

The Safety Valve

Give It a Push

TO THE EDITOR: Leonides, an organization for independent women, was organized last semester to meet the social and cultural needs of undergraduate non-sorority women on campus. You as an independent woman are asked to attend unit meetings in your dorms in order to elect your representatives to the Leonides Council. You are asked on numerous occasions to meet with your representative to present your suggestions to her in order that she may be in a position to know what you as an independent woman wish. You have the opportunity to express your views; influence this newly formed organization; give it a push as only you are in a position to do.

From Leonides Council officers are elected to coordinate the activities of the Council. The President of Leonides represents you on Cabinet. The vice-president represents you at W.S.G.A. Leonides was started with the hope that you, the independent woman, were for the first time in college history, being organized so that each of you could not only give of yourself to this organization but could gain so much more by the coordinated efforts of hundreds of independent women—700 to be exact. —*Sylvia Schwartz.*

War or Peace

TO THE EDITOR: When the Senate rubber-stamps the North Atlantic Pact, this country will be virtually committed to go to war at the nod of one man, the President.

Yet what voice did the people have in this most fateful commitment in American history?

The pact was drafted behind closed doors. It is being rushed through a breakneck speed so that there will be little if any opportunity for popular discussion.

Those who will do the sacrificing, fighting, and dying in the war being prepared by this pact, are the only ones by right who should have the power to decide the life-or-death question of war or peace.

The question is being decided for all of us, however, by a tiny clique of Wall street agents and professional militarists who dominate the Truman administration.

Would the American people go to war for the profit and privilege of these parasites and exploiters? Never. That's why the people have not been consulted.

If the people permit the most crucial of all questions—war or peace—to be decided by the profit-seekers, the world will go down in blood and ruin. Let the people vote on whether they are to be plunged into a world blood bath once more. —*Name withheld.*

Height of Hysteria

A member of the Daily Collegian editorial staff, Stanley E. Degler, witnessed the violence that followed a Communist party meeting in Pittsburgh Saturday night. This is the first of a series of three articles containing his observations and reactions.

By Stanley E. Degler

I witnessed an anti-communist riot in Pittsburgh on Saturday night. And at the moment, I was ashamed of being a member of the human race.

Two negroes were beaten when they emerged from the communist meeting. More than 150 others were pushed and jostled by an angry mob. Trolley windows were broken; I saw them with my own eyes. The rioters attempted to overturn a taxi bearing five of the communists.

More than 100 police wrestled with the problem of maintaining order and keeping the streets clear. Cries of "Kill them" and "String them up" were mingled with a chorus of boos. Many of the would-be murderers were children too young to know the meaning of the word communism. Most were veterans spoiling for a fight.

Many saner comments were heard among the onlookers, however. Some seemed to feel that the issue had degenerated into a case of racial discrimination, because some of the communists were negroes.

A young Southern woman said, "I don't like them either . . . but I don't like to see the poor things beaten." A man remarked, "Five minutes ago, I would have been ready to string them up myself, but not since I've seen this."

The occasion of the meeting was a communist protest rally against the trials being held in New York. A labor organization had failed in an attempt to have permission refused to use the hall. However, the meeting was labeled as "harmless," and allowed to take place.

Labor and veteran's organizations picketed the rally, bearing signs such as "USA or USSR," and "Uncle Sam or Uncle Joe." A sound truck blared forth urging people not to attend.

Only 179 people did attend, but when they emerged from the building, the police could no longer restrain the crowd, and the beatings and window smashings occurred. The speakers had already left and the others were saved by the police from suffering more than a severe jostling. Four arrests were made among the pickets.

Senior Ball To Feature Music by Harry James

Harry James and his Music Makers will play for dancing at the Senior Ball, to be held in Rec Hall May 13.

John Zora, chairman of the ball committee, announced yesterday that the signed contract insuring James' appearance had already been received.

The signing of the noted trumpeter and his orchestra is in line



Harry James

with the new policy of bringing "big name" bands to the campus for All-College dances in anticipation of larger crowds.

The Skylarks, a vocal group; Willie Smith, noted alto sax artist; drummer Lon Lamond and Corky Corcoran, schoolboy tenor sax sensation of a few years back, are featured performers with the James organization.

Top-rated

Harry James and his orchestra have consistently rated near the top of dance-band popularity polls for the past eight years. Some of his more famous records include "You Made Me Love You," "Ciribiribin," "I'm Beginning to See the Light," and dozens of others.

The Music Makers have also been featured in several top-flight films including "Best Foot Forward" and "Do You Love Me." In addition they've played hundreds of theater and dance engagements. The Click and Earle Theater in Philadelphia, Kennywood Park and the Stanley theater in Pittsburgh are among the many stopping-off points of the band.

In addition to playing and leading the band James is also a composer of some note. "I'm Beginning to See the Light," on which he helped collaborate, and "Concerto for Trumpet" are two of his original compositions.

Sinatra, Haymes

Several of the brightest stars in the musical firmament got their start with the horn-playing maestro. Frank Sinatra, Dick Haymes, and Helen Forrest are numbered among the Harry James alumni club.

News Briefs

Froth Staffs

There will be a compulsory meeting of the Froth business, advertising, promotion and circulation staffs in 1 Carnegie Hall at 6:45 p.m. today for the announcement of the 1949-50 senior board.

IFC Nominations

Today is the deadline for nominations for Intrafraternity Council president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. Candidates may nominate themselves. All names must be turned in to Student Union by 4:30 p.m.

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VOTE on Wednesday and Thursday

and VOTE LION

HERE'S WHY

A good student government needs experienced, capable officers. Tomorrow you will have your chance to elect nine All-College and class officers, the people who will be the backbone of Penn State's student government next year. Student government can do something for you, if you elect officers who are sincere, experienced and capable. Among the things that student government has done in the past are:

- STUDENT NEWS AGENCY
- BOOK EXCHANGE and CO-OP
- SPRING WEEK
- TUB and PUB
- BETTER FOOD IN THE DORMS

These all represent advances toward a better Penn State for you. Men and women of both Lion and State parties have worked for them, and it would be foolish for either party to try to claim credit for them.

For next year, a good student government requires that you elect experienced, capable officers. The Lion Party's candidates all have been and are working for a better and stronger student government, one that can benefit you by improving things here at Penn State. You can help yourself—you owe it to yourself—to vote, and vote for experience and ability. VOTE LION.

Don't Vote for Politicians

VOTE LION

HERE'S WHO

All-College—

President—TED ALLEN

VICE-PRESIDENT—HARRY McMAHON

SECRETARY-TREASURER—JIM MacCALLUM



Senior Class—

President—JIM BALOG

VICE-PRESIDENT—JOE REINHEIMER

SECRETARY-TREASURER—LORRAINE STOTLER



Junior Class—

President—HARRY KONDOURAJIAN

VICE-PRESIDENT—JOHN ERICKSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER—RUDY VALENTINO

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