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## Tug of War

The tug-of-war in Berlin, capable of becoming a shooting war through indiscreet action on either side, is an artificial international situation which should have been resolved long ago. The reason for its not being resolved is twofold: First, Russia is in a position where she cannot afford to make the first and primary concessions; secondly, the American State Department has adopted an attitude toward the USSR and communism which is unrealistic in its basis.

The Russian position is obvious: With most of the nations lined up in opposition to Eastern communism, any concessions by the Russians without a guarantee of similar concessions by the West would put the USSR at a distinct disadvantage. And the mere announcement by the United States that we are willing to negotiate with Russia over the Berlin problem, and, consequently, the German settlement, would amount to a concession by the West.

This concession we are unwilling to make. Crux of the Berlin "crisis" is the so-called "blockade," which actually is not a blockade but rather police action by the Russians in searching trains entering the German capital, ostensibly for the purpose of preventing smuggling. Refusing to allow searching of their trains, the Western Powers have thus refused to use rail transportation to convey materiel into Berlin. In this action, the State Department has typified its policy of giving no concessions.

Thus, the "no concessions" policy is the stumbling block to a settlement. The underlying fallacy is that the policy is being used to shape events, rather than to meet the necessities presented by events. You cannot shape events to your own purposes by a policy of constant opposition, since the only result it will bring is counter-opposition. In this way, the State Department has produced a series of stalemates—dangerous ones. Policy should be a flexible instrument, not a set goal—to establish it as an end to be gained precludes any order of reason in its operation.

Such a policy is practical only if the desired result is a stalemate or a situation in which hostilities might break out. It is significant that two proposals to break the stalemate—the Vinson mission and the Lie-Evatt demand for direct negotiations—have been allowed to die stillborn.

Because of the veto power, the United Nations is helpless in the Berlin squabble. Only direct negotiations can resolve the problem. Why the dispute was thrown into the UN, where it could do nought but produce more ill will and tension, is a question which must be answered in order to clarify the intent of the State Department's policy.

—L. D. Gladfelter.

## 'We're Ever True'

Well, the bubble has burst. The skein of victories has been snapped.

Yet the students have demonstrated their loyalty to the team, even in adversity, by their demonstrations Sunday and yesterday.

Penn State spirit at its best and finest was displayed by the enthusiasm so spontaneously generated in the face of such a stunning and disappointing reversal at the hands of our bitterest rival.

Let the critics of college athletics, who are ever quick to scream about "overemphasis," attempt to deny the fact that Penn State students have somehow learned one of the most valuable lessons of life—how to face setbacks and disappointments squarely, as adults.

They have also maintained their sense of proportion and maintained a sane and logical viewpoint. They realize that their team is still one of the best in the nation, and that it has not in any way been relegated to the ranks of the "also-rans."

It is unfortunate that the team was unable to appear at yesterday's rally. Such an overwhelming evidence of student support and confidence would have had a decidedly tonic and healthy effect upon them.

Special commendations are in order for the many organizations and individuals who worked so hard under such trying conditions to make this rally the most successful of the season. Many members of the administration were especially cooperative.

Saturday, the Blue-and-White gridgers will begin a new string of victories. May it grow to an even greater length than the last one. And may be inevitable loss be taken as philosophically.

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## Ice-breaker



## 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 ninth 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.

This thing of bald and unashamed discrimination against little black American citizens in the matter of education can get really brazen. Witness the situation down here in District No. 4, Madison County, Miss. What these lordly exemplars of white supremacy have done down here in the Delta country is to use the tax money paid into the county treasury by Negro property owners to build themselves a magnificent school plant at the Negroes' expense.

What the Negroes got out of their tax money and the usual state contribution for school purposes is right here in front of us, hidden away on this back country road, a desert of dust in summer and a morass of mud in winter. This school is new. And that's all that can be said for it. When the white folks took Negro tax money and built themselves their fine school, they at least built a new school for the Negroes. But not until there was a storm of protest from all over the state—from whites and black alike.

The white folks of District No. 4 were going to let the little Negro pupils continue to pick up what education they could in their two schools, one in a church and the other in a lodge room.

**Pay 90 Per Cent of Taxes**  
In this school district there are

four Negroes to every white. That, however, is common in the South. The unusual part is this: The Negroes own about 90 per cent of all the land in the district and pay 90 per cent of the taxes. And they haven't one single little word to say about how their tax money is spent.

This new school building is just a big square box with two partitions breaking it up into four rooms. Only one of the rooms has desks. They are hammered together out of the scrap lumber left over from the building of the school. The scraps were picked up out of the mud. The mud is still on the desks. In the other three rooms there are no desks—not even muddy ones—just homemade benches and tables. There is one toilet for both boys and girls. It leans drunkenly in the wind.

Now let's go back up to the highway to take a look at what the white folks built for their children with Negro money.

Here you've got a really up-and-coming school plant. Five buildings designed by a good architect. There's the main school building, an agricultural building, a vocational school building, a gymnasium and a beautiful little bungalow for the principal. And

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## Corner Rumors

By Jo Fox

"Whot haw-poned?"  
A fraternity flag flew at half-mast . . . a bulletin board said, "There will be no singing tonight, Boys" . . . even the skies wept.  
There was no joy in Mudville as the proud old Lion climbed down the steps to a lower story in the AP rating. A throng of students, even larger than after last year's victorious Pitt rally, gathered for a "We luv you anyway" rally on the steps of Old Main. It would have seemed sacrilegious if the sun had shown.

But what is the AP rating, anyway? Just a poll of sports writers' opinions. Significant, of course. But how many of those journalists have actually seen the "Big White"? Could you deny a man a sharpshooter's rating when he misses the bulls-eye once in 18 tries?

Well, we're wearing it again . . . that ugly article, the Peetsboig jinx. Maybe next year we could take oxygen tanks so as to wipe out the Smog-eating handicap.

### The Master Speaks

Big attraction at the TUB is a Recordio-gram, which for two bits will record for posterity your famous last words or the latest thirist chorus. George Donovan, director of student activities, imported the idea from the University of Michigan Union. . . . The little machine is a rich and unexploited source of practical jokes, as well as a novel way to say "Hello, Mom." Think of the sympathetic appeal you could punch out in three inches of grooving when the piggy-bank becomes mute.

## Safety Valve

### When Knute Rockne

TO THE EDITOR: A long time ago, when the great Knute Rockne was coaching an equally famous Notre Dame team, and the string of victories was so long, people were running out of fingers and toes counting them, the team went away to play a game. It was just another game. They were sure they would win it.

But they didn't, they lost. Why? Who knew why? It was unbelievable, but they lost.

It must have been a long ride back to South Bend, and those players must have thought about how the students and the townspeople had always been waiting at the station to cheer them as they got off the train. And they must have wondered how things would be this time—when they hadn't won.

When Rockne stepped down to the platform and just about every man, woman and child in South Bend was there, cheering, and singing, and even weeping, he said something like this:

"Someone's made a mistake. Didn't they tell you? We didn't win, this time—we lost." And even the Rock started to choke up. The cheers just got louder and louder.

To the Rock and his team, that must have meant more than a hundred victory celebrations.

I kinda hope we feel the same about our team as the men of South Bend felt about Rockne's.

—Art Ward.

### Right To Gripe

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to comment on Miss Seidman's editorial which appeared on this page Wednesday, November 17. To me it seemed that Miss Seidman was much farther in the wrong than the boys in Pollock Circle and Nittany Dorms. In short, she is criticizing those people's right to gripe, when there are people in this world who are at present living on starvation diets.

Well, I do not intend to deny Miss Seidman this fact, but I would like to say a few words in defense of these local "Food Grippers." Undoubtedly a certain percent of these boys have made sacrifices during the past few years to give aid to those peoples of the world who were being persecuted. Some of these boys who have been "gripping" in the past, probably have felt the actual pangs of hunger much more nearly than she has. Some of them that "gripe" and "complain" also realize that injustices do exist throughout the world. Some of them feel that they are not to blame for it. And a few also probably feel that maybe the time is here to have "charity starting at home."

It is my opinion that your criticisms were untimely, uncalled for, and poorly presented.

—James M. MacMillan.

• A careful re-reading of Miss Seidman's editorial will reveal that, far from criticizing the gripping about food, she merely stated the fact of its prevalence, a fact difficult to deny.

## Collegian Gazette

Tuesday, November 23

ENG. STUDENT COUNCIL, 106 Main Eng, 6:45 p.m.

MEN'S BRIDGE CLUB, PUB, 7 p.m.

### College Hospital

Admitted Saturday: Mervin Snyder.

Discharged Saturday: Nancy Altland, Corrine Engelsberg, Donald Gibson and Murray Bernatein.

Discharged Sunday: William Sampson and Beverly Coval.

Admitted Monday: Alice Walsh, Theodore Cichawic, Edwin Snyder and Fred Shihadeh.

Discharged Monday: William McDermott.

### College Placement

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

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.

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.

S. S. Kresge Co., December 6, eighth semester men in C&F and Arts & Letters.

U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, December 7 and 8, seventh and eighth semester men and women in CE, EE, IE, ME, Metallurgy, Chem Eng, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.

Dixie Cup Co., December 7 and 8, eighth semester men in IE, ME, C&F and ADV.

Line Material Co., December 8, eighth semester students in EE and ME.