

# Admiral Denfeld Loses Post As Chief of Naval Operations

(Late AP News, Courtesy WMAJ)

WASHINGTON—Admiral Louis Denfeld has been relieved of his job as the Navy's highest active officer. President Truman told his news conference that he fired Denfeld "for the good of the country" on the advice of Navy Secretary Matthews.

Mr. Truman declined to say whether Vice Admiral Forrest Sherman will replace Denfeld as Chief of Naval Operations, as has been rumored.

Earlier, Republican representative Leslie Arends of Illinois said that removal of Denfeld would be an insult to Congress in view of Denfeld's recent testimony during unification hearings.

At the same time, it was announced that there would be a cut of 56,200 in Navy and Marine manpower as a part of the over-all reduction of the armed forces.

## Stock Market Climbs

The New York Stock Exchange reached a new high for the year today as a result of a powerful buying drive.

Allied Chemical led the rise with a seven dollar jump at one point and all the leading stocks advanced a few cents to more than a dollar a share. Heavy trading accompanied the rise.

## Named Ambassador

Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen has been named Ambassador to Yugoslavia to replace Cavendish Cannon, who is retiring because of ill health.

Allen has been directing the State Department Public Affairs Section which includes the "Voice of America" and various cultural activities.

## Vote of Confidence

LONDON—The British Labor government has won a vote of confidence by a margin of 337 to five, following a defeat of a no-confidence motion by Winston Churchill's conservatives. If the vote of no-confidence should prevail, it would mean the resignation of the prime minister, probably followed by a general election.

## Debaters Vie With Oxford

An international debate will be held one week from today in Schwab Auditorium at 8 p.m. with John Fedako and Richard Schweiker, College debaters, presenting the negative side and Robin Day and Geoffrey Johnson Smith, of Oxford University, England, asserting the affirmative.

The topic of debate is to be "Resolved: that the public ownership of basic industries and essential services is in the best interests of a democratic society."

Schweiker, manager of men's debate at the College, and Fedako participated in most of the meets last year. Next week's debate will be the opener for the local squad which recently added 18 new members to a returning varsity of 12.

Both Oxford debaters are 25 years of age and unmarried, and both held the rank of captain in the Royal Artillery during the war years.

Day is at present an undergraduate studying law at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. He is a liberal in politics, and has recently been successively elected secretary and librarian of the Oxford Union Society for the Hilary and Trinity Terms, 1949.

Smith is studying the modern greats (politics, philosophy and economics). He was educated at Charterhouse School and Lincoln College, Oxford. He is an ardent supporter of the British Labor Government. A member of the Oxford University Dramatic Society, he has done both stage and film acting, and some production. Recently he was elected to the Oxford Union Society's Committee. He writes for the University Magazine, "Isis," and wants to be a journalist.

Admission is free, and anyone desiring to get an international viewpoint on a democratic system of business ownership, should not miss this opportunity.

## Lion, State Political Parties Name Freshman Sophomore Nominees

Campus political lines will be drawn for the Nov. 15 freshman and sophomore elections when the Lion and State parties select their candidates Sunday evening.

Work on the campaigns then will begin in earnest, with the campaigns scheduled to open about ten days before the election.

Each party will nominate six candidates—for president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the two classes. Last Sunday the Lion party got an early start by holding preliminary nominations, while the State party was reorganizing its leadership for the ballot battle.

**State Party**  
The State party will be aiming for a political comeback in this campaign, with the prospect of seizing power in the two classes and also taking two seats on All-College Cabinet through the class presidencies.

The executive committee will make preliminary recommendations to the party, and further nominations then can be made from the floor before the vote is taken at the 7 p.m. meeting in 10 Sparks.

**Lion Party**  
Only sophomores and freshmen will be allowed to attend the Lion party meeting and vote.

## Hazleton Center Dedicates Site

The dedication of the former Markle estate, 'Highacres' will provide the College center at Hazleton with a typical small college campus for its 325 students and 26 faculty members.

J. Orvis Keller, assistant to the president in charge of extension, and Edgar C. Weichel, trustee, will represent the College at the dedication ceremony to be held outdoors in the formal garden at 'Highacres' Monday.

The 14-year-old Hazleton center acquired the former Markle estate early this year and recently moved there for the opening of the fall semester.

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## Chem Accident Fails To Ruin Young Pitcher's Athletic Career

By MARV KRASNANSKY

When a youngster who never dreamed of playing baseball for pay is signed to a pitching contract by a major league team, there's a story to be told.

But when this same youngster has had his throwing hand almost blown off by a chemistry set explosion, there's an even better story to be told.

Such is the story of Sam Phillips, a 19-year old, third semester sophomore in chemical engineering.

Phillips himself was the only one more surprised than the doctors who told him he'd never be able to play baseball again when the Philadelphia A's offered him a contract just before he left his Drexel Hill home, just outside of Philadelphia, for State College.

And the young right-hander who is rated as a promising prospect by Ira Thomas, chief scout of the A's organization, had every right to be astounded at his success, for only three years ago an explosion of red phosphorus potassium chlorate in his home had all but blown off his hand.

Even today, some three years later, it does not seem within the realm of the reasonable that the scarred right hand of Sam Phillips can throw a baseball hard enough and true enough to strike out a midget. They have been more than midgets, however, who have gone down swinging on Sam's smokes or broken their backs fishing for one of his curves.

Had the tube in which Sam was mixing his chemicals been somewhat thicker, his story would have ended with the explosion. It almost did, for even today, after four major operations on the hand there is still some glass remaining, even today despite some miraculous surgery by Dr. George Schwartz, chief surgeon of the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, Sam has no sensation in the ring finger of his right hand.

That was the story of Sam Phillips, a kid who played baseball on the sandlots for "kicks," when, "just to have some fun," he reported to the A's baseball school in Bala-Cynwyd last June.

Sam was standing around with the other youngsters who had reported to the school that morning, when Thomas asked him to throw a few pitches for the press photographers who had been assigned to cover the school.

"I threw a few pitches and Thomas wasn't even looking at me," Sam recalls. "Then he turned around as I was throwing my fast one—that's my best pitch—and he said 'Do that again. Again. Again.' I stood there for 15 minutes just throwing and every time I threw

Thomas would give me pointers on what to do and what not to do. In those 15 minutes I learned more about pitching than I had known all my life."

Impressed by the loose-limbed, easy-throwing youngster, Thomas asked him to report back in the afternoon to throw his curve.

"Throw a curve," Sam laughs. "I didn't even know how to hold a curve, but he showed me how, and in an hour I had the ball dipping like I had been born with a curve."

Sam went home that evening, his arm a little tired, but happy, and perhaps a bit wary, like a man who has started something he isn't sure he will be able to finish.

Three weeks later Sam was asked to pitch batting practice for the A's at Shibe Park. Looking back at that day, now, Sam admits that "I was scared out of my wits."

"Boy, was I wild," the six foot three inch, 175 pound sophomore laughingly recalls. "But I threw hard, and that's what they were looking for. They would have been happy had I been able to throw the ball clear through the screen in back of home."

Sam didn't bring his chemistry set with him to State. He gave it away soon after the explosion, and since then has contented himself with mixing colors in glasses of water. But Sam has brought his glove and a dozen or so baseballs, for even if there isn't much spare time for a chem-engineering major to play baseball, he can always look at his weapons and his scarred hand and dream ahead to the day this Spring when he will report to the A's collective farm system in Moultrie, Georgia, a strong-armed, hard-throwing youngster with an inspiring story for all who love sport.

## New Head Coach

Floyd (Ben) Schwartzwalder, new head coach at Syracuse, is the 23rd coach for the Orange. He comes from Muhlenberg where in three years he won 25 games while losing only five.

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