



Barracks Like A Barn—Germany, with six million prisoners, has more than the combined total of the last war. Half of them are Russians, of which only one-sixth are kept in Germany. Majority of prisoners are organized into working crews, or turned loose. Refugees in camps elect their own leader to organize them and possibly start classes. Southern France has 26,000 refugees in such camps.

'Little Food, No Heat In European Prison, Refugee Camps' Says Elliott

Capacity Audience
Hears Traveler

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"You must realize that food is the capital question with us."

That is what Roland Elliott, who recently returned from Europe, heard from refugees, internees and war prisoners in camps in France, Holland and Germany.

Mr. Elliott, who toured for the World Student Christian Federation, said the mortality rate in occupied countries has increased over 45 per cent.

"People complain their cuts do not heal; their teeth come loose and their eyes are slow to focus. Students can't concentrate because of lack of vitamins and heat in rooms," he explained. "I saw babies whose arms were ink-blue, their skin wrinkled like old men," the traveler pointed out.

During his week's stay with a French family, Mr. Elliott said his soup consisted of water with only a slice of carrot or a few cabbage leaves. For dinner he usually ate boiled carrots, cabbage and celery and four times he had meat.

"Two of those times the meat was an extremely thin half-slice of baloney, another time a small chunk of pork, and the fourth occasion some bones attached to a tablespoon of goat meat. There was no meat at all in the shops, and we were able to buy a month's ration of cheese—approximately as much as an American cheese sandwich contains," he stated.

The PSCA-sponsored speaker told of the evidence of positive (Continued on Page Two)

Debaters Rest In New York City

Special to The Daily Collegian
NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 17—Gerald F. Doherty '42, Bernard M. Weinberg '43, and Coach Joseph F. O'Brien, associate professor of public speaking, Penn State's debate group now on tour, are enjoying a day of rest today, "touring the big town," after a strenuous program yesterday. They will remain here until Saturday.

Yesterday morning saw the traveling debaters at Queens College, Flushing, New York, while Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, played host to the contingent, yesterday afternoon.

At both places Doherty and Weinberg spoke in symposium forums on the topic, "What Is Youth's Part In The War," a subject originated by Coach O'Brien and Thomas J. Burke '42, former debate manager.

In a similar forum at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Monday night, Doherty told a student group, "In New York I saw the keel of the Normandie—but eventually our army will be eight million strong. We must live real democracy. Platitudes are not enough. Freedom and democracy is a pearl—Harbor."

Resuming their activities tomorrow, the debaters will engage New York University on the question, "Resolved that the federal government should control by law all labor unions in the United States, constitutionality conceded." Doherty and Weinberg will argue the affirmative side.

Recruits Wanted For Marine Corps

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in applying for the Candidate's Class for Commission in the Marine Corps Reserve will be interviewed in 311 Old Main tomorrow from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., it was announced by Lieut. Robert M. Port, recruiting officer, who will do the interviewing.

The plan, as outlined by Lieutenant Port, is similar to the Naval Reserve program. Students who enlist while still in College would probably not be called to active duty until after graduation.

For those making application tomorrow, physical exams will be given by a medical officer who will come to the campus sometime next month. Lieutenant Port said that the quota set for trainees from the College is 5 seniors, 18 juniors, and 6 sophomores. Graduate students are also eligible.

Men who complete the training period will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve. Applicants need not have completed any course, except that it must be one leading to a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or an engineering degree, it was emphasized.

Trainees will be given instruction for six months at Quantico, Va. Starting May 1, a new class will be enrolled on the first of each month. The Marine Corps reserves the right to call enlisted undergraduates before they have been graduated, though in that case at least six months notice must be given.

Applicants must be under 25 years of age at the time they receive their commissions. Second lieutenants in the Marine Reserve receive a base pay of \$125 a month plus expenses for quarters and subsistence.

3 Groups To Aid Waste Collection

In an effort to increase the collection of salvageable goods, the State College Committee on Conservation of Defense Resources, representing both the College and borough committee sections, revised its plans for the gathering of reclaimed material.

The campaign to save for war production all waste paper, rags, metals, and old rubber, started over a month ago, has now been put into the hands of three groups who have proved themselves successful in similar collections, Harold W. Loman, College purchasing agent and vice-chairman of the committee announced.

The Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army and the High School Athletic Association will be in charge of all collections formerly taken care of by the O. W. Houts Lumber Company, affirmed R. J. Kennard, local businessman and chairman of the entire group. Phone numbers of the groups will be released at a later date.

Town Council Passes Blackout Ordinance

A blackout ordinance with "teeth" in it was passed by the State College Town Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

The ordinance, which will affect fraternities as well as townspeople, gave Civilian Defense authorities the right to carry out air-raid protection and blackout measures. The nature and color of lights used in downtown stores must be approved, the ordinance states.

All-College Open House In Old Main Friday Night

Provide Recreation In New Game Rooms

Penn State's new All-College effort to provide unique wartime entertainment, the Old Main Open House, will be inaugurated Friday at 7:30 p. m. under the joint efforts of eight campus organizations.

Included on the program will be five separate entertainment sections with the IMA sponsoring dancing in the Sandwich Shop, the School of Physical Education holding barn dances in the newly opened game room in 405, and old time movies, sponsored by the PSCA, in the Little Theatre with Fred E. Kelly of the visual education department in charge.

The other two attractions will be odd games in Old Main's first floor lounge and the Hugh Beaver Room, plus ping pong exhibitions and round robin games in the recently equipped ping pong room.

"Offering an opportunity to students and faculty to relieve their headaches for a few hours, the program will present a better chance than a dance to meet Penn State people," said D. Ned Linegar, PSCA secretary, who is handling one portion of the entertainment.

Only two of the Open House sections will charge admission, the dancing in the Sandwich Shop and the old-time movies in the Little Theatre, with all proceeds going to the Red Cross and the World's Student Service Fund. The price at both attractions will be ten cents.

Titles of some of the ancient silent movies selected are as follows: "Daisy Does Her Darndest," "Border Law," "Gay Nineties," and "Movie Land Memories." Some of the greats of the movie past featured are Rudolph Valentino and Charlie Chaplin.

Hostesses for the separate functions will be selected today by Patricia MacKinney, acting WRA president.

The Penn State Club room will provide lounging facilities plus hourly alternating classical and popular music. Three sets of barn dance instructors will be appointed by Miss Jessie Cameron and Ray Conger, members of the physical education faculty.



CLUB LEADER—The Penn State Glee Club's competition in Fred Waring's National Glee Club Contest will be under the direction of Richard W. Grant, director of music. Penn State will compete with 150 colleges in the nation.

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Waring Assigns Glee Club Song

Fred Waring's National Glee Club competition arrangements are now being made by the Penn State Glee Club. The selected contest song to be sung by 150 clubs in the nation is "Steal Away," a Negro spiritual.

Two songs will be sung by each club in competition. One must be an individual college song and the other will be selected by the judgment of each group.

Penn State's college song will probably be "Fight On State," and the other one will be selected later with particular attention to the voice qualities of the Nittany Lion Glee Club.

Fifteen colleges have been placed in the Eastern division with Penn State. They are Alfred Bucknell, Canisius (Buffalo), Carnegie Tech, Colgate, Franklin and Marshall, Moravian, Niagara University, Pennsylvania, University of Rochester, St. Bonaventure, Union College, Washington and Jefferson, West Virginia, and West Virginia Wesleyan.

Bulb-Snatchers Cause Loman More Headaches; Materials Hard To Get

Don't be a bulb snatcher! "That's bad. It's especially bad now when bulbs, like most of the other supplies needed for repairing and replacing are so hard to get because they are on government priority lists," was the comment of Harold W. Loman, College Purchasing Agent.

He reported that hundreds of kinds of supplies, ranging from hammers for fire alarm boxes to the tops for soap dispensers, were picked up by students from College buildings each year.

"Can you imagine anyone wanting the hammer from a fire alarm box?" he asked. "Why, they wouldn't even be good paper weights. Besides, each one of those things has to be bought from a plant which is busy making some kind of a gun or bomb sight or something that's needed for defense."

As for light bulbs, he under-

stood why a fellow would want a nice 75-watt bulb from some hall. It would look swell in his study lamp, and then he wouldn't have to buy one.

Mr. Loman, anxious to get students to try not to destroy these things which are so hard to get, showed long lists of priorities which came to him each day from the government making his job of supplying the College with its necessities harder.

He said they have made him more of a student than most of the undergraduates because he had to learn each day the new additions to the lists.

"Sure," he said, "students want to pick up little knick-knacks, and they used to be easily replaced out of a fund set up for them, but now, fund or no fund, you can't get them. They really ought to leave them, at least till after the war."

LATE NEWS FLASHES

WASHINGTON—War communiques from the Philippines yesterday declared that General MacArthur's forces were undergoing heavy bombardment by Japanese artillery and dive bombers in preparation for a Japanese attempt to wipe out the American forces on Bataan Peninsula.

MOSCOW—Russian spokesmen declared last night that Russian forces had advanced 50 miles beyond Vyazma in the north and 80 miles from the southeast in a rapidly growing pincers movement on Smolensk.

RANGOON—British troops in Burma have withdrawn to new positions on the west banks of the Billin River. These newly established defense lines are 105 miles from Rangoon, gateway for shipments to China over the Burma Road.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt in a press conference yesterday denied that the fleet had suffered more severe damage at Pearl Harbor than Navy Secretary Knox had revealed in his report on the attack. Terming Washington a "rumor factory," President Roosevelt denounced certain senators for spreading false claims and destroying national morale.

RANGOON—Units of the Indian Air Force are reported operating with British planes in the defense of Burma, according to British spokesmen in Rangoon.

LONDON—The German High Command disclosed yesterday that British bombers have carried out heavy attacks on Helgoland Bight where the battleships, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and cruiser, Prinz Eugen have taken refuge after the Dover Strait dash.