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### Berlin Situation

**THE SOVIET UNION** has offered to lift the Berlin blockade prior to a meeting of the Big Four to discuss the future of Germany, if the Western Powers agree to hold such a meeting and set a date for it.

The State Department of the United States appears to be ready to take the Kremlin up on this matter.

And what all this means is that the possibility of a "shooting war" as the outgrowth of the "cold war" is further away than a few months ago.

**IN PRESENTING** this new proposal, the Soviet Union has made the first and primary concession in the continuous dispute with the Western Powers. The policy of the United States has been one of itself refusing to make the primary concession, and, a few months ago, Russia also was decidedly unwilling to do so. The Soviet Union had good reasons—reasons based on the realities of power politics—but the situation now has changed and that nation now is able to reverse her previous stand.

With all the other major nations of the world lined up against her, Russia was forced to stand firm, in fear of being overpowered if she gave in the least bit. Today the unity of the West has been broken—by events in the Far East. It all goes to illustrate the interdependence of the modern world.

**CHINA, IF PRESENT** events are any indication, soon will fall to the Chinese Communists, who no doubt will orient themselves with the Soviet Union. Such a change in the power alignment upsets the Western preponderance of power, although that preponderance is not completely nullified. However, the shift in the power structure is sufficiently heavy to allow the Soviets to feel secure enough to enter into direct negotiations and even make concessions.

And, in throwing the next move over to the United States, Russia is securing for herself the diplomatic advantage. With Russia making the primary concession, it would be quite embarrassing for the United States to remain adamant, especially after so much agitation for lifting of the blockade.

**THE WHOLE RESULT** may well be a restoration of the "balance of power" system in which neither side has sufficient power to make victory in conflict inevitable. Especially in the context of atomic anxiety, this new situation would render warring decidedly dangerous and could even preserve peace. With a little peace hanging around, the world might even be able to spend some time in settling its problems and living amicably.

The next move is up to this nation. Whether or not we will take it will indicate the sincerity of our government. In the end, it probably would be to our own interest. The chances that we could defeat Russia in a war are growing more slim each day and there's an old saying to the effect that, if you can't beat your enemy, join him.

—L. D. Gladfelter.

### Collegian Gazette

Thursday, April 28

WRA Bowling, WH, 6:30 p.m.  
Swimming, WH Pool, 7:15 p.m.  
CHRISTIAN Science Organization, 200 CH, 6:45 p.m.

#### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main Fidelity & Deposit Co. wants applications from students interested in the bonding field. (Single men under 30 preferred.)

Talon, Inc., April 29, June grads in IE and ME, for instructors in the training department.

Lehigh Portland Cement Co., April 29, June grads in C&F for their sales department.

Kroger Co., April 29 and 30, June grads interested in food merchandising.

Prudential Insurance Co., May 2 and 3, June grads in A&L and C&F for sales work.

H. J. Heinz Co., May 2 and 3, women students from following curricula for summer work: Home Ec, Med Tech, Bact, Bot, Chem, Zoo and Ent, Pre-Med, Com Chem, Sci, AgBioChem.

West Penn Power Co., May 2 and 3, undergrads in EE, IE, ME, for summer employment.

International Business Machines Corp., May 3, June grads in EE.

Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co., May 5, June grads in Chem Eng, C&F, EE, for sales work only.

Ralston Purina Co., May 6, June grads in Ag Ec, Ag Ed, Ag Eng, Agronomy, Animal Husb, Dairy Husb, Hort, Poultry Husb.

Line Material Co., May 6, June grads in EE and ME.

Leeds & Northrup, May 2 and 3, June grads in Chem Eng, EE, IE, ME, Metallurgy, for sales engineering only.

P. H. Gladfelter Co., May 5, June grads in Chem Eng and ME.

Hamilton Watch Co., May 6, June grads in ME, IE, Math.

#### AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Slightly French.

STATE—Setup.

NITTANY—Snake Pit.

### The Daily Collegian

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### Behind the Wheels

By Loretta Neville

How gullible can you get? Phi Sig Lennie "John" Stein has a little puppy which is reported to be about the sickest-looking creature in existence. Nevertheless, it seems to be close to John's heart and he has been nursing it like a mother.

The other night one of the pledges went screaming into John's room saying that something was wrong with "Little Siggie"; he was foaming at the mouth! Quite concerned, John cautiously opened the cellar door and Little Siggie suddenly came charging up the stairs.

John took off like he was jet propelled until someone tackled him and explained the pup's condition. Some pranksters had gotten hold of one of the new whipped cream dispensers and had smeared it all over poor Little Siggie's whiskered puss. John visibly aged eight years.

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That weird-looking, monstrous construction you no doubt have seen in front of the new foods building is none other than a water tunnel. It will be the world's largest and will be used by the Ordnance Research Laboratory for testing models of submarines, torpedoes and other underwater devices.

Total capacity will be 100,000 gallons and at top speed more than 1,000,000 gallons of water will pass through the test section every three minutes. Whether or not those subs are going to sneak in by way of College avenue, Ath or Old Main is as yet unconfirmed!

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Congratulations to Gamma Phi Beta Pat Wolfe. Pat was recently crowned queen of the IFC Ball at Johns Hopkins. A blonde sophomore, she is majoring in physical education.

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In regard to George Vadass's recent article in the Daily Collegian about how the Nittany Valley got its name, Humorist Sid Simon disagreed, saying, "It wasn't really the Indian princess who gave it the name Nittany but rather a Kappa who was going with a guy and he asked her to make him argyles. She looked up at him with soft soulful eyes and said, 'I'm sorry, darling—but I can't Nittany!'"

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Tee hee—tanks!

## SENIORS!

Pick up your LA VIE at Student Union on the following days:

**ONLY Seniors in Agriculture**  
Tuesday, May 3, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

**ONLY Seniors in Engineering**  
Wednesday May 4, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

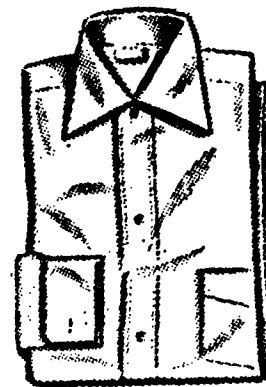
**ONLY Seniors in Liberal Arts**  
Thursday, May 5, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

**ONLY Seniors in Education and Home Ec.**  
Friday, May 6, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

**ONLY Seniors in Chem. & Physics, M. I. and Phys Ed** Tuesday, May 10, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

**NOTE: Seniors who are unable to pick up their La Vie on the afternoon noted for their school, may get their La Vie at Student Union anytime after Tuesday, May 10.**

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