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A BLACKOUT OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM?

FEAR—FEAR OF the Nazi menace which has swept irresistibly across Europe engulfing free nations in its bloody tide, has descended upon America

"The good old U. S. A.," always the least stable emotionally of nations, is suffering from a severe case of the jitters. Prominent people are saying rash things, advocating sweeping restrictions upon traditional liberties. The Bill of Rights was never more seriously menaced.

Almost overnight "The Fifth Column" has become a symbol of all that is gruesome and horrible in the mind of Mr. U. S. Citizen. He is panic-stricken at startling "exposés" of widespread treason and underground plots as published in yellow journals and sensational newspapers. Bewildered and frightened, he becomes an easy convert to the camps of those who would abrogate civil rights, establish censorship of press, and restrict the inalienable right of every Tom, Dick, and Harry in the country to say what he darn well pleases.

Mobs Riots Hysteria Widespread whispering campaigns against merchants, teachers, business men. "I don't know about shopping there—his name sounds German." A mob forces a band of Jehovah's Witnesses to salute the flag. The local goons in every town have a field day with the Schmidts and Klendinsts. Everywhere, hysteria reigns.

Strange, indeed, how the greatest nation in the world, the "savior of democracy," meets the challenge of the Swastika and strives for national unity. The wave of intolerance does not touch the actual foreign agents, but wreaks havoc with the lives of loyal Americans.

But what, you ask, does all this have to do with teaching? What does it mean to the several thousand members of the teaching profession gathered here in the Nittany Mountains at Penn State's Summer Session?

SIMPLY THIS—THAT YOU—AS TEACHERS—WILL BE EXPOSED TO MORE PRESSURE FROM WELL-MEANING BUT IGNORANT PEOPLE THAN EVER BEFORE EVERYTHING YOU SAY WILL BE HELD AGAINST YOU DEFINITELY—YOU ARE ON THE SPOT—AS SOON AS YOU RESUME TEACHING DUTIES IN THE FALL.

There will be cries of "Communist" and "Fascist" and "Fifth Columnist" against every professor of instructor of liberal views. The mossbacks will be out to brand everyone who writes a non-partisan book as an "alien agitator." It may be worth your job to discuss totalitarian government frankly in class.

WHAT ARE YOU TO DO? WILL YOU GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND SAY NOTHING WHICH IS NOT FIRST APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION OR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL? OR WILL YOU CONTINUE TO SAY WHAT YOU CHOOSE AND RUN THE RISK OF CONDEMNATION?

The Collegian sees a grave danger to American democracy in the situation that confronts you. If, in our drive to make ourselves adequately prepared to stop fascism, we give up our liberties and regiment our educational system, how are we better than the Nazis? Democracy cannot exist without academic freedom. If our schools become mere propaganda machines, we are lost. It is folly to fight Hitler with tyranny.

The Collegian hopes that your weeks here, your studies at the College, will in some small measure help you for the struggle which is to come. For it will be a struggle. In a very real sense you are the soldiers of democracy; and you may well have to save America from itself.

STATE COLLEGE IS beautiful in the summer. At your disposal are the things which money does not buy—fresh air, the scent of the forest, clear mountain streams. Truly the gods have been kind to Pennsylvania.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

Intro:

Back in this little hamlet once again we have noticed quite a few of our old friends, especially last semester's seniors. But that it not the subject for aspiring young journalists, to discuss over typewriter keys. So back we go to that perennial topic of sex and we do mean school teachers. This year's crop of school marmas does not have to bow down to any previous exhibitions.

Before things began to get started right we ran into the midst of a borough managers convention that possessed all the frivolity of a Roman celebration. Particularly memorable was the old fellow from Vandergrift who plopped himself down beside us in a corner booth the other night at dinner. What from answering his questions regarding his hometownites and assuring him he was not rude in interrupting a previously secluded and happy meal, he proved quite an interesting bird.

One of the cutest little rays of sunshine that has been lighting up our lives is Maxine of the Allencrest. Even her always-on-the-ball witty replies fail to detract from her excellent abilities (not solely confined to slinging trays about the joint). Along the same vein we have avidly noticed one very extra specially nice new hash carrier in the ever popular hangout under the Hotel State College.

Who said an athlete should not imbibe the golden brown liquid so cherished by the innumerable summer school students? We recently learned that the roster of outstanding golfers in Centre County includes that famous bee baion Doggy Alexander and also his waiter Johnny Musser. All we wonder is what's the matter with Fritz and Dan.

Wonder how the classical language department is progressing with a Frenchman at the helm while the German profs have to sit back and take orders despite Adolph's efforts abroad? Thank God we do not have Fifth Column reports hurled at us regarding that illustrious language group.

Things in General:

The janitor just paid us a visit and sadly informed us that he no longer will be pushing the broom on our floor. Ah yes, but he regrets getting away from copy paper strewn over the place. Met a football star the other day who told us the professional game is far from what it is cracked up to be especially regarding salaries. Seems as though this unlucky chap gets merely half of that thousand bucks a game contract.

Bob Wilson, ex Collegian sport dopester is now working for the local tag and we are pleased to find his stuff has picked up a spark (for future references read the CDT). Not intended for advertising purposes.

Latest news to reach our ears is that certain local waitresses are strictly forbidden to date chem students during the winter session. We can not help wondering whether it is Dean Whitmore's brainstorm. Then again it does eliminate competition for the rest of the lads.

Pardon us while we hit the dusty trail in quest of some subscriptions we saw pass the office.

SUMMER NURSERY SCHOOL



Nursery School Offers Course In Family Life

The department of home economics will offer courses in child development and family life during Summer Session. The Nursery School supplements theoretical instruction by providing practical experience and guidance in dealing with children.

The teaching of family relationships discusses requisites for happy childhood, a successful marriage, and a well rounded family life. In the College Nursery School, students observe the principles of child guidance in operation.

Workshop Offered As Special Project In Sec. Education

Will Study Nonacademic Pupil; Informal Classes Keynote Of Program

Among the special programs offered this year during the Summer Sessions will be the Pennsylvania Workshop in Secondary Education for the study of problems related to the nonacademic or non-college pupil.

A large staff of nationally recognized specialists will be in charge of the workshop, a project of the Pennsylvania Branch of the National Association of Secondary School Principals with the aid of the Progressive Education Association.

The workshop, while primarily intended for Pennsylvania teachers and principals, has national significance. There will be no formal classes or fixed lecture periods. Students and faculty will work together toward general objectives.

The workshop will deal primarily with the problem of a satisfactory secondary education curriculum for pupils who are not

academically inclined or intending to go to college.

Besides the full-time staff of ten, speakers will be brought in from time to time. These speakers will be chosen from industry, the NYA, CCC leaders, and others whose work brings them into contact with the problem confronting the workshop. Mary Jane Wyland, associate professor of education, will direct the workshop.

Made of metal screens and sponge rubber, guards have been invented to protect metal workers' ears from flying sparks.

Its inventor has patented a flexible bridge to connect two facing seats in a railroad coach to convert them into a bed.

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