

Letters from the Editor's Mailbox

In an effort to bring to a halt the use of the Letters to the Editor Column as a battleground for resolving the issue of whether YPCA is "red" or not, we are printing the two letters below.

Pro-Russians in YPCA?

TO THE EDITOR: In defense of my charges that there are Communists in our midst, let me add that I judge an organization by those who are active in its affairs. Certainly an organization is nothing more than those who make it up. And I repeat, we have pro-Russians in Y.P.C.A. Any man who has the nerve to insinuate that our aid to the starving, miserable people of Europe is "Dollar Diplomacy" is strictly speaking the Russian line.

In answer to Mr. Prifti, let me call your attention to the fact that our own Pres. Truman stated that price controls, etc., are police-state methods. I reassert my opinion that price controls are not democratic nor progressive. Yes, we were quite something of a police state during the war. Mr. Prifti, in an emergency when you want to get people to do things involuntarily such measures are taken. But we've never been a "democracy", as you so naively suggested.

College Calendar

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

Thursday, December 18

FROTH Junior Editorial Board, 111 CH, 7 p.m.
 PI Gamma Mu, 128 Sparks, 4:15 p.m.
 CHEMISTRY Society, 119 New Physics, 7 p.m.
 GERMAN Carol Sing, Aud., 7 p.m.
 ALL-COLLEGE Carol Sing, front of Old Main, 8 p.m.
 S.A.M., 219 E.E., 7:30 p.m.
 TAU Beta Pi, 105 Main Eng., 7 p.m.
 COMMON Sense Club, Local Affairs, 409 Old Main, 6:30 p.m.
 M.I. Christmas Party, 104-105 M.I., 7 p.m.
 RED Cross, Student Branch, 410 Old Main, 7 p.m.
 COSMOPOLITAN Club Christmas Party, 140 W. Fairmount Ave., 8 p.m.
 ORGAN Recital, Schwab, 4 p.m.
 COLLEGIAN, sophomore and junior business boards, 9 Carnegie, 5 p.m.
 SWIM Club, White Hall, 7 p.m.
 AQUACADE, Compulsory meeting, White Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 FENCING Club, White Hall, 7 p.m.
 LUTHERAN Student Association, Christmas drama, Church, 9 p.m.

At the Movies

Cathaum—Adventure Island.
 State—Man in the Iron Mask
 Nittany—Song of the Thin Man

College Hospital

Admitted Tuesday: Paul Kossman.
 Discharged Wednesday: William Cassidy, Claude De Pasquale, Gloria Inserra, James Taylor.

Placement Service

Johnson Service Company, December 18, eighth semester men, CE, Chem, EE, ME, IE.
 Arrangements for interviews should be made at once in 204 Old Main.

I invite you to name a nation of any size which is truly a democracy.

Furthermore, any organization that is so bold as to draw parallels between its members and such men as St. Paul and Jesus Christ definitely is stepping out on the wrong foot. Remember, hindsight is better than foresight. "Progressives" like the YPCA variety come a dime a dozen. Only history can tell who is truly a progressive—and there have been very few St. Pauls and Jesus Christs.

Let me add that I am 100% behind the haircuts. Count me in on that program.

Sincerely,
 Charles B. Adams.

YPCA Defense

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Kelly in his recent attack on YPCA has proven himself to be woefully misinformed about the organization. Obviously enough, he has never read the constitution of the organization or discussed its policy intelligently with any of the members.

The comments made by Mr. Kelly are not as insignificant as they may seem. They exemplify an increasing tendency of the American people to brand as "Red" any organization that advocates progressive thinking. The obvious result of this "Red baiting" campaign has been a pitiful reduction of outspoken liberal elements in the United States. YPCA is diametrically opposed to the extinction of this invaluable "middle of the road class" so therein lies their crime. The crime of YPCA consists of being a minority of politically minded students organized on a campus where women's skirts are regarded as more important than the Marshall Plan. . . . Yes, Mr. Kelly, YPCA will "fight the good fight," but her slip is just as red, white and blue as your own.

James D. Stevenson
 Charles J. Vitabile

Middie Congratulates Engineer

TO THE EDITOR: Want to congratulate you on the fine magazine you have in the "Engineer." That article on the "Ring Spring" was very good.

Mid. Eugene Wielki
 4454 Bancroft Hall
 USNA, Annapolis, Maryland

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B. F.

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