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150 Years And One Day

Made sacred by the blood of our soldiers in past wars and revered by us in the face of the present one, the constitutional guarantees of personal liberty outlined in the American Bill of Rights assume a new interpretation as we re-dedicate ourselves to them. No longer are they ends in themselves.

Yesterday we honored the beacon light which has guided our government for 150 years from a lusty babe in swaddling clothes to a towering giant with an indomitable will to avenge himself.

Yesterday we renewed our faith and our pride in the doctrine of human liberty. We further pledged ourselves to the upholding of the fundamental truths embodied in the Bill of Rights:

- (1) the freedom of religion, speech, and the press;
- (2) the right to establish state militia;
- (3) protection from the promiscuous quartering of troops in private homes;
- (4) the security of persons against unwarrantable search and seizure;
- (5) just treatment when accused of a capital crime and just compensation for private property taken for public use;
- (6) necessity of speedy public trial with recognizance of the charges;
- (7) right of trial by jury in common law cases;
- (8) prohibition of excessive fines, bails, and punishments;
- (9) "natural" rights of the people;
- (10) powers reserved to the states and the people.

Yesterday we honored these basic liberal privileges and protections as shining ends in themselves.

Today, reviewing these inalienable rights we must prepare for a paradoxical sacrifice. In the months of toil, tears, and blood that lie ahead we may be asked to forfeit temporarily some or all of these guarantees.

Already the press has felt the effect of suggested government censorship and is prepared for increased pressure. Profligate freedom of speech arouses quick reaction of highly tensed patriots. The question also arises as to when the common welfare will require the government to assume control of private property. The possibility is not too absurd.

Certainly in emergency times we can not expect to enjoy the "natural" rights of a free people and even more certainly must we acknowledge that the powers of the states and the people must be assimilated by one centralizing agency—the national government.

So it is with almost all of the items mentioned in the Bill of Rights. "These are the times that try men's souls" and such times considered complete upheavals of things once considered safe and solid.

In our drive to ultimate victory we must be prepared to pawn some of our individual liberties so that freedom for all may some day be redeemed. Personal rights "worth defending, preserving and advancing at every cost and by every means," are worth being placed in temporary storage if such action provides for their protection.

In other words, we may soon be called to shed some of our individual privileges for regimented ranks which recognize only one end—the Ultimate Victory.

In such a general sacrifice we will not lose our decency or self respect. Rather, we will be paying the first payment on a revitalized Bill of Rights.

Today, fired with this new interpretation, we trace the uncertain future with renewed fervor. May God be with us.

—H. J. Z.

The Campuseer



For The Duration:

A neighboring Bucknellian selectee received his questionnaire from the Local Board and immediately sat down and penned a choicely worded epistle of bitter criticism of compulsory service. All went well for several months and the tempestuous gentleman was patting himself on the back for getting away with it. But the ponderous wheels of government red tape grind slowly and eventually this little notice reached the post office box of aforesaid objector: "You are hereby notified to report at once to Blank Concentration Camp in B....., Alabama, for the duration of the emergency."

Blind Date Insurance:

The Phi Gams tried to compensate for Maniac's derogatory description in Saturday's rag by serving their drags an eight-course dinner and from what we hear the gals were properly impressed. The enterprising pledges, properly wary of Penn State blind dates, set up a pool to be awarded to the guy with the stinkiest moll. Ada Lord was one of the judges and G-54 is still snooping to try to put the "b" on the lucky (?) winner.

Also, as a matter of record, we want it known that the Phi Gams say Maniac was wrong, the pledge party wasn't boring, everybody had a swell time. Maybe, in fact, probably nobody went except Phi Gams.

Falling Stars:

Latest reports have it that the alliance of Shmeltz and Cassel (phi sig) has been ended, and the Bob Roy-Margie Campsey combine is fast fading into nothingness. We didn't think the little girl would have the heart to deny the other 5,000 State men the chance to date a kappa.

Idle Musings:

- Starchy Mooklet-Lardner Grinsby.
- Nerky Banobile-Puek Check.
- Wimmy Toicox-Mane Jurphy.
- Barrel Clackwood-Toothy Rhomas.

Addenda:

Joan Herzer got Murph Tempkovich's sigma nu pin, leaving Byard Blum as usual out in the cold. Jack "Hot Shot" Hanley wants a nice deaf and blind sweetie for Xmas.

Krouse Will Head Annual Carol Sing

H. Leonard Krouse '42 will be chairman at the annual Christmas Carol Sing on the Old Main terrace at 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening, it was announced by the PSCA, co-sponsors with the Department of Music.

Prof. Hummel Fishburn will direct group singing from words projected on a screen at the top of Old Main steps. Special music will be sung by the College Chapel Choir, and Mrs. Harriet D. Nesbitt, speech department, will read the Christmas selection.

Department of grounds and buildings, visual education department and members of the PSCA Freshman Council will assist.

Hape M. Roush '42 is program chairman; Betty C. Rose '42 has charge of decorations; Frances G. Reist '42 heads the publicity committee; and William C. Paterson '43 and Roy R. Smith '44 are co-chairmen of the committee on arrangements.

Scholarship Winners

Fourteen of the 80 winners of 1940 state scholarship examinations have enrolled at the College, it was announced in the current issue of Public Instruction, bulletin of the department of public instruction, Harrisburg.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Portfolio edit staff meet, 316 Old Main, 8 p. m.

WSGA House of Representatives, 318 Old Main, 4:45 p. m.

'45 Campus party victory meeting, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

German department Christmas sing, Schwab Auditorium, 7 p. m.

Kent Forester, history instructor, will speak on "United States in the Far East" at the History Club meeting in 8 Sparks Building at 7 p. m.

Baracuds Club, Pioneer House, and Ingleside Club will hold a smoker at Ingleside Club, 7:30 p. m. Joe Bedenk, speaker.

TOMORROW

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