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**They Called It Light
But We Call It Darkness**

The letter from the Penn State in China committee in yesterday's Collegian is typical of all the arguments ever advanced for continuing to send the entire chapel fund to Lingnan University instead of splitting the collections half-and-half between Lingnan and a local student charity.

In the first paragraph of the letter, the committee said: "We think this statement will serve to throw light on some of the issues which have been under discussion."

The letter did not do that. The statement was not of fact, but of opinion—and, naturally, the opinion of the Penn State in China committee. It did not "throw light on some of the issues" but merely surrounded them with another layer of darkness in the form of generalities similar to those which have always hidden the true significance of Penn State in China.

We are not saying that Penn State in China is not a worthwhile project. On the other hand, we are saying that the work it helps to do at Lingnan has been misunderstood by Penn State students.

Ask any student this question: "What is Penn State in China?"

His answer, in substance, will probably be: "Daddy Groff."

That is wrong. Mr. Groff is not directly connected to Penn State in China. He was hired by Lingnan itself to teach and do research work in horticulture. Consequently, his position is comparable to that of any professor of agriculture on this campus.

The Penn State in China committee's letter also declared that chapel collections have been used "to cover a part of the expenses and salary" of Mr. Groff.

Lingnan gets some of its funds from an American Board of Trustees which, in turn, obtains money from several colleges and universities, including Penn State. Thus Penn State's chapel collections—which total about \$2,000 a year—are not used solely for Mr. Groff but are distributed among all staff members and all departments of Lingnan. A reasonable conclusion is that the withdrawal of part of our donation would not curtail Mr. Groff's work.

The committee also wrote of the system of exchange scholarships between Lingnan and Penn State, and of the Penn State Lodge at Lingnan. These two phases of the committee's work are not financed by our chapel collections, and have no place in the controversy.

That, in brief, is the Collegian's answer to the arguments presented by the Penn State in China committee. We ask you to consider both sides of the issue. We ask you also to remember that the basic question is this: Should all of our chapel collections be used to help support Lingnan University in China or should half of them be donated to a charity which would aid needy men and women on our own campus?

**ONE MAN'S
MEAT**

Soph Flop or Louse Party?

Of all the screwed-up, jerked around weekends that ever whirled Penn State students into a madly drunken state of suspension, the coming bargain basement combination tops them all.

Soph Hop assured itself of skidding down the traditional Soph Flop trail by getting tacked onto Houseparty weekend. Fraternity men, out to "get" Soph Hop for intruding on their traditional spree, are putting on spite dances Friday night.

Instead of auditing its accounts in red ink in a quiet, reserved way, Soph Hop has insisted in going down in a flare of animosity inspired by its trespassing on the hallowed grounds of Houseparty. And the fraternities, instead of graciously accepting the dictum of Student Union Board, have insisted on making it a battle to determine which founders with less poise, Houseparty or Soph Hop.

All of which means that this weekend will be remembered most for the lousy time had by all, not as one of the highlights of the Fall season.

How Do They Do It?

To top it all off, along comes Thespians with one of the best shows they've ever put on. Not the best, by a long shot, but good. Which is rather amazing when one considers the obstacles faced by the intrepid footlighters.

By all rights, Thespians shouldn't even be able to get a show out this weekend. For the past month, the clowns have been groaning under the weight of a monstrous pile of inefficiency, grandstanding, and lack of cooperation.

Jimmy McAdams, nominal head of the motley crew, has contented himself with issuing weighty dictums on discipline, cooperation, et al. Ignoring his own rigid words, the top Thespian has declined to enforce his regulations, and has been accused of using his authority to play up to some frosh skirt in the chorus.

Of course, all the prima donnas have had to shove each other around getting in the spotlight's way, while the hard-working faction, until recently, found itself ramming head-on into the stone wall of Lack of Organization, keystoneed by McAdams.

The Thespians surprise everybody, though, so it wasn't with too much of a shock that I previewed a fairly competent show the other night. The music is solid. The Glee Club bats out a neat boogie woogie bolero and Marce Stringer gives with her own refreshing novelty numbers. There's a nice bit of accordion squeezing done by one Marty Kline, a newcomer to State, who's done some arranging for NBC.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

SELECTED BROADCASTS

TODAY

Final tryouts for one-act plays will be held at the Hillel Foundation at 7:30 p. m.

The '43 Independent party meeting, originally scheduled for 318 Old Main, has been postponed until Tuesday.

Grange meeting, 405 Old Main, 7 o'clock. All candidates for initiation must attend.

Pre-Med Society will meet in 109 Home Ec building at 8 p. m.

PSCA Seminar will meet in the Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, at 7 p. m. Dr. G. W. Groff will speak.

Freshman Council committees on membership, entertainment and program will meet in 304 Old Main at 7 p. m.

PSCA Cabinet meeting, Hugh Beaver Room, 8 p. m.

Home Economics Council will meet in HE faculty lounge at 6:45 p. m.

There will be riding club instruction in the stock judging pavilion at 7 p. m.

Fencing Club will meet in the Body Mechanics Room, White Hall, at 7 p. m.

Dance Club will meet in WH

TODAY

WQXR presents Beethoven's 2nd Symphony at 8 p. m.

Bing Crosby is on the program of KDKA at 9 p. m.

Rudy Vallee can be heard over KDKA at 10 p. m.

rhythm room at 4 p. m.

Swimming Club will meet in WH pool at 7:30 p. m.

Outing Club meets in Room 3, White Hall, at 6:30 p. m.

Golf Club will meet in Room 2, White Hall, at 6:30 p. m. Nominations for club officers will be held.

Engineering Council will meet in 101 Main Engineering at 7 p. m.

TOMORROW

There will be a senior engineering lecture in Room 121 Sparks at 4:10 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Providing four members contact Rachael McMasters '42, telephone 4760, before 4 p. m. Friday, the Riding Club will meet in the Riding Club Stables at 2 p. m. Saturday. Regular meeting will be at 9 p. m. Sunday.

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Paul A. Mitten

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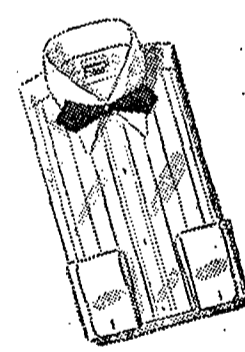
*News for
Night Owls*

If formal wear is your Nemesis, see the good-looking Arrow dress shirts. They're both comfortable and well-behaved.

The Arrow Lido, for white tie and tails, has a smooth narrow bosom, held securely in place by suspender loops.



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