

## Late News Flashes . . .

**WASHINGTON** — American Marines, in the operation that made them famous—the sea-borne invasion—are leading the first American offensive action in the Pacific theatre against the Japanese held Solomon Islands. This land, air and naval battle, entering its fifth day, was pronounced, in a statement by Admiral King, to be a definite offensive action progressing favorably in the face of considerable Japanese resistance.

**NEW DELHI** — In dozens of Indian cities today, Mohandas Ghandi's planned civil disobedience strike has run far out of hand with rioting and pillaging rampant among the Hindu followers of the imprisoned Indian nationalist. The British government apparently still has the situation in hand; however, English and native military forces are being readied against the possibility of more savage and wide-spread disorders.

**MOSCOW** — Russian demolition squads have begun the systematic firing of the Northern Caucasian oil fields as German Field Marshall von Bock's Nazi army pushed relentlessly southward toward the main Caucasian oil fields. Russian sources deny the Nazi claim of the capture of strategic Maikop, important link on the northern pipeline from Baku.

**RIO DE JANEIRO** — The Swedish liner Gripsholm arrived here yesterday carrying American diplomats, newspapermen and civilians who were released from Japanese prison camps.

## Air Force Reserve Total Reaches 112

Two more Penn State students have been formally sworn into the Army Air Force Enlisted Reserve, bringing the total number of enlistees at the College to 112, it was announced yesterday by Professor Robert E. Galbraith, Faculty Advisor on War Service.

The two, Jack Berlin '46, and W. Fowler Bounds '44, were among a group sworn in at the Altoona Recruiting Board headquarters last week.

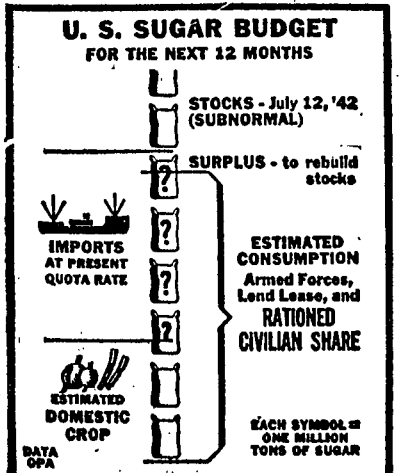
In addition to the two who have been sworn in, four more have recently completed their qualifications for enlistment, and will be sworn in at the next visit of the Harrisburg Aviation Cadet Examining Board.

They are William E. Royer '44, Norman A. Hartzell '44, Paul J. Leahy '44, and Leon J. Zacher '42.

Actual enlistments at the College have been halted temporarily, pending the outcome of the jurisdictional scrap between the recruiting units and the joint Army-Navy Reserve Board in Washington, but applications are still available at the office of Faculty Advisor on War Service.

## Gorgol SPS Prexy

John F. Gorgol '44 was elected president of Sigma Phi Sigma last night. Other new chapter officers are William M. Diefenderfer '45, secretary; Frank P. Mayberry '44, treasurer; and Raymond H. Nichols '44, chaplain.



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## Saboteurs' Death House



An armed U. S. soldier stands guard outside the District of Columbia jail where six of eight convicted Nazi saboteurs were electrocuted Saturday morning. According to the Office of War Information the other two men were given long prison terms. (NEA Telephoto)

## Pershing Rifles Initiates 19; Starts Physical Fitness Plan

Penn State's Pershing Rifle Unit, Company B, Fifth Regiment, initiated 19 sophomores as members of the company, according to Joseph F. Garbacz '43, captain of the honorary military society.

As a physical conditioning measure, members were put through extensive running exercises on the golf course, according to Captain Garbacz. Plans are being laid for use of the Physical Education School's Obstacle Course in an effort to better prepare the physical fitness of students.

The following were formally initiated last night:

Wendell M. Bordack, Hylton R. Brown Jr., James F. Costello, Jr., Charles D. Pfeleger, Harold S. Seip, M. Robert Savage, Joseph J. Hromadik, Joseph T. Tromme, Leon Rothberg, David M. Keck, Theodore Shuster.

Andrea R. Caccavo, Henry S. Myers, Jr., Thomas J. Davenport, Harvey H. Scheiner, Eugene I. Weinstein, George H. Cohen, James K. Moore and William C. Humphries.

## Post-Session Starts For 3-Week Period

Another three-weeks graduate course is underway today with about 125 persons registered, according to unofficial word last night. Accurate figures were not available after registration yesterday. The post-session course is the last of the sessions sponsored by the School of Education.

No activities are scheduled for the group, John E. Miller, assistant, Summer Sessions Office, stated. Inter-session was the first Summer instruction sponsored, then main session was conducted for six weeks, ending with commencement exercises for 187 last weekend.

## Theta Xi Elects

Larry T. Chervenak '44 was chosen president of Theta Xi fraternity at the house's semi-annual elections last night. Other newly-elected officers include Carl J. Lyons '45, vice-president; Leonard A. Wenzel '44, treasurer; Owen V. Cottle '45, house manager; T. Edwards James '44, caterer; and John R. Adsit '45, corresponding secretary.

## Library Obtains New Microfilm Reader; Available To Public

A new Spencer microfilm reader has just been obtained by the library which has been made available to the general public. Its use can be obtained by application at the main circulation desk.

Especially designed to handle the shorter strips of microfilm; two other machines known as the Argus reading machines are available at the circulation desk or the Chemistry library for the longer strips.

Microfilm makes printed material that would otherwise be difficult to obtain available at relatively low cost. The compactness of the minute reading matter also provides for conveniences in storage and handling. On a piece of film no longer than six feet in length and weighing no more than an ordinary letter, about 100 ordinary printed pages may be recorded.

More than thousands of volumes have been recorded on microfilm and a single microfilm copy of a desired book may be made at small cost.

## Commerce And Finance Honorary Initiates 13 At Annual Banquet

Delta Sigma Pi, Commerce and Finance honorary, held its annual initiation banquet in the Hotel State College last recently. Main speaker of the evening was Ray H. Smith, deputy secretary of commerce for Pennsylvania, and co-ordinator of state transportation for the WPB.

Arthur H. Reede, associate professor of economics, was toastmaster at the event.

Initiates included Edward P. Arters '43, William H. Bishop '44, Donald S. Boston '44, John A. Cole '43, Robert E. Dierken '44, Coolidge A. Eichelberger '44, Niles L. Keessler '44, John D. Neel '45, J. W. K. Ranck '44, Cosmo V. Rio '44, John Sakash '44, George Walko '44, Robert L. Galley '44.

## Dorms Await Decision Today, Rap Town Rooms

Definite answer as to whether women will occupy Watts, Irvin, and Jordan Halls, men's dormitories, will be made at a meeting of the administrative committee this afternoon, according to Samuel K. Hostetter, assistant to the president in charge of business and finance.

At the same time, it became evident that the Student Housing Board will be forced to take some definite action about vacating the dorms reported few rooms downtown which are satisfactory.

Appointed a month ago as president of the Student Housing Board, Fred E. Clever '44, got his portfolio for the first time yesterday morning and as a result was hampered in taking action. However, the housing head promised a meeting of his committee "soon."

"It's not the price of rooms which we don't like, but their condition," a representative from the men's dorms said. "We find a very poor selection of rooms from which to choose, and those houses which do have decent rooms do not house students. Many of the houses downtown are so old, it's hard to find a 'liveable' room," the student said.

The rooming situation came about after it was learned that the increased enrollment of freshmen women students in September would exceed present facilities available for coeds. Since women must live in College-approved dormitories or houses, it was decided to investigate the possibility of using the men's dormitories to house the overflow of some 350 coeds.

## Letter To ROTC

## Whitmore Denies He's Against ROTC

It has recently been brought forcibly to my attention that certain individuals on this campus are spreading malicious rumors to the effect that I am opposed to R.O.T.C. Such rumors are entirely without foundation in fact. Even in peacetime when many were lukewarm on the subject of R.O.T.C. and a few were actually hostile to it, I maintained that R.O.T.C. is a vital part of the training of any college man. During the past thirteen years, many students have come to me with the request that I help them to be excused from R.O.T.C. Never have I supported such a request. Even in the case of conscientious objectors and those whose religious beliefs were contrary to war, I have insisted that it is their duty, not only to their country but to themselves, to take part in this activity which was one of those outlined by President Lincoln in 1862. I have always been glad that The Pennsylvania State College is one of the State institutions which requires R.O.T.C. training and does not merely give it as an undergraduate option.

In the School of Chemistry and Physics, there are five curricula, namely, those in Pre-Medicine, Science, Physics, Chemistry, and Chemical Engineering. In the case of students in the first three of these curricula, I have freely recommended suitable men for Advanced R.O.T.C. In the case of the last two curricula, however, I have always taken a strong stand that the men should not take Advanced R.O.T.C. I have taken this stand on the basis that in the event of war, the country would need every available chemist and chemical engineer for use in the production army without which the combat forces in a modern war are completely helpless. It so happens that a modern army needs in its own organization large numbers of men with training such as



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that supplied in the Pre-Medical, (Continued on Page Two)