

Leaders Request Lower Voting Age

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The opinion of David Olmstead, Town council president, that "those old enough to fight and die are old enough to govern" was echoed by the majority of student leaders when asked how they felt about lowering the voting age to 18.

Olmstead also enthusiastically supported the absentee voting petition now being circulated by the National Student association on campus and in town. The other student leaders, even the dissenters on the voting age issue, went along with Olmstead on this matter.

Leinbach Agrees

Harold Leinbach, Interfraternity council president, said simply and emphatically that an 18-year old voting age was a good idea. "Young people in politics—the salvation of American democracy," he said.

"A lot depends on the individual," Raymond Miller, president of the Engineering student council, said. However, Miller went along with Olmstead in saying "since 18-year olds are fighting, they should have the right to vote."

Lowering the voting age to 18 and passing an absentee voting law would enable most college students to cast ballots.

State Constitutions

Voting age requirements are set down in state constitutions, with the federal constitution stating that electors for federal offices should meet the same qualifications in the various states as those for electors for state offices. Thus, the state General Assembly would have to take action before the age could be lowered.

Neil See, Tribunal chairman, was against an 18-year voting age. He said he did not feel a person 18 would be mature enough to keep himself conversant with the issues and problems involved in an election. "I do not believe, therefore, an 18-year-old's vote would carry the kind of intelligent consideration these times need," See said.

Experience Needed

"You need that three years of experience" between the years of 18 and 21, according to Victor Fiscus, Pollock dorm council president. Clark Young, president of the Education student council, said he was in conflict about the question. He said he felt "an 18-year old was emotionally unstable" and not able to evaluate facts well enough to cast a vote.

Gay Brunner, Judicial chairman, was undecided on the issue but posed two questions on the matter: "What about peacetime measures in comparison with wartime measures?" and "Has education advanced that far to move the voting age down three years?"

Healthy Measure

Calling the plan to lower the voting age a healthy measure, Harry Kondourajian, All-College vice-president, said he thought "the younger element of the country were probably more idealistic and less affected by the hardship and the cynicism of the age."

Emerson Jones, All-College secretary-treasurer, said that if 18-year olds are mature enough to play a part in the defense of the country, then, obviously, they are mature enough to play a part in choosing the individuals to guide the country which they are defending. Richard Bard, chairman of the board of governors of the Association of Independent Men, agreed with Jones and added, "What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

Absentee Voting

Nancy George, president of Panhellenic council, said that lowering the voting age was basically a good idea "if absentee voting goes along with it." Barbara Sprengle, president of the Women's Student Government association, was in favor of an 18-year voting age. She said, "The stagnant period between 18 and 21 really deadens interest in voting."

A person has been out in the world longer at 21, said John Laubach, Nittany dorm council president. He was not in favor of lowering the voting age, but he did say "there isn't much of a dividing line between 18 and 21."

William Klisanin, assistant regional chairman of the Intercollegiate Conference on Govern-

Senate To Speed 18-Year-Old Draft

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—(AP)—Senate administration leaders today decided to speed action on legislation for the drafting of 18-year-olds before settling the troops-for-Europe issue.

Majority leader McFarland (D-Ariz.) told newsmen after a democratic caucus that Senate debate on the Manpower bill will start early next week, probably on Tuesday.

The bill, providing for a universal military service and training program, would grant restricted authority for drafting 18-year-olds. It would also extend the period of service from 21 to 26 months.

Previously, the Senate had planned to take up the controversial question of sending more U. S. troops to Europe before debating the draft.

UN Seeks End Of Korean War

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 23—(AP)—The UN Good Offices committee is using every available diplomatic channel to see whether Communist China will change its mind and negotiate on peace in Korea. This was disclosed today by a spokesman for the committee chairman, Nasrollah Entezam, who is awaiting Peiping's reply to the first tentative feeler.

Swedish channels in Stockholm and Peiping were used for the first efforts by the committee which was established by the General Assembly on Feb. 1, it was reported. Sweden is one of the few non-communist countries which recognized Red China and Sweden's delegate, Sven Grafstrom, is a member of the committee, along with Luis Padilla Nervo, Mexico.

Red China denounced the committee at the time it was created and indicated it would not deal with it. The main purpose of the Good Offices committee's first approach to Peiping is to try to see whether the Red Chinese really meant it.

Entezam's spokesman made his disclosure after diplomatic quarters had said the Good Offices committee sent its feeler earlier this week through Swedish channels.

The three committee members have undertaken their talks and plans in secrecy and have studiously avoided talking about them. The last time the three were known to have met formally was on Monday.

There was a report that India, which has an embassy in Peiping and which tried unsuccessfully to work out a cease-fire in January, was used as a channel also but an Indian spokesman said "we are out of the picture."

U. N. Forces Move To Red Stronghold

TOKYO, Saturday, Feb. 24—(AP)—American infantry, battling mud and stiffening Red resistance, punched forward up to four miles in central Korea Friday, threatening to seize at any moment the Communist stronghold of Hoengsong.

Friday night the tank-led doughboys held the commanding heights around the town. They looked down on its smoldering ruins from Red-dug foxholes. Hoengsong is 10 miles north of Wonju on the central front.

From all along the active 60-mile central sector came reports of increasing Communist stubbornness as an estimated 100,000 soldiers of six United Nations probed in quest of the main enemy force.

Four Divisions

The attacking force included four veteran American divisions—about 60,000 men—plus attached U. S. Tenth Corps artillery and infantry of the Korean Republic, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand attached to the U. S. Ninth corps. Censorship prevented further identifications.

Despite toughening Red resistance, allied officers speculated that they might not yet have met the main body of the enemy, estimated previously to total 40,000 in the line south of the 38th parallel on this central front.

Truman Angers Senators By Collecting RFC File

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—President Truman stirred the wrath of investigating Senators today when it was disclosed he had collected a file of letters written by congressmen to the RFC, but he later explained he found no evidence of 'illegal influence' on the huge lending agency.

Mr. Truman said he saw no reason to make the correspondence public since, he said, it did not show any illegality either on the part of the executive branch or legislators.

If the senators thought otherwise, he stated, "The material will be sent to the subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency committee at its request."

Thus ended a wild day of alarms and excursions on Capitol hill.

It all started with a morning session of the subcommittee, which has charged that influence emanating from the White House had been exerted on lending policies of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Senators on the subcommittee discovered that the President had ordered the mass of correspondence delivered to the White House. They immediately interpreted this as a counter-attack against their investigation and got hopping mad.

Almost in a chorus they declared they refused to be intimidated.

College Prof Indicted As Red

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 23—(AP)—Dr. Richard N. Lewis, 34-year-old University of Delaware Professor, was released in \$2500 bail today on charges he concealed his membership in the Communist party.

A federal warrant was issued in Albany, N. Y., for Lewis' arrest and delivered to the U. S. Marshal here. The professor, former employe of the General Electric company in Schenectady, N. Y., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Albany.

The grand jury said Lewis "made a false, fictitious and fraudulent" statement on a personnel security questionnaire form of the Atomic Energy Commission while working for General Electric.

The 34-year-old chemistry professor, father of three children, came to Wilmington from his home at Newark, Del., to surrender. He furnished his bail, then left for home to await developments.

He was given a leave of absence yesterday from Delaware pending the outcome of the charges.

Truman May Run In 1953 —For Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The White house kept silent today on reports that President Truman may run for his old Senate seat when his term expires Jan. 20, 1953.

But Attorney General McGrath appeared skeptical.

Emerging from a cabinet meeting at the White house, McGrath was told of the reports circulating on Capitol hill.

"Would you buy that?" a reporter asked.

McGrath smiled. "No," he said and walked away.

White House Press Secretary Joseph Short said he had no comment.

However, old friends of Mr. Truman in Congress said he is seriously considering a return to the Senate where he spent 10 happy years. One Congress member, who declined to be quoted by name, put it this way:

"If Harry Truman does what he really wants to do, he will run against Senator Kem (R-Mo.) in the 1952 election. He really loves the Senate."

Several White House callers have privately quoted the President as hinting he will not seek another term in the executive mansion. They say he sometimes talks nostalgically about returning to the Senate.

Mr. Truman will have served nearly eight years in the White House when his present term expires. He stepped up from the vice presidency on April 12, 1945, after the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

College Research Assistant Dies

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23 (AP)—Dr. Maloise S. Dixon, 51, Pennsylvania State College Research Assistant injured in an automobile accident last Tuesday, died today in Urological hospital.

Dr. Dixon's car swerved into a ditch between Carlisle and Gettysburg while enroute to Washington. She continued the journey despite head injuries.

After delivering papers to Dr. Pauline Beery Mack, also of Penn State who was testifying before the Federal Trade commission, Dr. Dixon returned to the College and resumed her duties.

The next day she became ill and went into a coma. She was brought here the same day.

Philippine's Home Ec. Delegate To Visit

Eloisa Yulo, chairman of home economics at the Philippine Women's university, Iloilo, Philippine islands, will visit the School of Home Economics at the College Monday and Tuesday.

A coffee hour will be held in her honor in the Living center of the Home Economics building from 10:30 to 11:30 a. m., Monday.

Extended Forecast

Extended forecast for the period Saturday, Feb. 24 through Wednesday Feb. 28: Eastern Pennsylvania, eastern New York, and mid-Atlantic states: Temperature will average around five degrees above normal, warmer over the weekend and colder about Tuesday; some rain likely about Monday, possibly snow in the north portion; total amounts one-quarter of an inch and less than a quarter of an inch in the South.

Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Western New York, and West Virginia: temperature will average about five degrees above normal in the North and about eight degrees above normal in the South; warmer over the weekend and colder Monday or Tuesday; rain likely Sunday or Monday, amounts one-quarter to one-half inch.