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### Hot Issue

Dismissal of three University of Washington professors because of their relationship with the Communist party has set off a strong reaction among the 16,000 students and 1500 faculty members at that institution.

A student group claims it has 2500 signatures on an open letter of protest to the American Association of University Professors.

**FACULTY OPINION**, the New York Times reported, is divided, with one side approving the dismissal and the other dissenting on grounds of violation of civil liberties and academic freedom.

In explaining the firing, the university's president, Raymond B. Allen, said of the three professors, "They are members of the Communist party and . . . kept this fact secret, and therefore are unfit for faculty membership." He added that it was proved ". . . they are incompetent, that they are intellectually dishonest."

The AAUP is examining the voluminous records in this case. Its findings should make interesting reading, for the broad question of how colleges should deal with the teaching of communism promises to remain a hot academic issue until and unless the East and West find a way to resolve their differences.

**THE STUDENT WHO THINKS** about such matters might find himself confused. The official American attitude toward communism in general and Russia in particular has made some sudden reverses in the past few years. In 1940, for instance, Mr. Roosevelt labelled Stalin's regime as "ruthless"; during the war the latter became our "democratic" ally, but ever since, there has been little mincing of words to the effect that Americanism and communism cannot mix.

As this momentous struggle continues, one hopes that no hysterical purge of college faculties will result.

An educator's faith in the intelligence of students would have to be weak indeed for him to believe they would fail to detect a professorial argument advocating communism.

The best way, of course, to guarantee that cherished human freedoms will survive, is for everyone of us to try making democracy live.

—John Bonnell.

### Save the Innocent

Just at the time we were celebrating the Christmas season with an over-abundance of yuletide blessings—holiday tables loaded with delicious turkeys, salads, and desserts—and a merry-go-round of Noel parties—an article appearing in Life magazine sobered our celebrations.

For many of Europe's children, Christmas was just another day in a long cold winter—another day of gnawing hunger—another day for little tots to roam the streets looking for something to do while parents worked.

Life photographers picked up a too realistic picture of conditions still predominant in Europe—children seeking shelter from the cold in roofless ruins—a little girl cuddling a naked, headless, armless doll with as much gentleness as though it were a beautiful, finely-dressed baby; there are few toys for Europe's war children.

**IN THE FOUR YEARS** since the war conditions have improved, 35 organizations supported by Americans as well as private groups and individuals have done much to provide food and warmth where before there was only cold hunger.

However, life in Europe still stands out as a pitiful contrast to the well-fed American way of living, and the UN Fund only received 2% of the amount UN had hoped to collect this year.

If we feel any compassion for little children starving and shivering—or, if we have no other motive than merely saving our own skins by combating the "cold war"—it is up to each one of us to put forth a maximum effort to show the people of Europe that we are their friends.

**NOT UNTIL WE HAVE** cleaned out our wardrobes, rounded-up unused notebooks, pencils and paper for European students, and given all that we can in cash donations, can we say that we have done our share.

This week WSGA is conducting a clothing drive; boxes have been placed in each of the women's dormitories. At the same time housekeepers in the dormitories are asking that women students empty their closets for spring house-cleaning, an ideal time to donate some of those old-look skirts and sweaters to European relief. After that let's get our fraternity, sorority, or club group busy on a money-making scheme for European aid.

Let us follow the example of author Taylor Caldwell who left his royalties for "Dynasty of Death" and "This Side of Innocence," books that are exceedingly popular in Italy, in that country to be used for Italy's war children.

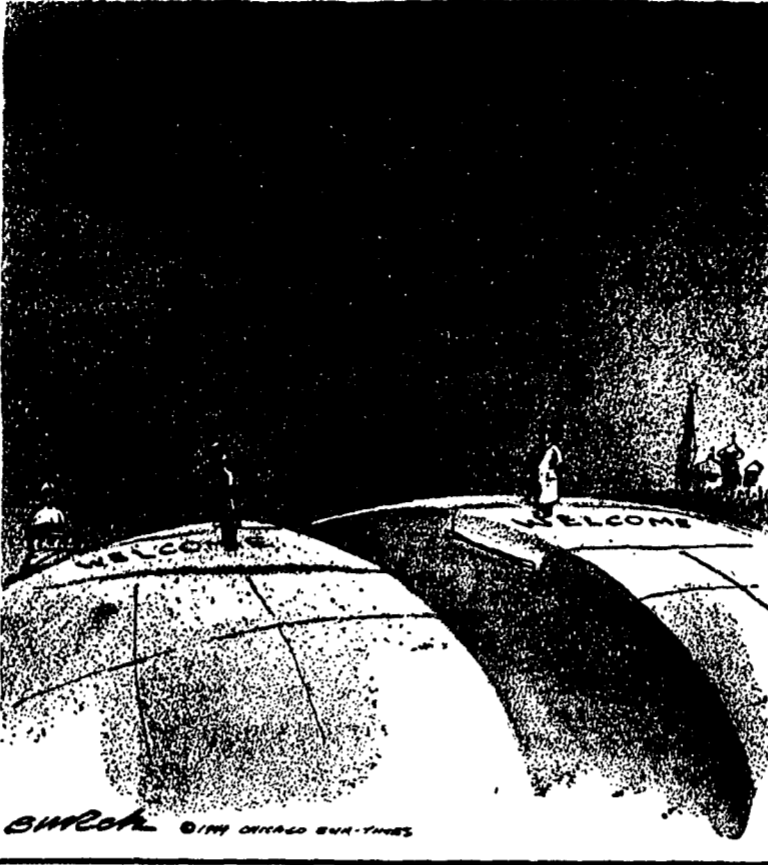
But let us not be like the rich Italians and tourists he describes in a letter to Life, sitting "in sidewalk cafes drinking thick American chocolate and luscious Italian pastries while blind and crippled children dance on their crutches or sing in feeble voices hoping for a few lire or the leavings on the plates." Tightening our belts will be a pleasure if the tightening means the saving of innocent lives.

—Dorothy Hunsberger.

### Edit Briefs

We wish it would snow, so that the Borough could put to use some of the money it collected from the nearly 500 drivers recently tagged for parking their cars on the streets overnight.

### Shall Ever The Twain Meet?



### Your Lion

By Red Roth

When you come right down to it, kissing is funny business. Civilized too.

You may not realize it, Miss Coed (and a lot of people who've seen those near-orgies in Ath or Simmons lounges will disagree with this statement), but when you let that man in your life plant a resounding smack on your kisser you're being civilized.

Because lip cuddling is strictly a modern practice, trade, hobby, or what have you. Yep, that so-called primitive urge which forces men to forget their inhibitions, grab up their lady fair, and go through all sorts of ridiculous motions with their lips isn't primitive at all.

Among the not-so-cultured peoples of the world kissing is taboo. At least one-third of the earth's two billion inhabitants have probably never known the joys of pressing their two soft, tender, sloppy lips up against two equally soft, tender, and sloppy lips of the opposite sex.

**EVEN AMONG EUROPEANS KISSING** didn't gain a wide-spread following until after the Middle Ages. Of course a lot of history majors might say that was so because the damsels of that period didn't want their tender bodies mangled by an ardent lover encased in a few dozen pounds of cast iron.

But getting back to the natives, they have a lot of substitutes for our osculatory practice which many of them consider distasteful, "immoral," or—get this—boring. These substitutes range from the nose-rubbing of the eskimos to the ear-blowing of several African tribes.

The latter practice sounds like a lot of fun. But don't try it here at Penn State, fellow. Just imagine the shriek of horror that would rebound off Old Main's hallowed tower and bring Dean Weston running if you were to whisper cooly to some coed, "May I give your ear a blow?"

Right here in the U.S.A., where the art of kissing has reached the pinnacle of popularity, a lot of people, mostly women, still consider kissing immoral. A study conducted a few years back showed that 59 percent of the women interviewed thought it immoral to kiss a man they didn't intend to marry. But, hypocritical creatures that they are, 88 percent did anyway.

Nobody really knows where the art of kissing really originated, but there is little doubt that France has made some of the world's greatest contributions to it.

Right here I might add it would probably be a good idea if we shipped the whole practice right back to where it came from. Here are some sample headlines from daily newspapers in the United States, showing the trouble it can cause.

Man, 25, Stabs Woman With Paring Knife When She Refuses Kiss.

Frenchman (see, I told you) Says Quick Kissing Ruins Romance. Bus Conductor Arrested for Kissing All Women Passengers as They Step Off Bus. Since "buss" means "kiss" he figured "omnibus" means "kiss everybody in it."

**EVEN THE DOCTORS ARE** getting into the act. A member of the medical profession stated recently that broken ear drums may result from too heavy kissing. Wow! What has Sinatra been doing?

Then there's the case of the boy and girl, reported last New Year's Eve, who had to be rescued by the fire department when their dental braces got locked while they were making with the woo. Which gives rise to the question, "What were they doing with their mouths open anyway?"

The net result of all this kissing going on seems to be a nation of criminals, physical defectives, and frustrated romanticists.

Jonathan Swift, author of "Gulliver's Travels," summed the whole thing up pretty aptly when he said, "I wonder what fool it was that invented kissing?"

And I can sum it up even better by saying, "Who is he trying to kiss?"

### The Safety Valve

#### Wide Open?

**TO THE EDITOR:** Mr. Severino leaves himself wide open for rebuttal when he states that "the persons who know what architecture is are architects." Mr. Severino should remember that the new buildings were designed by architects as were all of the recent buildings on the campus whereas he, making the criticism, is not yet entitled to call himself an architect.

—Name withheld.

• The writer, a former member of the department of architecture and an ex-debater, refers to a letter by Mr. Severino, sophomore architecture student.

"The beautiful naked shell" of Willard Hall is "being covered with a monstrosity of a facade" was the contention of Mr. Severino's letter.

#### Time To Begin

**TO THE EDITOR:** Now is the time to begin campaigning for "Election Day Holiday." The 1949 election will be important to State College veterans as this is the year we vote for or against a little added subsistence in the form of a state bonus.

Any changes necessary in the school calendar can be made between now and the Fall semester.

—Leo F. Simbeck.

#### Wants No Coddling

I just finished Mr. Vadasz's article on "Costly Cheering" of the Drazenovich-Kellum bout and I sincerely do not believe Rec Hall patrons should mope about the campus with the outcome weighing heavily on their consciences.

I shared Mr. Drazenovich's disheartening feeling of futility, when after two rounds of chasing the elusive and elongated Mr. Kellum and finally clipping him and buckling him with a right that finds an opening like that only once in a fight, he was denied the annihilation of said Mr. Kellum by the upraised arms of Mr. Taylor.

I hope the attempt to control natural emotions and thereby allowing the near vanquished to fully recuperate will not result in relegation of collegiate boxing to a panty waist sport.

With proper handling Mr. Drazenovich or Mr. Kellum might be a future champ. It will not help them any to be coddled by a faulty rule book or faulty interpretation of same. If a kid can't fight "against" a crowd as well as with one, there surely must be another sport he can play that does not call for the heart and tenacity that is boxing.

—(Bigtime) Bill Brazil.

## Collegian Gazette

Brief notices of meetings and other events must be submitted to The Daily Collegian office in Carnegie Hall by 2 p.m. of the day before the issue in which it is desired to appear.

Thursday, February 18

MINING Engineering Society, 121 MI Building, 7:30 p.m.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA, State College High School Auditorium, 8:45 p.m.

College Placement

Combustion Engineering Co., February 11, eighth semester in ME. Bethlehem Steel Co., March 14 and 15, eighth semester in ME, EE, IE, CE, CHE, MEENG, Met, Cer. Report to 204 Old Main to fill out preliminary application form.

General Motors Corp., February 21 and 22, eighth semester candidates for B.S. Degrees in ChE, ME, EE, IE, Met, CF. M.S. candidates in Phys, ME, EE, IE, ChE. Ph.D. candidates in Phys. Men with at least a 2.0 average completing junior year in June 1949, men who graduate in June, but plan to go on with graduate work, men who are now doing graduate work and who are candidates for M.S. degrees in 1950, for Summer Employment ME, EE, ChE, Met.

SKF Industries, Inc., February 23, to interview graduates for training in ME.

Koppers Company, February 24 and 25, June grads in ME, IE, CE, Chem Eng, Chem.

Humble Oil & Refining Co., February 22, June grads with Ph.D., M.S., or B.S. degrees from Chem Eng, Chem.

RCA, February 21 and 22, eighth semester students with degrees in ME, Physics, and EE.

Babcock & Wilcox Co., February 23, eighth semester students with degrees in ME, IE, Chem Eng, Physics, CE, Metallurgy, Fuel Tech.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—Night at the Opera.

STATE—Hills of Home.

NITTANY—Forever Amber.

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