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Chinese Puzzle

China, judging by the headlines, is in a sad state. The newspapers report that Chinese Communist forces have swept down out of Manchuria and are driving on Nanking. At present they are only 200 miles away and meeting the Government forces' opposition, although just how much is another question.

The Chinese government is calling on the United States to send more and more aid—both monetary and material. The Chinese ambassador to Washington has asked for a definitive statement of policy.

The advisability of sending more money and arms or taking a stand on a situation that seems in a high state of flux could quite properly be questioned.

It would be to the point to ask for an accounting of the materiel shipped to Chiang Kai Shek's government, both during the late war and after it. Just how much of this materiel was used for fighting the Japanese and how much for keeping the regime in power? How much equipment was expended against the enemy and how much was sold on the black market?

Perhaps we might even paraphrase the question of Mr. Koo, the ambassador. Just what is the attitude of the Chinese government toward the principles for which we stand? How much personal liberty does Chiang allow the Chinese people? Just what is the extent of secret police activity? Is there any freedom of the press? How far has Chiang's regime gone along the road to putting into effect all the pretty sounding, democratic phrases with which it wooed the United States into sending Lend Lease aid during the war?

How many people, for instance, have ever cast a ballot under China's democratic constitution?

If, after getting the true answers to these questions, the United States decides that China's regime is worth maintaining in power, then, by all means send aid.

It is more likely however that the United States will discover that it has more in common with the Chinese Communists than with Chiang. In which case, no aid would ever go to China—it being inconceivable, at this juncture, that the United States should ever deliberately aid a Red group.

That does not mean, however, that we should get out of China entirely and leave her to war and revolution.

On the contrary, the United States should act as the power it is, and effect changes in the present Chinese government. It must be assumed that the men who direct our foreign policy have some knowledge of our history. The principles of democracy on which this country was built could—if the State Department willed it—be put into effect in any country seeking U.S. aid.

Too much attention to the sensitivity of Chiang on his nation's sovereignty has brought China to its present pass.

Revamping China on the U.S. model might produce two effects. One, some of the causes for the present fighting might be eliminated, and two, even if the fighting is not stopped, a less corrupt regime would probably put American supplies to more efficient use and end the war sooner.

—Elliot Shapiro.

Edit Briefs

● It has been said that it takes a college graduate five years to learn to compromise some of his ideals . . . Well! Do college graduates still have ideals?

● Changing the name of the College to what it should be, "The Pennsylvania State University," would at least discourage the narrow-minded individuals who insist on saying cow college.

● Non-voters in student elections are always the first and loudest complainers that student government never does anything.

● One of the oldest colleges in the nation is a hang-over from the horse-and-buggy days, and should be eliminated—the electoral college.

● Deans and IFC's may come and go, but the mixed-drinking problems will stay forever.

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'MY—that no'thern cooking smells good'



Corner Rumors

By Jo Fox

Now that we've put away the track shoes used in last weekend's race to hit all the parties, and turned over the dented old imports' letters to roommate . . . who made more headway than you, we pray en masse:

"Dear High and Mighty Board of Trustees, Council of Administration . . . and all other interested deities, Grant us, we beseech you, one paltry football holiday. . . Bless us with Thanksgiving recess at Tuesday noon.

Rememberest thou, how we squelched The U. of P. in the name of thy heavenly domain, the Farmer's Highschool?

"p.s. We beat Bucknell, too."

Incidentally, the coed who lost her formal gown at Franklin Field may retrieve said article by contacting Rosenbloom's Clothing Store in Sunbury. . . You may have been dancing with glee, Baby, but who' haw-poned?

Informative sources tell us that a group of U. of Penn's Players, who intend to give "Skin of Our Teeth" soon, attended the Penn State Players production for purposes of scouting . . . 'twill be mighty sad if the dram scouting results in as woeful a performance as Penn's grid sherocking.

Where, oh, where are the dear old seniors?

Nine of them, Art Miller '47, Walt French '34, Woody Bell Merriam (former Daily Collegian editor) '46, Frank Neish '47, Bobbie Hutchison '48, Chuck Hurd '47, Robert Spinnenweber '47, Robert Emmers '47, and Freddie Dietz '47 compose the multi-vitamin injection given the McKeesport Daily News by dear old Farmer's Highschool.

The orchid pile soared over the weekend. Said an import (whisper that word) from Washington, D.C., "I've never seen more beautiful girls concentrated in one place."

And Sigma Nu, Johnny Long, told his local brothers he had never played at a more hospitable place . . . also wonders what haw-poned to the Farmer's Highschool's beautiful campus of last year.

What? You say this is a University? Well, you could have fooled the outside world!

In the Land of Jim Crow

By Ray Sprigle

Ray Sprigle, Pulitzer prize-winning reporter and staff member of "The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," recently disguised himself as a Negro and for four weeks "lived black" in the South among his fellow Americans. This is the eighth of a series of twelve articles in which he presents his findings. Mr. Sprigle has changed the names of persons and places in some instances to protect those involved.

In this little, straggling Negro cemetery, its graves weed-grown, its headstones leaning drunkenly, stands a magnificent sarcophagus of white Alabama marble. It is an astonishing thing to find here on the edge of this Mississippi Delta town of Clarksdale. Quite likely there's nothing like it all up and down the Delta in either white or Negro cemetery.

Within it lies the bodies of a dark woman and her baby, both dead in the hour of the baby's birth. Proudly, Dr. P. W. Hill, wealthy Negro dentist, shows us through this gleaming mausoleum where his wife and baby lie and where some day he too will rest.

In all simplicity he regards it only as his tribute to the ones he loved.

But this beautiful tomb out here

on the edge of the cotton fields is a monument to the cold-blooded cruelty of the white man; to the brutal mandate of a white world that black men and women must die rather than be permitted to defile a cot or an operating table in a white hospital with their black skins.

Marjorie Hill and her husband had planned to have their baby at home. Mrs. Hill was strong and active and in perfect health.

The competent Negro physicians in attendance foresaw no complications or difficulties. Her approach to motherhood was wholly normal until just a few hours before another little dark soul was due in this white world. Then something went tragically wrong.

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Safety Valve

Addressed Wrong

TO THE EDITOR: I was disappointed in the Collegian's handling of the piece advocating preservation of the Hort Woods tract. What this amounted to was making of it just another "letter to the editor," to whom it was addressed. It was, I think, misleading to drop the title "AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ALUMNI COUNCIL AND TO THE ALL-COLLEGE CABINET."

And while the one-fourth of the letter that was cut may have seemed ancient history, it had been put in with deliberation to strengthen this initial presentation of the case. I had hoped that the announcement might have some news value. With the tree cutting that has been done in the far end of Hort Woods it is obvious that efforts to preserve it are already belated. Something ought to be done—SOON.

—H. E. Dickson, '22, Professor of Fine Arts.

A Best Seller!

TO THE EDITOR: The report of the Food Committee is a natural for a "killing." By all means send the script to a publisher. It ought to reach the top in a few weeks. It will create a sensation. Bob Hope will be out looking for a job because of this best seller.

Believe me, I swell with pride in knowing that the authors are from dear old State.

—John L. Clark.

The College Nurses

TO THE EDITOR:

To the Nurses at the College Hospital This is to the Florence Nightingales of 1948. Without them, I'm certain, we all would hate to spend a day in a hospital room. It certainly would be a day of gloom.

From seven 'till seven their work is not done. It seems that they always are on the run. Even when seated for a moment of rest, "Nurse, hurry!" comes from the mouth of a pest.

Endless patience is a virtue possessed By all nurses they have confessed. To them no request is ever too small. Their ever-present kindness is displayed to us all.

And when the tears came into my eyes, They comforted me with the most gentle sighs, And when I clamored for water or food, Their reassuring answer, "It's for your own good."

Perhaps God called you to your chosen profession. Your cheerful spirit helps many out of depression. Great servants of humanity, it is true. I'd like to close with—I salute you.

—Jo Ann Natalie Esterly.

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Friday, November 19

ALPHA PHI OMEGA, 3 Sparks, 7:30 p.m. College Hospital

Admitted Wednesday: Nancy Altland and Harold Wolfson.

Admitted Thursday: William Sampson. Discharged Thursday: Emerson Leiter, Dorsey Strayer and Ralph Cash.

College Placement

Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main at once.

Monongahela Connecting Railroad Co., November 22 and 23, eighth semester men in CE.

Pennsylvania Railroad, November 23, eighth semester men in EE and ME.

United States Civil Service Commission, November 23, eighth semester men in Aero Eng, Arch Eng, CE, EE, IE, ME, Sanitary Eng, Metallurgy, Petroleum & Natural Gas Eng, Chem Eng, and Chemistry.

Babcock & Wilcox Co., November 22, eighth semester men in IE, ME, Fuel Tech, and Metallurgy.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., November 30, eighth semester men in CE, EE, IE, ME, Chem Eng, and Chemistry.

Philadelphia Electric Co., December 1, eighth semester men in EE and ME.

North American Aviation Corp., November 30, eighth semester men in Aero Eng, Civil Eng, EE, and ME.

Douglas Aircraft Co., December 2 and 3, seventh and eighth semester men in Aero Eng, EE, ME, and Physics.

J. C. Penney Co., December 2 and 3, eighth semester men in IE, C&F, Arts & Letters, Advertising, Education, Hotel Adm., Ind. Ed., Psychology.

Ingersoll-Rand Co., December 2 and 3, seventh semester men in IE, ME and EE.

Standard Oil Company of Indiana, November 30, Ph.D. candidates who will receive their degrees during 1949 in Chem Eng and Chemistry.

Standard Oil Company of Indiana, December 1 and 2, seventh and eighth semester men in ME and CE.

Standard Oil Company of Indiana, November 30, Graduate students in ME.

Student Employment

Contact Mr. Allan Rooco, TUB Substitute waiters and dishwashers. Experienced clothes presser. Girls for modeling.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—Fighter Squadron. STATE—Julia Misbehaves. NEWTANE—Buster Poole.