

# The Safety Valve

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## Lost Americans

TO THE EDITOR: I confess I am one of the lost Americans. To me the American dream is a mirage and Horatio Alger is Caligula reincarnate. The sacred phrase, "equality of opportunity," rings as empty in my ears as it does in yours. I believe that the forces that have spoken and acted for America have never meted out economic justice to its people. And I believe that if equality of economic opportunity and everything that glib phrase carries with it are not forthcoming, America will die. Here you and I part. For I am not a Communist and I reject Communism.

The sap, the vital of civilization is the nameless masses who have lived on earth and gone. The needs and wants of the people have made civilization grow. And coming from the people the growth is slow, as slow as time. But throughout historic time there have been forces who have been impatient, who have wanted to alter the face of the world with one blow, and always they offer as the shortcut to glory the Greatest Lie: war. For, as far back as man remembers, war has destroyed in an instant the growth of years. The ruin and waste of generations—this is the curse of war, and this is the gift of the forces who offer speedy salvation for mankind.

You are a part of these forces. You are of those who wish to cure the world's ills too rapidly. Because mankind moves slowly and revolution means rapid change, world-wide Communist revolution means war. You will have to kill.

I believe in evolution, not revolution. And I think that America is evolving. Call it what you want—New Deal, Fair Deal, Socialism, any name; the economic change is coming. Slowly—but it will stay, and it will need no police-state or purges to keep itself, because the people will want it. You would force the change. But let me warn you.

You would have to be ruthless; you would have to kill enemies and friends and innocents because you will be opposed; you would have to shackle every life, even your own, to totalitarianism, to the total state, because your quick cure can have no competition or it will fail. Maybe you could succeed. Maybe you're right. But count me and more like me out. I'm weak and sentimental and I never acquired a taste for blood.

—Seymour Rubinfeld.

## American Imperialism Planned

TO THE EDITOR: Previously, a letter had been inserted in the Collegian stating that the Atlantic Pact is a defense-mechanism for peace. In reference to this assertion, I quote Rep. Clarence Cannon's April 13th speech.

"With the signing of the Atlantic Treaty, we have the bases, and all we need now are the planes to deliver the bombs. . . . The atom bomb must be delivered at the right time and right point. In the first three weeks of the war, we must make the atom bomb pulverize every military center in Russia. . . . We will blast at the centers of operation and then let our allies send the army in, other boys, not our boys to hold the ground we win."

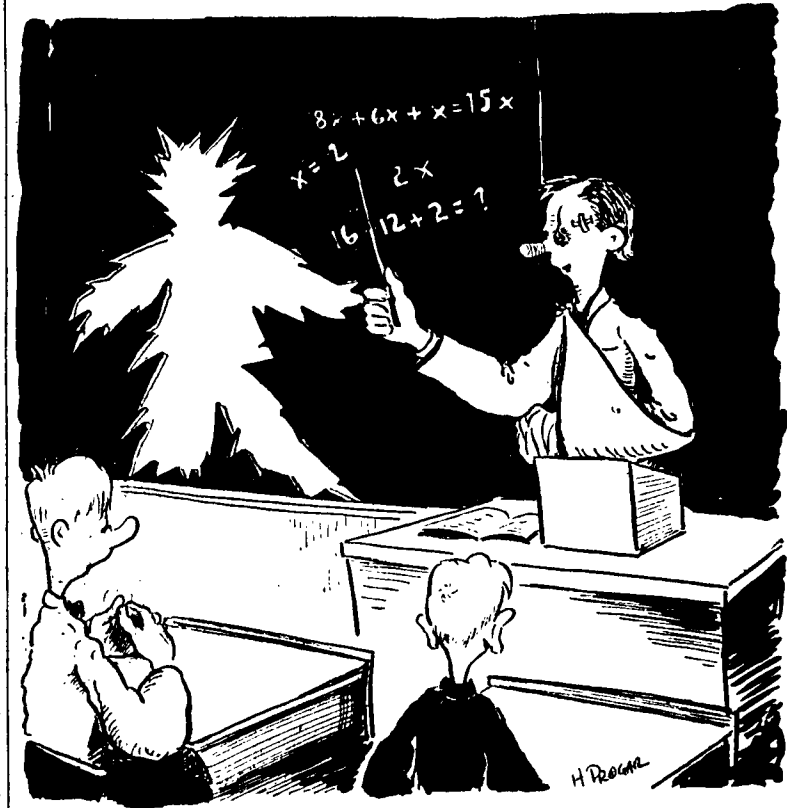
(The first sentences quoted above are from April 14, N.Y. Herald Tribune; the last sentence is from the April 14 N.Y. Times.)

The words were so blunt and revealing that, said the Herald Tribune, they "startled the House."

The House was startled only because Representative Cannon, who is chairman of the key House Appropriations Committee, spilled the beans about the Atlantic Pact which is being palmed off as a measure for peace. He was so careless as to openly state its real aims and so undiplomatic as to let the people of Europe know about future American imperialism planned for them.

—Hubert Rubenstein.

# LIONel



"Now everybody watch the board while I run through it again."

## Summer Work Includes Labor In Small Belgium Mining Town

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

As told to the Daily Collegian by Marjorie Allen, a member of the Friends Service Committee group working in Boussu-Bois, Belgium, last summer.

Our job at Boussu-Bois, a small coal-mining community near the French border of Belgium, was to level the coal-tip, or terril, so that it could be used as a playground for the school just beneath it. A terril is the man-made mountain that is built up over a period of years by dumping slag from a coal mine. This project had more relevance for us Americans because an American bomb had destroyed the local school, which was now being replaced by one twice as large. It would take up the place formerly used for playing.

### Many Countries Represented

Other countries represented at this camp were Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Holland, Sweden and Switzerland. All these various nationalities joined in the project which involved cutting with pick and shovel 5000 cubic meters of dirt and rock, and dumping it over the side. This tremendous task was at first conducive to aching backs and wrists. I must confess I didn't mind taking my turn at KP, cooking, or even scrubbing floors.

One of the first days I worked on the terril, looking down at the neat row of red-tiled houses on one side and fields of waving grain on the other. I thought that in a sense we were moving a mountain.

### Pleasant Greetings

The community supported us in a hundred different ways. We were always greeted with "Bonjour" or "Mademoiselle." Retired miners from time to time would tap me on the shoulder, take the shovel from my hand and show me how it should be used. News of our work spread far and wide, as was evident by the conversa-

tions we overheard when we went into Mons, the nearest large city.

Most of the villagers were poor by American standards, but they always shared with us. Scarcely a day passed that some woman or child did not appear at the door of the Protestant minister's home, where we stayed, bearing a gift of coffee, chicory, cookies, or even precious eggs. Or they would invite us to pick cherries in their orchard, or dig carrots or potatoes from their gardens. Even the grocer's wife gave us cut rates. We felt that this spirit of warmth and friendship was strongest when we visited various family homes for Sunday dinner, or coffee in the evening.

Though discussion of the problems of peace on an intellectual level would have been limited even if all of us had spoken fluent French, we found something with these people that went beyond all words—human fellowship.

### Goethe in Song

Giving a preview of the "Goethe in Song" program to be presented May 16, Dr. Philip Shelley will play records and discuss this German music in 117 Carnegie Hall at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is invited.

## News Briefs

### Engineering Lecture

Dean Arthur R. Warnock will speak on "Personality" at the senior engineering lecture in Schwab auditorium at 4:10 p.m. today.

### Aeronautical Sciences

Michael Cozzoli, chief design engineer of the Fairchild Aircraft Corporation, Hagerstown, Md., will speak to the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences in 101 Main Engineering building at 11 a.m. today.

### Barbell Club

The Penn State Barbell Club will meet on the balcony of Recreation Hall at 8 p.m. Monday.

### Pi Lambda Sigma

Newly elected officers of Pi Lambda Sigma, pre-legal honorary are Frank McNelis, president; Ralph Wagner, vice-president; and Richard Bard, secretary-treasurer. Ralph Brenner and Lois Jane Dickson were initiated at the meeting.

### Dairy Exposition

A milking contest for professors will be one of the main features of the Dairy Exposition to be held in the Ag Hill pavilion at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

### Bible Fellowship

The spring conference of the Penn State Bible Fellowship will be held at "Camp Hate-to-Leave-It" tomorrow and Sunday. Students attending should report to the Engineering parking lot at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

### Circulo Espanol

Recently elected officers of Circulo Espanol are Marty Soles, president; Le Claire Barnett, vice-president; Ellen Large, secretary; Jack Diamon, treasurer; and Frank Lucia, social chairman.

### Eta Kappa Nu

The following officers were elected at a recent meeting of Eta Kappa Nu, Electrical Engineering honor society:

Norman Pomerantz, president; Ray C. Williams, vice president; Frank J. Terkoski, recording secretary; Edward H. England, corresponding secretary; William F. Markley, correspondent to the "Bridge of Eta Kappa Nu," national society publication; and John S. Cooper, treasurer.

### Poultry Club

Mr. Kropp, personnel manager of Swift and Company, will speak on the opportunities available to graduates of agricultural fields and the qualities which prospective employers look for in the personnel, at the Penn State Poultry Club meeting in 100 Horticulture building at 7 p.m. Monday. All students majoring in poultry husbandry, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, and agricultural economics are invited to attend.

### Pi Alpha Xi

Pi Alpha Xi, national collegiate floriculture honor society recently tapped William M. Clark, Milton B. Davis, Robert J. Eshelman, William R. Failor, Malcolm L. Finger, Donald W. Griffiths, Kenneth J. Hager, William H. Heyser, Richard C. Koch, Donald B. Lacey, Emil N. Lesko, Donald E. Musgrave, Clifford Myer, Charles P. Ruhl, William F. Schildmacher, Robert J. Snyder, James Stark and George R. Teel.

### Faculty Luncheon

M. S. Osborne, professor and head of the department of architecture at the College, will address the Faculty Luncheon Club at the Hotel State College on Monday noon. His subject will be "Present Day Problems of Home Building."

## VA Contact Man Comes to Campus

Louis P. Nardi, contact representative of the Veterans Administration, will be at the VA building from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Thursday for the purpose of explaining and discussing Veterans Administration benefits, or to assist veterans and their dependents in the completion of any forms that may be required.

### Tree Tags

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, recently placed tags on 400 trees on campus. Each tag has the common name and the scientific name of the species inscribed on it. Twenty-four members and pledges participated in this project. Philip Barker and Robert Knecht served as co-chairmen in charge. The department of physical plant supplied the tags and Mr. H. Norton Cope, professor of forestry, directed the classification of the trees.

## ADS Pledges 16; Plans Banquet

Alpha Delta Sigma, men's national advertising honorary, recently pledged 16 men. The newly pledged men are Richard Anderson, Mark Arnold, Karl Borish, Norman Borish, Guyer Candy, James Cochrane, John Ernst, Louis Gilbert, Richard Hoffman, Peter Kalandiok, George Latzo, Carl Lucyk, Jacob Meckler, Walter Reynolds, Ralph Shiner, and John Way.

Plans are being made for a banquet and initiation on Sunday, May 8. At the same time, the chapter will initiate three men as professional members into the fraternity. These men are Richard Byers, professor of journalism at the College, Mr. Donald Bridge, of the Gannett Newspapers, and Mr. Richard Eldridge, head of the Eldridge-Northrop advertising agency in Trenton.

## 'Crest' Residents To Hold Carnival

Windcrest residents will join in the carnival spirit at the parking lot on the corner of Pollock and Shortridge roads from 2:30 p.m. to midnight May 14.

Bingo, penny-pitching, children's fishing pool and other games and contests will be featured at the carnival sponsored by Windcrest Council and Windcrest Wives. A universal mixer and baby stroller will be awarded as prizes. Home made cakes and pies, either whole or slices, candy and cookies will be sold, as well as hot dogs, hamburgs, pop, ice cream, cigarettes and chewing gum. Some handwork will also be on sale.

## NROTC Riflemen Receive Medals

Six members of the NROTC rifle team were presented rifle medals by Capt. W. T. McGarry at a battalion parade on the Army drill field at 11 a.m. yesterday. They were Midshipmen Andrew Adelman, Paul Baumgardner, John Brown, William Myers, Richard Pulling, and James Shull. Of these six, two members, Baumgardner, captain of the team, and Pulling, received bars to their medals for the second year of participation on the team.

### May Day Rehearsal

May Day rehearsal will be held at Holmes Field from 3 to 5 p.m. today. Excuses may be obtained from the dean of women's office and the dean of men's office.

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