

## Letters

### Anti Pink

TO THE EDITOR: The recent letters pro and con concerning Mr. Stone's account on the Russian activities in Europe are interesting to me. However, it seems to me that the center of the opinions revolve about the question, "Who is best qualified to speak? Those who were over there, or those who have stayed in this country and who have had the theory and information made possible by college courses and by reading?"

I am prejudiced, because I was there and I saw how the Russians operate. I did not like what I saw. I am definitely opposed to the Soviet policy of expansion, and particularly to the cruel, inhuman methods used by them to gain their own ends.

In Austria, where the Russians failed to gain political control of the nation, they used every means of Machiavellian economic persuasion in the books, with utter disregard of human life. Even today, they are taking advantage of a morally, economically crushed people in order to drag Austria under the well-known "Iron Curtain."

And the Austrians are definitely anti-Soviet, a fact which was proved by the fact that the Communists polled a mere five percent of the votes in the Austrian elections in November, 1945.

While the Americans and the British try to build up the Austrian economy, the Russians are tearing down the very work which we have accomplished. They have stripped Austria of her power to produce; they are still confiscating food and livestock which are desperately needed by the population for survival. And they have done practically nothing themselves to rebuild Austria. In fact, they are obviously trying to prevent that economic reconstruction which Austria must have to survive as a free nation.

But to return to the question of who is best qualified to speak; I, along with many others who were there to get first-hand information, distrust Russia—oppose her views and methods. I doubt if there are very many men who saw these things who will disagree with me. Of course, there were some who didn't recognize what they saw because they were too busy elsewhere. But we aren't all blind.

Those who remained here in this country to study express opinions which are to be respected, but not necessarily agreed with. For they know only what they read. And what did they read? Are the opinions which are expressed in the Hearst newspapers to be accepted as the truth?

For that matter, can we accept the opinions expressed by any of our publications as being the true, unbiased facts, unaltered by editorial policy?

Is Russia being cooperative in any of the issues at hand, unless they favor Russian imperialism? The progress of the UN answers that.

For my part, you may consider me as being definitely anti-Russian. So, Communies, stick that in your pipes.  
—Robert W. Rabold

### It's Easy to Criticize . . .

TO THE EDITOR: D--- good editorial—"An Open Letter." It's easy to sit on the bench and criticize, but it's a different story when one participates. Your editorial makes good sense, because nothing of any importance can be done here or anywhere without cooperation from all concerned.  
—Ralph Peters

## Collegian Gazette

All calendar items must be in at the Daily Collegian office by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding publication.

### Tuesday, Dec. 10

- CAMERA club meeting, 5 Forestry, 8 o'clock.
- SIGMA DELTA EPSILON business-dinner meeting, State College Hotel, 5:30 o'clock.
- BLUE KEY meeting, 413 Old Main, 6:45 o'clock.
- WRA Badminton club, White Hall gymnasium, 6:45 o'clock.
- ROD and COCCUS club meeting, 206 Paterson Hall, 7 o'clock.
- WRA Bridge club, White Hall playroom, 7 o'clock.
- PI LAMBDA SIGMA, Southwest lounge, Atherton Hall, 7:30 o'clock.
- SKULL and BONES meeting, 419 Old Main, 9:15 o'clock.

### At The Movies

- CATHAUM: "The Killers," Burt Lancaster.
- STATE: "Gallant Bess," Marshall Thompson.
- MITTANY: "Anna and the King of Siam," Irene Dunne.

### College Health Service

- Admitted to the infirmary Friday: William Bodulich, Richard Crowers, Amy Kaliney.
- Admitted Saturday: Marvin Demp, Marianne Rahn, Joyce Ripka.
- Discharged Saturday: William Davis, Charles Diefenderfer, Santo Rizzo.
- Admitted Sunday: Marion Jean Fister, Mary Madeira.
- Discharged Sunday: William Bodulich, Amy Kaliney, Marianne Rahn.
- Admitted yesterday: Eleanor Brumbaugh, Barbara Kriney.

### College Placement Service

DEC. 11—New York, Chicago, & St. Louis Railroad Co. will interview senior civil engineers and graduating senior architectural and E.E.

## So Wyatt

Wilson Wyatt handed in his resignation as Federal Housing Expeditor last week and with it seems to have gone the veterans' chances at having low-cost housing. The main reason for Mr. Wyatt's resignation was that he was receiving little cooperation from the government. This is easily shown by the stone wall he ran up against in attempting to make a loan from the White House "jester," George E. Allen, who heads the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Wyatt asked for \$60,000,000 in loans to facilitate the purchase of prefabricated houses for veterans. Allen allotted exactly one-fifteenth of the amount requested, authorizing only \$4,000,000 for the purpose.

Compare this to the \$7,000,000 that the RFC recently granted in loans through indirect devices to rebuild German business, and how true rings the headline of I. F. Stone's article in yesterday's PM which stated, "Ex-Enemies Fare Better Than Ex-GI's."

Since his return to civilian life the veteran has been ever-hopeful of finding a place to live at cheap cost, but he did not realize the forces that were opposing him in attaining this end. With a housing expeditor appointed, the vet saw a ray of hope and felt that within a short while he would be able to find a place to live that would permit him to remain within his budget. With Wyatt's resignation this ray of hope has flickered and died, and unless something is done soon so will die the Veterans' Emergency Housing Program.

Here are some of the points recommended to the President in a letter from Wyatt when he was asked by Mr. Truman to chart a future course for his agency in the absence of price controls on building materials:

"... during the year 1947 we can place under construction a record number of moderate priced homes and apartments if—but only if:

"Nonresidential construction, public and private, is held at approximately present levels until increased supplies of building materials lessen their impact on veterans' housing.

"Raw materials and equipment are channeled to the producers of building materials through priorities and allocations.

"Through priorities and set-asides, buildings are channeled into homes for veterans.

"Building output is increased further through premium payments and other financial aid.

"Government agencies concerned with surplus building materials and war plants suitable for manufacturing houses and materials channel these into the housing program with energy and initiative.

"Strict export controls are maintained.

"The industrialized housing program is implemented aggressively by the use of emergency wartime governmental loans, guaranteed markets and material allocations.

"Sale and rent ceilings on new dwellings are maintained.

"The aids to rental and low-cost housing provided in the Wagner-Elender-Taft General Housing Bill are passed early in 1947."

Each of these points would with little doubt be instrumental in achieving housing for veterans, yet Wyatt received little, if any, support from the nation's executive and the government itself.

Wyatt sums up the situation very neatly in closing his letter to Mr. Truman. He states, "During the war we did not hesitate to risk dollars to protect our fighting men from the enemy. We must not hesitate to risk dollars now to protect these same men from the bitter frustration of failure to find a home..."

The veteran wants to know why the housing program is in its final stages when it is most essential and in attempting to find the answer may well ask the so-called "trite" question once again, "Just what did we fight for?"  
—Seymour Rosenberg

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### Repercussions

TO THE EDITOR: It is very evident that almost anything you write will have repercussions. However, what you have said in your editorial of December 5 proves to me that you are out there fighting for what you believe.

Seldom do I agree with your policies, but it is every man to his own opinion. I think that what you are trying to say to the student body is to try and create a little enthusiasm about the objectives that are worthwhile. If this is so, then I am wholeheartedly behind you.

Yes, it is true that many things must be revised on this campus, in the town, in the country, and in the world. It is a big job, so all we can do is to think and advise. Perhaps this endless fight to convince is of no avail, but again, credit is due to those who try no matter what the consequences may be.

Marvin Fisher

## Edit Shorts—

- "I think it is un-American to strike against the government," said coal miner Tom Carter, of Westland, Pa., who struck anyway.
- Evidently Henry Varnum Poor, who is being contacted to finish the mural in Old Main, hasn't been notified of these inflationary times or else plans to finish the mural as a work of love rather than for cold hard cash. Figures show that Poor painted the present mural for \$20 per square foot; the additional murals will be done for less than \$16 per square foot.

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## Sheehan Releases—

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able to The Inter-Class Budget System.

### Committees

The Senior Class Committees appointed by James Sheehan are: Cap and Gown—Charles Hurd, chairman; Julian Anderson, Karl Bergey, William Douglas, Philip Hampe, Margaret Keefe, and Barbara Wilson.

Invitations and Announcements—Arthur Miller, chairman; John Cameron, Lois Lyman, Dean Moyer, Robert Mulligan, Louise Umberger and Luke Watkins.

Social Committee—Lynette Lundquist, chairman; Murray Friedman, Catherine Garrett, Marjorie Stout and John Walker.

The members of the Cap and Gown and the Invitations and Announcements Committees will meet on the second floor of Old Main at 6:45 tonight. For any further information concerning graduation, contact James Sheehan at the Phi Psi House, 4908.

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