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The Chapel Dispute Nears Its End

It is interesting to watch the progress, slight as it is, which is being made toward settlement of the dispute over All-College Cabinet's authority to say that two chapel collections each month shall go to a local charity instead of Lingnan University for the support of Daddy Groff.

Cabinet's action, taken more than a month ago, came about after two months of consideration. The reasons for the delay were two: a financial report concerning the expenditure of chapel funds at Lingnan could not be obtained, and Cabinet members themselves were not too certain that they had the power to regulate chapel funds.

However, both questions were cleared up to the satisfaction of a Cabinet majority. The financial report was obtained and a committee found that offerings were first sent to Lingnan by action of the student body in 1911. From this, it was concluded that chapel is a student activity and thus subject to regulation by Cabinet.

Then Cabinet acted. A motion to continue sending chapel collections to Lingnan was defeated by a vote of 9 to 6. Another motion to send two offerings a month to "some local charity" was passed, 9-7.

Next the Penn State in China committee came into the picture. It argued that chapel is not a student activity because a large proportion of those attending chapel regularly are faculty, staff and administrative workers. The committee decided to appeal directly to President Hetzel on the grounds that Cabinet exceeded its authority.

Not wanting to be left out of the fight, All-College President Arnold C. Laidoh '41 also asked for a ruling on the matter. The next move was up to President Hetzel.

The President did not do the expected. It was supposed that he would take direct action but instead he threw the fight back to Cabinet and the Penn State in China committee by suggesting that a special committee be set up to recommend a decision.

This met some opposition from Cabinet members but Cabinet finally agreed to the suggestion. It was opposed principally because it was felt that the committee would be "packed" in favor of the Penn State in China committee.

As suggested by President Hetzel, Cabinet would appoint three members to the committee and the Penn State in China committee would appoint three. The chairman would be Chaplain John H. Frizzell, chairman of the chapel committee.

We can say with a fair amount of certainty that Chaplain Frizzell sides with Penn State in China. Thus, Cabinet has three votes and the Penn State in China committee has four.

It is not likely that President Hetzel will be influenced very strongly by the special committee's recommendation. What is more probable is that he wants the opportunity to hear both sides of the case in full before he makes a decision.

J.A.B.

ONE MAN'S MEAT

"Whoosh!" is the way my head goes every time I survey copies of our contemporary journals. Shrieking black headlines describing the apparent mad rush of civilization to escape an honorable death are the inspiration for my ripping cranium whirl.

Secluded as we are in the usually complacent and ivory-towered atmosphere of Nittany Valley, we still find it difficult to remain aloof from the strain of current happenings beyond the pale. I oftentimes imagine that we would all be much happier, relatively speaking, if the news-spreading facilities of modern print and radio had not developed to such an efficient extent that we know what new disaster has struck the world even before its first rumblings are extinct. The cliché, "Ignorance is bliss," still has some escape value!

Of course, it isn't the newspapers' fault that we're so unhappy. And with the state of affairs in the shape they are in the Year of Our Lord 1941, we definitely have cause for mournful reflection. It's not just because we read about a war in Europe, an "incident"—as the wily Nipponese so tactfully put it—in China, campaigns in Africa, fifth columns in the Western Hemisphere, and draft boards in every county that we're disturbed.

What really bothers us is that these things don't stay in the papers, like Superman or Flash Gordon, and devote themselves to being exciting reading matter. Instead, they have the very unhappy faculty of jumping out of black and white into ghoulish, yet real, nightmares that upset all our carefully planned post-academic dream castles.

The intention of this column is to pursue the pleasant duty of informing its reader of what's wrong with everything. While super-patriots (of the DAR variety) proudly exclaim the perfections of our imperfect society, I will be right in there, reminding you that here we are, in 1941, and something's wrong somewhere. By the way, how to correct these grave—or not so grave, depending on your viewpoint—as Sammy Wyand would hasten to point out—injustices is the job of a much more mature or occult person than myself. I'll probably end up being a riddle column—without answers.

The German Library of Information's "Facts In Review," makes much of a British slogan, "Butter or Bengazi" allegedly used to console the English for the ever growing fat shortages. The German propaganda organ shrills triumphantly that the slogan should be "Neither Butter or Bengazi." The "Facts in Review" thing provides many amusing moments. For instance, a translation of Hitler's April 6th proclamation contains these absurdities:

"Since I have lived to see eight years of friendly endeavor (sic!) prove in vain, I have . . . resolved to re-establish in Europe bearable (!!) relations . . . by entrusting the future of German interests to that force which alone seems to be capable of protecting right and common sense."

Britain's Library of Information throw-aways are much more gratifying to read, but a trifle dull. The Nazi stuff has pictures . . .

Students Believe Professors Don't Preach 'Isms' In Classroom

By Student Opinion Surveys AUSTIN, Texas, May 7.—The Dies committee has often pointed a finger at colleges and universities in various parts of the nation, sometimes accusing faculty members for the spread of un-American "isms." Just how much such propaganda is being spread through pedagogical methods will perhaps never be accurately known.

But it is possible to measure at least how many students think attempts are being made to influence them. Student Opinion Surveys of America has taken the question directly to the collegians who some defenders of Americanism claim are being taught to believe in the "wrong" doctrines:

"Have you ever felt that a faculty member while teaching in a class was attempting to influence you in favor of nazism, fascism, communism, or socialism?" The answers of a representative sample of students taken the country-over were these:

NO . . . . . 79% YES . . . . . 18 YES, but apparently not purposely . . . . . 3

The above figures must be interpreted with reservations; The students who answered were typical American collegians, and all classes of students were represented, but each student's own definition of the "isms" and of what constitutes propaganda in favor of those doctrines no doubt conditioned each answer.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today Tickets to Thepian show, "The Joint's Jumpin'," on sale at Student Union. Friday night, 50c. Saturday night, 75c. All candidates for the freshman tennis team should sign up for the tournament at the Athletic Store before noon. Student Radio Committee, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m. Chem. Student Council, 305 Old Main, 7 p. m. Alpha Phi Omega, 418 Old Main, 7:30 p. m. Senior Award Committee, 302 Old Main, 8 p. m. PSCA Relations Committee, Room E, 304 Old Main, 4:10 p. m. Religion in Life Week Committee, 304 Old Main, 4:10 p. m. Student Handbook Business staff, Room E, 304 Old Main, 7 p. m. All sophomore candidates for cheerleading report to Walt Sottung in front of Old Main at 7 p. m. Mineral Industries Society meeting, Room 121, MI, 7:15 p. m. Camp Counsellors' Confer-

Letters to the Editor—

To the Editor: I saw, last night for the first time, the annual Penn State Circus, and was very much impressed by it. Those who took part in it are to be complimented very highly—they put on a great exhibition. I have only one criticism to offer—a glaring and very conspicuous wrong was committed when the large American flag, which was placed where the new scoreboard previously hung, was hung incorrectly! The blue field should have been to the left of the observer, not the right. I am of the opinion that a little reading of the treatment of "Old Glory" would do no one any harm.

Sincerely, W. H. McCracken '44

ence meeting in Northwest Lounge, Ath Hall, 6:30 p. m. All teams for women's intramural discussion must be registered by 6:30 p. m. with Mary Greenberg, Grange, Lois Notovitz or Helen Gordon, Ath Hall. Student Handbook meeting, Room 418 Old Main, 7:15 p. m.

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