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The Safety Valve

See Here, Mr. Rubenstein

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Rubenstein, Mr. Ferdinand-Lundberg is so right, you are so wrong. It wasn't what he said, it was the way he said it—wasn't it, Mr. Rubenstein? Let me ask you, isn't it better that over 500 people, in this country (1937), have incomes of over \$100,000, than only 250 people having incomes of over \$20,000 in Socialistic England (1948)? (It would seem to me as though the possibilities of reward for creative ability and initiative are much greater here than any place else in the world.) Of course you and I will probably never reach that pot of gold, but at least we will have enough personal pride to say that we were never fooled by the "advocates" of a Utopian state, that we never were the ones who instigated the action that would lead to a Welfare State, the amplification of the "dole" system, aren't we, Mr. Rubenstein?

Main Street owns Wall Street, Mr. Rubenstein, not vice-versa. Main Street is the market place for the FREE exchange of goods, it buys and sells Wall Street every day of the week—in the form of stocks, bonds, bank deposits, insurance policies, etc.—it makes Wall Street. I'm afraid that when Main Street goes, there will be an awful lot of plain people with guns in their backs saying goodbye to it. What do you think, Mr. Rubenstein?

Just one more point. I'm all for these "sixty" families that "run" this country. (I'd still be for them if it was only thirty.) I believe they are giving me more freedom than any one Hitler, Stalin, Lenin, Genghis Khan, or would be "progressive" dictator in this country would ever care to. It may be an "informal, invisible and shadowy oligarchy" but I think it's to be preferred to the very formal, very visible and very clearly seen Storm Troopers or NKVD of an autocracy. What do you think, Mr. Rubenstein?

—James M. MacMillan.

Seems Unanswerable

TO THE EDITOR: At first glance, Mr. Bapuji's letter of today seems unanswerable. It is hard to imagine that someone has been in the country long enough to master the language without achieving a better understanding of Americans than Mr. Bapuji apparently has.

I'm not saying that we're right, but we do enjoy throwing pies at people when it's all in fun. And when the fun means money for textbooks for Philippine schools, we don't mind having the pies thrown at us.

To the best of my knowledge, there is no "intellectual class" here. We're lucky, and we realize it, to live in a country where both rich and poor have a chance for a college education.

All we can ask from you, Mr. Bapuji, is a little patience with us—if some of the things we do nauseate you, the reverse is probably true for Americans in your homeland—and we certainly hope they'll try to be tolerant, and learn to understand that there are many ways of doing and looking at nearly everything.

—Jim Dunaway.

Burney Relates Summer Work In American Zone of Germany

(This is the fifth of a series of eight articles on summer work camp experiences of several members of the student body. Further information concerning similar projects to be conducted this summer can be obtained by contacting the PSCA office, 304 Old Main.)

As told to the Daily Collegian by Virginia Lou Burney, a worker in the American Military Government zone of Germany, last summer.

Buildings are only of secondary importance in the construction of better relationships and more understanding between the youth of Germany and the United States. It is true that rebuilding of the war-torn country is a physical necessity.

Because of the American Military Government and its well-known red tape, we had only three nations represented in our Stuttgart camp last summer.

There were Americans, English and German students. Only these nationalities were able to secure permission to enter the country and to join in an ambitious work camp project.

Work Begins Early

Our working day began at 7 a. m. and ended at 4 p. m. Electricity and plumbing were not yet restored to this vicinity. We attacked a small field with picks and shovels, leveling and filling in the holes. This field was adjacent to two buildings we were to construct. As the men dug out bricks and iron pipes, girls scraped the bricks with small hammers and eventually stacked up 40,000 for reuse. By summer's end, the laborers had completed a modest play-ground for the scrawny children born during the war and now swarming over the Stuttgart streets.

Work was also begun on a neighborhood center. Trenches were dug for foundations made of the bricks. A small army barracks was dismantled and moved across the city to provide a center for the children. When the reassembling project was completed, there was a place for hundreds of children to develop recreational talents.

Communal Living

As important as the physical work accomplished were the experiences of communal living under such difficult and congested conditions. Food was the major problem for all, and was accentuated for Americans who were used to plenty. We found ourselves furnished with the standard diet of Stuttgart, a diet as meager as it was unappetizing. Vegetables and fruit were luxury items. This was the diet all Germans said was better than they received at home.

We students were the beneficiaries of all these experiences. We learned in the most personal and emphatic way that something difficult to attain is a real possibility.

Bible Fellowship

Mr. Joseph T. Bayly will be the guest speaker at the Penn State Bible fellowship meeting Friday in 417 Old Main at 7:30 p.m. He will also speak at the Spring Conference.

Very Brief

• Only a free people can continually question and appraise the adequacy of its institutions.

—Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

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Thursday, May 5

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

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main

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

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

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

Parke, Davis and Co., May 5 and 6, June grads (women only) in AgBioChem, Bacteriology, Botany, Chemistry, Medical Technology.

H. J. Heinz Co., May 9 and 10, June grads in IE, ME, Chem Eng, and Phys.

Strawbridge and Clothier, May 10, June grads in retailing.

Essex Rubber Co., May 7, June grads in Chem Eng.

Armco Steel Corp., May 9 and 10, June grads in Arch Eng, Civil Eng, EE, IE, ME.

Wear-Ever representative will interview students May 11 and 12 for summer and permanent employment.

State Department of Highways, May 13, June grads in Ag Eng, Accounting, Chem Eng, Engineering seniors, Forestry.

Hotel du Pont in Wilmington, Delaware, has openings for two or three dieticians. Applicants should be Food majors.

National Supply Co., May 9, June grads in ME for plant work.

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