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**France Built A Wall,
Felt Secure—Then Fell**

"Once China built a wall. She lived behind it. She laughed at her enemies. She felt secure. Soon an invader came from the north. Three times China found the enemy inside her gates. They did not storm the wall. They did not go around it. They simply bribed the gate-keepers.

"Yesterday France built a wall, the Maginot line. Steel and stone. She felt secure behind it. She put her faith in it. Yet France fell. Why? Something was missing. There was a gap through which an invader came. That gap was not only in the wall. It was the spirit of the people."

These paragraphs start an amazingly truthful book on national defense endorsed by Gen. John J. Pershing. "You Can Defend America." Its easy-to-read pages sell at the newstands for a dime.

Somewhere in the book are these paragraphs:
"Human nature is the bottleneck in the production of national morale. We need a new spirit in the country. But to get it we must start with a new spirit in every citizen. And that means you.
"Either you sacrifice your personal selfishness for the nation — or you sacrifice the nation for your personal selfishness."

* * *

Unfortunately, those words are true.
Either we sacrifice our personal selfishness for the nation—or we sacrifice the nation for our personal selfishness. Thus did France die. So too could America.

It takes more than machines to stop the onrushing Nazi powerhouse. Crumpled France and obstinate Britain are proof of that. We need a re-dedication of ourselves to the ideals we have begun to forsake—the Ten Commandments streamlined:

Sound homes.
Teamwork in industry.
A united nation.

In other words, good faith among ourselves and eventually, we can hope, good faith among all the peoples of the world.

Faith is the bedrock of human happiness. Without happiness, life is hardly worth the effort.

Faith in someone, something to believe in is what we need. If we don't have that faith in the man beside us, how can we expect to find it among nations.

The place to start is here. The place to end—who knows. We must rebuild the spirit of ourselves, our homes, our communities, our industries and our nation. Finally such an order—good faith between peoples rising up from the people themselves rather than imposed from above—could know no national boundaries.

It is an order men have dreamed of during thousands of years, that has persisted while others were forgotten—why?

Is it because men want it?
Is it because men believe it will work?
Is it because we can adopt it here? Today?

Part of its modern version did start here with Dr. Frank Buchman, formerly of the College staff. Once they called it the Oxford Group. Now they call it Moral Re-Armament.

LION TALES

The mist was drifting down the walks,
Our last thought was of knowledge
As we as freshmen met Penn State
And thought, "So this is college."

A rude awakening came of course
With those drained freshman customs
And those of us who were most bold
Went right ahead to bust 'em.

Perhaps our greatest hero
In that fall of our frosh year
Was a fellow they called "squirrely"
With a cage over his ear.

Collegian picked a queen for us
Miss 1941.
And that she was Jo Condryn proves
It was a job well done.

And then when spring time rolled around
The class elected Army
As president our sophomore year
In spite of all his blarney

As sophomores to be salesmen
Of Collegian, Penn State's rag
Was an honor and a privilege
We poor fools thought we'd a drag.

It was that year politicians
Gave a vote to all the girls
And they blazed a trail with carson
Who was honestly a pearl.

Then, too, it marked the opening
Of Norma Stillwell's fight
To be the College Maypole
But it never turned out right.

Our junior year we must admit
We spent in one great daze
While the Philadelphia papers
Had their headlines all ablaze.

The politicians of that year
Chose Virgil and Old Bart
And it was a hard fought contest
From its very merry start.

It's awful to be seniors
Who are hoping to get jobs
While our future bosses
Stay away from us in mobs.

We called on them this Easter
To ask them what they think
And they smile and answer frankly
Inexperienced students stink.

And while we're on that happy note
We may as well confess
That we are the foolish author
Of this very silly mess.

KNobby HEFFERAN

Letters to the Editor—

**Fighting Words From
Quarryville's Sage**

To the Editor:
My friend Frances Lowey sent me some clippings with observations made by one Helmut Landsberg, professor of geophysics, whatever that may be, if it is, and one Dickey Jenks, presumably a descendant of Captain Jenks of the Horse Marines, made on the ground hog and his predictions.

The learned doctor may be an authority on George physics, Doan's livery pills, etc., but he knows no more about ground hogs than Mary Queen of Scots knew of bridge whist. As for Dickey, he refers to those cannibals of Punxsutawney who eat ground hogs while pretending to be their brother's keeper. Well! Dickey is not to be considered as less than deluded.

Sympathetically,
GEORGE W. HENSEL,
Hibernating Governor, Slumbering Ground Hog Lodge, Quarryville, Pa.

Editor's Note:—Mr. Hensel adds that the Quarryville is the only known G. H. lodge with knowledge and wisdom a qualification for membership.

**Wrong Address
—We Hope**

State Collegane, Pa.:
Please send me any instructions you have for raising geese from the time they are hatched out. Thanks.

L. E. Couch,
R. D. 2,
West Sunbury, Pa.

Editor's Note:—After we lay an egg we never want to see it again.

**Burned Buildings Razed;
New Structures Planned**

The Anchorage, ruined by flames last Monday night, and the Allencrest Building, gutted by fire in the early morning of April 1, are both being torn down and plans for new structures drawn up.

The new Allencrest Restaurant building will be similar to the one that was lost in the fire with the exception that it will extend farther toward Beaver avenue.

The Anchorage building will be replaced by a storeroom in the near future, according to the owner Irvin M. Mohnkern.

No definite plans for the new Allencrest Restaurant have been made, but serving facilities will be more adequate and more modern, according to M. C. Mateer.

Anna Kaskas

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being a contralto," Miss Kaskas replied as she put on her evening wrap and started to leave the room.

Outside at the curb, a taxi was waiting to take her to Altoona where she was to board a plane last night and fly to New Orleans to rejoin the Opera Company.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Liberal Arts Council, Room 305 Old Main, 7:15 p.m.
History club, Room 318 Old Main, 7 p.m.
Pi Lambda Theta, Room 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
Druids, Room 418 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
Portfolio, Room 416 Old Main, 8 p.m.
American Society of Agricultural Engineering, Room 204 Ag. Engineering, 7:30 p.m.
Sophomore candidates for cheerleading, in front of Old Main, 7 p.m.
Eng Comp 9 review, Room 233 Sparks Building, 7 p.m.
Freshman Forum, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p.m.
PSCA Race Relations Committee, Hugh Beaver Room, 3 p.m.
Washington Trip Committee, PSCA Room E, 4 p.m.
PSCA News staff, Hugh Beaver Room, 6:30 p.m.
PSCA Forty-Forum, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p.m.
PSCA Student Religious Workers' Council, Room 304 Old Main.
PSCA Freshman Council, Hugh Beaver Room, 8 p.m.
Varsity letter sweaters for basketball, fencing, rifle, and swimming are available at the Athletic Association office, 107 Old Main.

Announcements and invitations for graduating seniors go on sale at Student Union at 9 o'clock today. The sale will end noon Saturday.

TOMORROW

English Composition 9 review, Room 305 Sparks Building, 7 p.m.
Student Union Dance, Armory, 4 p.m.
Ag Student Council, Room 418 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
Co-Edition, Room 305 Old Main, 5 p.m.
Bowling Club meets, Room 3, White Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Cabinet Meets Tonight

All-College Cabinet will meet tonight at 9 o'clock in Room 305 Old Main, President Arnold C. Laich announced yesterday. Action will probably be taken concerning the student exam file, and the dance checking problem, Laich said.

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