

Truman To Proclaim National Emergency

Lists 4-Point Plan To Meet Danger To U.S.

WASHINGTON — President Truman will declare a state of national emergency today.

The President announced the forthcoming declaration in a 24-minute talk direct from the White House to the nation last night.

"Our homes, our nation, all the things that we believe in," the President said, "are in danger. This danger has been created by the leaders of the Soviet Union."

The President said he had set up an Office of Defense Mobilization to coordinate the vast program, with Charles E. Wilson, chairman of board of directors of General Electric, as its head. The President also created the Federal Civilian Defense administration and named Millard Caldwell, former governor of Florida, to head this group.

Four-Point Program

First listing, point for point, the dangers which face the nation, the President made his momentous statement declaring the emergency.

"Because of all the things I have been talking to you about, tomorrow morning I will declare that a state of national emergency exists," he said.

To meet the dangers facing the nation, the President called for a four point program:

1. To uphold and defend the principles of the United Nations.
2. To work with other nations to strengthen our defense.
3. To build up strength of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
4. To expand our economy and keep it on an even keel.

Expands Armed Forces

The President said he had ordered the Army, Navy, and Air Force to expand their personnel to 3½ million. The present strength of these forces is 2½ million. There are an additional 2 million men in the national guard and reserves who are subject to call, he said.

Selective service will call for more men, the president said. He disclosed that two additional national guard units would be activated by January.

"We have no aggressive purposes," the President said. He declared his belief that the differences between the free peoples of the world and the Soviet Union could be settled peacefully. "But," he added, "we cannot yield to aggression."

German Dept. Plans Program

The Department of German will present its annual Christmas program in Schwab auditorium at 7 p.m. Monday.

The program will include musical selections, a reading, a talk, and carol singing. George J. Wurfl, professor emeritus of German, will preside at the program as he has since its inception in 1930.

Wurfl will read a Biblical account of the nativity in German and Dr. W. E. Meyer, associate professor of engineering research, will speak.

The musical part of the program will include a violin sonata of Handel, played by Barbara Thomas, a graduate student in music, accompanied by Barry Brinsmaid, assistant professor of music; Brahms' "Geistliches Wiegenlied," sung by Mrs. Viktor Lowenfeld, with viola obligato by Miss Thomas and piano accompaniment by Mrs. Evan Johnson; and movements of the Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 4, played by an instrumental ensemble.

George Ceiga, assistant professor of music, will play an organ prelude and postlude. The audience will sing traditional Christmas carols.

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Today's issue of the Daily Collegian will be the last edition until after Christmas vacation. Next issue will appear on Thursday, Jan. 4.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Merry Christmas!



—Collegian Photo by Stone

SEASONS GREETINGS! Shown above is a window at Willard hall which wishes passers-by a Merry Christmas in 12 different languages.

Parking Suggestions Accepted By Cabinet

A special parking area for the West dorms will be set up if President Milton S. Eisenhower approves two suggestions pertaining to parking regulations accepted by All-College cabinet Thursday night.

Neil See, chairman of the parking committee, said the parking suggestions were formulated in talks between the administration and the committee. The administration has accepted the recommendations and they will now be given to President Eisenhower for approval, according to See.

150 Spaces

He said that 150 spaces have been set aside in the West parking area, behind Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu fraternity houses, for cars of West dorm residents. See pointed out that the existing parking regulations were formulated in 1946. He said the number (Continued on page eight)

Offices Of College To Close Dec. 22

Offices at the College will be closed Dec. 22 to 26 inclusive, and also on New Year's day.

Ralph W. McComb, College librarian, has announced the following schedule of library hours for the vacation: Dec. 19, 7:50 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Dec. 20 to Dec. 22, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Dec. 23 to Dec. 25, closed; Dec. 26 to Dec. 30, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Dec. 31 to Jan. 1, closed; Jan. 2, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; and Jan. 3, 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Cagers Defeat Rhode Island St.

By ERNIE MOORE

Penn State's Nittany Lion basketball team picked up its third win last night by upsetting Rhode Island State, 61-55, in Rec hall before approximately 6000 fans.

But in doing so the Lions played probably their poorest game of the campaign, and the highly touted Rams must have lost their famous fast break on the way to State College.

The largest crowd of the young winter sport season, which jammed Rec hall to see the Rhode Island team play Penn State for the first time, saw a slow game punctuated with personal fouls.

Neither the Lions nor the Rams could boast much of a shooting game during the first part of the game, as both teams missed consistently.

Not until the last ten minutes of the ball game did things really pep up.

Fred Congleton, Ram center, took scoring honors for the evening with 17 points, scoring 12 of these in the second half.

Captain Lou Lamie was high point man for the Lions with 15 markers.

Rhode Island State drew first blood when Charlie Stewart converted a foul shot with 20 seconds gone. Johnny Mitchell scored on a one hander from beyond the foul key and Bill Baird also dropped in a field goal to give the Rams a 5-0 lead.

Tiny McMahan picked up three with a lay up and a foul shot. (Continued on page four)

Christmas Party

The Penn State club and Atherton hall will hold a closed Christmas party in the Atherton lounges at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, the club will hold its Christmas carol sing. Members of the club will meet in Old Main lobby.

College Seeks State Aid Grant

Penn State has asked the General Assembly for a grant of \$17,555,142 for the 1951-53 fiscal period.

The request was announced by Governor-elect John S. Fine in Philadelphia Thursday, after a conference at the Ritz-Carlton hotel between Fine, President Robert L. Johnson of Temple university, and Orphans' court Judge Charles Klein, a Temple trustee.

If granted, the sum would be a substantial increase over the \$11,010,000 allocation for the 1949-51 period ending May 31.

College Estimate

The College's estimate included \$12,270,000 for building purposes. The original 1949-51 budget, later cut, included an \$8,000,000 building fund.

Fine also announced requests from the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh, and Temple.

Together, the four schools requested an increase of \$11,100,000 over their 1949-51 grants. Total 1951-53 appropriation asked is \$30,480,142. The schools received \$19,341,800 for the current period.

Other Increases

Penn requested a boost from its present \$3,473,000 to \$5,457,000. Pitt asked an increase from \$2,516,920 to \$3,700,000. Temple asked an increase from \$2,350,000 to \$3,768,000.

Governor James Duff's original 1949-51 recommendation for Penn State had been \$18,386,000. At that time, acting President James Milholland had said that the sum fell short of the College's needs by \$3,000,000.

Library Exhibit Traces Origin Of Yule Tree

Magazine articles, newspaper clippings, and books that help to trace the origin of the Christmas tree are now being exhibited at the College library and will continue through the holidays.

Materials on exhibit are part of an extensive study conducted by Dr. Philip A. Shelley, professor and head of the German department. He said that the search for the first Christmas tree in America almost always points to importation from Germany, where the custom of its use originated.

Dr. Shelley explained that, "virtually all instances of its earliest ascertained appearances in this country, whether in churches or in homes, are associated with the endeavors of recently arrived immigrants to preserve one of the most memorable aspects of Christmas in the Fatherland."

According to Dr. Shelley, pictures published or circulated in the United States almost always reveal evidence of German origin, especially during the 1830's and 1890's.

The exhibit includes copies of children's stories with translations from the tradition of the German bad boy, "Struwelpeter" or "Slovenly Peter," as well as other books in which Christmas trees are mentioned or illustrated.

Choir To Give Two Concerts

The chapel choir will present its annual Christmas concert at chapel services in Schwab auditorium tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

This Christmas program will be the second presented by the chapel choir. They will give their traditional midnight performance in Schwab auditorium at 11 o'clock tonight.

Tomorrow's program will be preceded by an horale concert played by a brass choir from the Blue band under the direction of James W. Dunlop. The music of the choir will consist of Yule carols and anthems. The choir will be accompanied by George Ceiga, chapel organist.

Exams May Fix Position In Draft

America's college-age youth may have to take examinations to determine who will be drafted and who will stay in school, according to James C. O'Brien, associate director of the Office of Manpower and head of the National Scientific Register.

Mr. O'Brien indicated yesterday that Washington may hand down this decision Monday.

He said, "Even though we'll need all the young men we can get for the armed services, we must keep some in the schools to maintain our technical strength."

Parcel Service Uninterrupted

Despite the ban on shipment of parcel post packages clamped on by the Post Office department in Washington yesterday, there has been no marked lack of service in the State College area, according to Ernest Johnson, assistant postmaster.

The embargo, which went into all over the country yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, orders all post offices to refuse parcel post to be delivered to areas tied up by the wildcat railroad strike now in effect.

Mail going west of Chicago and south of Washington from State College will be refused at the Post Office in accordance with the edict. Mail service from State College to all of the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania has been moving along smoothly, Johnson said, and air parcel post packages have had little trouble getting through.

So far, first class mail, Christmas cards and air mail have moved along without interruption.

Correction

The name of Marvin R. Berk was erroneously omitted from the list of those tapped for Blue Key in Wednesday's paper. Blue Key is a junior men's hat society.



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