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## Use Of A-Bomb

President Truman's statement on the atomic bomb yesterday should make everyone stop and think for a moment.

THE PRESIDENT said that active consideration was being given to use of the atomic bomb against the Chinese Communists if the step is necessary.

The first question one might ask is: Just what does the word "necessary" mean? And, along the same line, what standards will be used to determine whether use of the bomb is necessary.

Although final responsibility will fall upon the President, he indicated in his initial statement that the military commander in the field would have something to do with making the decision. This would raise the question of whether use of the bomb would be decided on the basis of military necessity, or diplomatic necessity. Would it be used as a last resort either to end the Korean war or to wipe out any threat of further war, or would it be employed merely as a convenient and quick method of attaining certain ends?

ANOTHER QUESTION the President's statement raises is that of the reaction of many peoples throughout the world, and particularly in Asia. Already there are rumblings that allies of the United States are worried and dissatisfied. Although we do not like to admit it, the people of many nations view this country with feelings other than love. Would using the A-bomb bring alienation of allies and further hard feelings among Asiatic peoples? Apparently it would, for repercussions along this line have been evidenced already.

Another facet of the situation is the manner in which the President made his statement and his later revision of what he said. Apparently this has been another instance of an off-the-cuff answer to a reporter's question, an answer given without much previous thought or consideration having been given to its effect throughout the world. When far-reaching policy decisions are announced in such a way, it is no surprise that many people begin to wonder about the validity and consistency of the President's policies.

We may as well face the fact that the President's statement is, in substance, a threat to use the A-bomb. But in a ticklish international situation, with the world moving closer to global war every day, it is questionable whether threats are more appropriate than diplomacy.

## A Lucky Fire

One of the luckiest things ever to happen to Penn State was the destruction by fire of an unoccupied Pollock Circle dormitory Saturday.

IT WAS LUCKY first of all because the building was one of the six closed recently for lack of occupants. So only wood and metal burned in the flash blaze, not human beings.

It was lucky because the fire was confined to just one building and, despite gale-winds, did not spread throughout the area.

It was lucky because, even had the fire spread, all the occupants of adjacent dorms were away over the holidays and the buildings empty.

But the most important feature of this lucky fire was that it acted as an unmistakable piece of handwriting on the wall, a warning from an unexpectedly lenient Providence that something should be done about Pollock circle, and done quickly.

Wooden dormitories are a menace. The University of Oklahoma learned about wooden dormitories the hard way, a year ago, in a horrible and tragic fire. Half a dozen other schools have found out about wooden dormitories too, have seen the lesson written in charred bodies and seared flesh.

PENN-STATE has been incredibly lucky. It has had its lesson at the cost of only one old building. But Penn State would do well to absorb this lesson promptly. The eight Pollock circle dormitories still occupied are so many invitations to flaming catastrophe. These buildings must go.

The odds are eight to five that the next one that burns will burn people, not supplies.

—Ron Bonn

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"I suppose you'll take advantage of me because I can't resist giving 'A's' to students with a smile."

## Gazette . . .

Friday, December 1  
NEWMAN club mixer, Theta Kappa Phi, 7 p.m.

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

National Tube company will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., and Met. at the B.S. level on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

A representative of the Boy Scouts of America will be on campus Dec. 4 to interview January candidates interested in a professional scouting career. Scouting experience is a prerequisite. Graduates 25 years old or over preferred.

A representative of the Young Women's Christian association will be on campus Dec. 6 to interview sociology and physical education M.S. candidates.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber company will interview January graduates in M.E., Chem. Eng., I.E., and E.E., at the B.S. and M.S. level on Wednesday, Dec. 13. This was previously scheduled for Nov. 29.

Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance company will interview January graduates for insurance sales Dec. 6, 7, and 8. They are particularly interested in contacting prospective agents in the following counties: Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, York, Adams, Franklin, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, and Cumberland. No priority.

Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance will interview girls who are being graduated in January with a secretarial course Dec. 6, 7, and 8. No priority.

Procter and Gamble Distributing company will interview January graduates interested in retail sales work Dec. 6. Tall men with extra curricular activities preferred. No priority.

E. I. Du Pont De Nemours & company will be on campus beginning Dec. 11 to interview 1951 PhD candidates in the following curricula: Chemistry, Physics, C.E., Biochemistry, M.E., Engineering Mechanics, Metallurgy, Plant Pathology, Plant Entomology, Bacteriology, Food Technology, and Meteorology. No priority.

International Business Machines corporation will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., and Physics, Dec. 4. Firestone Tire and Rubber company will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., Chem. Eng., and I.E. on Tuesday, Dec. 4. No priority.

Standard Oil company, Elizabeth, N.J., will interview 1951 M.S. and PhD candidates in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7 and 8. No priority.

National Lead company will interview January graduates at the B.S. level, and 1951 M.S. and PhD candidates in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering on Thursday, Dec. 7. They are especially interested in PhD physical and organic chemists; also organic chemists for synthesis work. No priority.

### AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: All Quiet on the Western Front  
STATE: King Solomon's Mines  
NITTANY: Ghost Goes West

## A Few Sad Tales Of Snows, Gales

"Ah, you ain't seen nothing; the snow in my home town was clear up to . . ." These words initiated many a tall-tale related throughout our snowy college campus as students, recently extricated from their snow-bound abodes, slid back to dorms, fraternity houses, and classrooms.

THE STORIES WERE AS THICK as the snowflakes were reputed to be, the descriptions as wet as the surging flood waters, the humor as refreshing as the two unexpected days of vacation.

There is the one about the five secretaries in Old Main who were hoarding pennies for a month in preparation for a big spree in Pittsburgh. Well, they got there, but were marooned in the Pittsburgher hotel for their entire sojourn.

Then there are the accounts of the wayward busses that took 16 hours to get from Allentown to State College. Another bus, after being stuck for the third time, proceeded merrily on its way, leaving two passengers behind.

Of course, there are the snow-blanketed cars which were abandoned "somewhere in Pittsburgh" and the hours spent digging out cars in Coraopolis or Braddock only to have them buried again the next morning.

Let's not forget eating by candlelight for lack of electricity or the poor Altoonaites whom Reddy Kilowatt deserted altogether.

AND THERE IS THE AMAZED girl from Johnstown who was just complimenting the Pennsylvania railroad on having its trains not only on schedule, but five minutes ahead of time during the crisis, when a bedraggled little lady snapped at her, "This isn't the 12:30, girlie. I've been waiting for this since 8:10 this morning."

Harrowing bus rides from Lewistown . . . Unused football tickets . . . Uprooted trees . . . Broken windows . . . Long hours at the television set . . . Unplanned overnight stops in Harrisburg . . . Five cent candles being sold for fifty . . . Snow . . . Snow . . . Snow . . .

Well, "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow." And maybe Coach Sherman Fogg's boys will have something on which to ski this year.

—Janet Rosen

Control of the College is vested in a board of trustees of 32 members. Members ex officio include the governor of the commonwealth, the President of the College, the state superintendent of public instruction, the state secretary of agriculture and the state secretary of mines. Terms of the other trustees are three years. Six of them are appointed by the governor, 9 are elected by the alumni and 12 by delegates from county agricultural and industrial societies.

Hey, Claude's Coming . . .



Don't Miss Him!

## Military Ball

Rec Hall, Dec. 8

\$4 per couple

Formal

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