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Safety Valve

'Damaging Slap'

TO THE EDITOR: The State College Civil Liberties Committee, formed as an outgrowth of the arrest of Alvin J. Heller, student at the College and an official in the local Communist Party Student Club, recently arrested for passing out leaflets in the borough, were refused permission to conduct a street meeting in the borough last Saturday afternoon.

In denying the request, A. E. Yougel, burgess, told representatives of the Civil Liberties group that he would not have funds to pay the extra policemen necessary for such a meeting, and that he could see no necessity for the meeting. The committee spokesman offered to pay for the services of extra policemen, but the Burgess still refused permission.

Since then, Heller has been informed of the postponement of the hearing until August 8. The hearing was originally scheduled for July 5. The reason given by the Burgess for the postponement was that he was "going on a vacation."

This is a direct attempt to silence all protest to the Heller arrest, and serves to strengthen the committee's contention that the arrest was an unjust one in the first place. Not satisfied with cutting off free speech through Mr. Heller's arrest, the Burgess now refuses to allow a meeting to be held where the protests may be aired publicly. The postponement of the hearing because of the Burgess' vacation is a highly damaging slap at court justice.

The Civil Liberties Committee had its initial meeting on Wednesday, June 29, with the election of officers and plans for immediate action on the Heller case being outlined. Helen Ruby was elected temporary chairman, and Mary Lou Henry, secretary-treasurer. Letters asking for financial aid have been circulated by the committee. The committee plans to organize on a permanent basis soon.
—State College Civil Liberties Committee
Helen Ruby, Chairman

COLLEGIAN GAZETTE

- Wednesday, July 6
 TEA for graduate students' wives, Atherton Lounge, 3 p.m.
 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION Dinner, Skytop, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 7
 STATE COLLEGE Civil Liberties Committee, 409 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
 PHYSICS OPEN House, Osmond Lab, 7 p.m.
 OUTDOOR MOVIES, Amphitheatre, 9 p.m.
- Friday, July 8
 TEA for wives of visiting faculty members and women members of resident staff, Simmons Lounge, 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 12
 MIXED SWIM PARTY, Glennland Pool, 8 p.m.
- At the Movies
 Cathlamt—Today, Beautiful Blonde from Bashful Bend; Thurs., Make Believe Ballroom; Fri., Sat., and Mon., The Fountainhead; Tues., Commandoes Strike at Dawn.
 State—Today, The Lady Gambles; Thurs., Fri., Sat., Johnny Allegro; Mon., Tues., Streets of Laredo.
 Nittany—Today, Down to the Sea in Ships; Thurs., Fri., Take Me Out to the Ball Game; Sat., Ride Ryder Ride; Mon., Tues., Volpone.

On Alcoholism

As alcoholism in an individual is a symptom of a mental or physical sickness, so the presence of alcoholic individuals in a society is the symptom of maladjustment in that society. Dr. William G. Mather, professor of rural sociology, said in a recent talk at Juniata College in Huntingdon.

DR. MATHER STATED that it does little good to treat alcoholic individuals without treating the social and economic forces that make persons susceptible to alcoholism.

"Alcoholism has social roots," Dr. Mather explained. "It can flourish in societies where there is considerable economic insecurity, great competitive strain, pervading fear as of current or impending war, and dislike of children. All these are present in our own society. All of them tend to produce timidity and lack of self-confidence, which the consumption of alcohol can help to relieve temporarily."

"TO THE STRONG and confident personality, alcohol has little appeal," Dr. Mather added. "And the type of society which produces that type of person will have little alcoholism."

Miscellany---

Penn State forestry students taking summer training at Camp Blue Jay received some practical experience in forest fighting earlier this month.

When large fires broke out in the Allegheny National Forest, about 35 miles from camp, training activities were discontinued and all students, working in shifts ranging from 6 to 20 hours, helped to fight the fire. The fires broke out Wednesday but were reported under control today.

Merwin W. Humphrey, associate professor of forestry at the College, assisted by other members of the department of forestry and of the department of civil engineering, is in charge of the camp, located near Marienville, Forest Co.

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