up on anything.

Here's The List: A free subscription of Post Script to Bursar Russ Clark. A shovel for Sammy Wyand. It's piling up around SLA, we're told.

A can of "Drano" for Sammy Gallu's pipes which, we hear, are in bad shape lately. Lydin Pinkham's latest book on Household Remedies for Doc Ritenou. A splashy toupee for Gandy Galbraith. A cake of ice for Art Davis and his hockey crew so that they can begin training.

"I" average for Bus Anderson and about 200 other social-seniors. Five pounds of sugar to George Donovan and Warren Elliott, co-winners of the recent, wide-smile contest. An editorial staff for LaVie.

Must List: An apion for Frat Gardner who, believe it or not, baked all the cakes for the recent Business Women's Xmas party. A pillow for Cliff McWilliams who finds it hard on the back sitting on the bench. A rubber ball with a screw in it for the taxi Screwball Walt Sottung, jumpin' cheerleader.

Bigger and better apples for Appleknocker (whoops! Apple-judger!) Andy Zargo to judge in forthcoming contests. Bob Higgins and Bob Wilson, girl edge scrap books of the '39 football edition. A girl named Ethel for Wrestler Duwite Waite.

At least two-bits to start the ball rolling on that Student Union bldg. Some wider doors for the Rathskeller. Since Len Fiketch started passing pitchers. A bottle of Bromo for Phipp Marsh Wagman.

Add Musts: A private phone line between the Kappa and SAE houses. A new pinball machine for Randall Graham. A year's supply of seggars for Leo Florian Fred Doctor Marcus Houck. If you're out of cigars, a new tub will do.

For Doc Schott, a newspiel to rattle off-at all the pre-game football smokers. A new set of uniforms for the Blueband. An official wrestling book for Registrar Hoffman. A note of congratulations to the Craighend twins who recently published their book, Hawks in the Hand.

A pair of glasses for the DOPE who called all the houses about the fu vacation. (He wrote us the other day and called us everything from a moron to a feeble-minded so-and-so, because of what we printed about his early vacation call.) He said the vacation DOES start Wednesday.

Go get him boys. There's places for such people! Fourteen new shiny badges for the Campus cops, who offered their services free for the Xmas Benefit dance last Sat nite.

More. Santy: Free matches all year around for the sandwich shop (the cheapskates). "A thank-you" letter to Burgess Litzell (Yes, the Burgess!) for his fine cooperation this year with the student body.

A dozen fresh puns for Dean Warnock and his Daily Half-Colum. Also a strict censor now and then. And, as usual, a Joe Miller joke book for Froth.

A free ticket to the Gridiron Banquet for PSCA Harry Seaman who didn't attend last year because of the ribbing he got the year before. Guarantee no ribbing this year. Russ Eck, an increased Collegian allowance if he insists on playing George Donovan ping-pong for money.

A few tips on how to write sports for Centre-dailyermes Bill Ulenich (We refer you to his 27 class).

Oh, yes. And to the Thetas, please leave to the Thetas.—The MANIAC

Our Christmas message is best expressed by our sincere wish that you may have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

KEELER'S

Advertisement for Keeler's featuring a Christmas message and the name 'KEELER'S' in large letters.

Exam Schedule table with columns for course numbers and exam dates. Includes courses like ABCH 425, AE 405, AG 400, etc.

First Semester Exam Schedule

Detailed exam schedule listing course numbers, exam dates, and times for various departments like PhysEd, PolSci, Math, etc.

Advertisement for 'DON'T FORGET PENN STATE CHRISTMAS BALL' at Hotel Brunswick-Lancaster, featuring music by Rex Rockwell.

Advertisement for 'GIFT SUGGESTIONS' for her and him, listing various gift items like Toiletries, Cameras, Pipes, etc.

Advertisement for McLanahan's Drug Store, State College.

Advertisement for 'GOING HOME?' featuring Railway Express luggage service and a man with a suitcase.

Advertisement for 'Go Home Direct—Go By Greyhound' featuring seat reservations for special coaches up until 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, Dec. 19.