

## 4 Russians Will Talk In Forum

Four recently-arrived Russian displaced persons will participate in a forum discussion of "General Conditions Behind The Iron Curtain" in 121 Sparks at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

An electrical engineer, a teacher, and two factory workers will answer any questions asked by the audience.

Translators at the meeting will be Father Constantine Auroroff, instructor of Russian; William Edgerton, assistant professor of Russian; and Capt. Gregory Gagarin, assistant professor of physical education. Both Auroroff and Gagarin were born in Russia.

### Russell To Preside

Seth W. Russell, assistant dean of liberal arts, will preside. The three interpreters will translate the questions and answers and comment upon them.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Greek Catholic Orthodox Students club.

Participating in the discussion will be:

N. Irgizov, was a former electrical engineer who was arrested in 1935 by the NKVD and sent to a concentration camp in Siberia. Released during World War II, he was later captured by the Germans. He came to this country in 1949 and is now president of the Association of Former Political Prisoners and editor of the quarterly magazine, "Challenge."

### Teacher In Kiev

A. Sergeev, was a teacher in Kiev until 1931, when he was arrested and sentenced to five years in a Siberian labor camp. In 1943, he was taken to Germany as a prisoner.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bogoch, were former factory workers in the U.S.S.R. They recently arrived in this country and now live in Bellefonte.

## 15 Passengers Killed In Iowa Plane Crash

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 2 (AP)—A Mid-Continent Airlines plane, making a second try for a landing here in a sudden, heavy snow storm, crashed into a bordering cornfield today, killing 15 of the 25 persons aboard.

The twin-engined DC-3 plane burst into flames and was destroyed within a few minutes.

## 'India Week' Will Begin On Monday

"India Week," being sponsored by the Penn State Christian association, will begin Monday and continue until March 11, Marjorie Allen, associate secretary of the PSCA, said yesterday.

Miss Allen said plans are not yet completed for the week's activities. She said an exhibition and several movies will form a part of the program.

An attempt is being made, Miss Allen said, to get Mme. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, former chairman of the Indian delegation to the United Nations and now Indian ambassador to the United States, to speak in Schwab Auditorium next Saturday. As yet, no reply has been received from Madame Pandit, Miss Allen said.

### Tentative Plans

Tentative plans are also underway to obtain Dr. Amiya Chakravarty, of the Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton, N.J., as a speaker on March 11. Dr. Chakravarty spoke in Schwab auditorium last December on the role of India in the East-West conflict. His appearance then was also sponsored by the PSCA.

An exhibition of Indian art, jewelry, pottery, photographs, (Continued on page eight)

## First Inkling Is Expected By May 1

Inkling, Penn State's prospective literary magazine, is rapidly nearing publication and the first issue is expected to appear by May 1, Florenz Fenton, managing editor, said yesterday.

With promises of \$50 from both the School of Liberal Arts and AIM for a "financial cushion," and a \$25 anonymous contribution, Inkling is organizing now for its first issue, Fenton said.

### Contract For Printer

"A contract has been made for a printer and technical and mechanical points are being ironed out now," Fenton said.

Editor Samuel Vaughan echoed Fenton's statement that Inkling was ready to begin work on its first issue but said that things wouldn't be rushed.

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## Club To Sponsor Chess Exhibition

A simultaneous chess exhibition will be sponsored at the TUB tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Penn State Chess club. The group has brought M. Pousseur de Bois, a chess expert from New York City, to put on the demonstration.

Pres. Jerome Movsovich explained that a simultaneous chess exhibition involves one player, in this case de Bois, competing against any number of opponents at the same time. Interested persons can enter by paying 25 cents and bringing a chess set to the TUB.

Besides chess, de Bois will meet any opponent in either Wei-Chi, a complex form of Chinese checkers, or checkers of the English, Spanish, French, or Russian variety.

## Absentee Voting Petition 200 Short Of Majority

The National Student association's absentee voting petition is about 200 names short of having a majority of the signatures of Pennsylvania residents on campus, David Fitzcharles, NSA absentee voting committee chairman, announced last night.

The drive for signatures on the petition urging the Pennsylvania legislature to legalize absentee voting will end Monday.

Fitzcharles said he hopes to see the petition carried to both houses of the legislature in Harrisburg by a group of student leaders.

### Committee Not Decided

The committee has not decided upon the method of presenting the petition to the legislature because it has been too busy with the job of circulating it, Fitzcharles said. Mailing the petition to Harrisburg has also been considered, he said.

Pennsylvania residents who wish to sign the petition may contact Joan Yerger, 410 Ather-ton; Edward Shanken, Pi Kappa Alpha; Clair George, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Frederick Hopkins, Chi Phi; and Moylan Mills, 320 Hamilton hall.

In cooperation with the NSA, several campus organizations will send letters to the legislature endorsing the petition. Among the groups are the senior class, Education student council, Agriculture student council, AIM Town council, AIM West dorm council, and All-College cabinet.

Fitzcharles said that he appreciated the cooperation of all who had helped distribute the petition and thanked all those who signed the petition.

### Local Committee

The local committee NSA drew up the proposed amendment to the state constitution. It would enable students to cast their ballots at school and have them counted in their resident precinct. The committee has circulated the petition on campus for the past two weeks.

Students under 21 were also urged to sign the petition, since by the time an absentee voting system could be established they would be eligible to vote.

## Monday Set For Senate Draft Vote

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)

—By unanimous consent today the senate agreed to vote Monday on the hotly debated issue of drafting young men into the armed forces at the age of 18½ instead of 19.

The test will come on an amendment to the universal military training and service bill, which Democratic Floor Leader McFarland of Arizona is trying to push through the senate as "emergency legislation."

A draft age of 18 has been approved by the Senate Armed Services committee. Its bill would provide, however, that 18 year olds nearest 19 be taken first, and that none be taken before all eligible men in the 19 to 26 year category are inducted.

### Author of Amendment

Senator Morse (R-Ore.) is the author of the amendment to drop the draft age only to 18 years and six months. But he proposes that those in the 19-26 bracket be called up at the same time, and that boys between 18 and 18½ be allowed to volunteer.

It is on this amendment that the senate will vote Monday.

The House Armed Services committee has not agreed on a bill yet, but the representatives are thinking in terms of registration and classification at 18, induction at 18½, with no waiting until the 19-26 group has been exhausted.

### More Officer Schools

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house committee recommended today that expansion of the Reserve Officer Training Corps be deferred in favor of building up more officer training schools so that youths who are drafted will have an opportunity to become officers.

At a hearing of his committee he expressed fear that college ROTC units may become a haven for students trying to avoid the draft.

## Nine Offices Will Be At Stake When Political Parties Meet

By BUD FENTON and MARV KRASNANSKY

Nine political offices will be at stake when the Lion and State parties square off in the forthcoming spring elections scheduled for April 18-19.

Included in the nine offices are five seats on All-College cabinet. The center of the battle will revolve around the All-College presidency. Of as much importance to the politics are the vice-presidency, and the position of secretary-treasurer on the All-College level, and the presidency of both the senior and junior classes.

Also at stake are the positions of vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the senior and junior classes.

Three non-political offices will be contested in the election of Athletic association president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. The association president has a seat on cabinet.

### State Looking Ahead

Beaten in the last two All-College elections, the State party will be looking toward a comeback. Although the State party has dominated the past two fall elections, involving freshman and sophomore class offices, the Lion party swept through the 1949 and 1950 All-College contests.

Because of the two consecutive Lion sweeps, sources close to State party leaders have indicated that this election is "now or never" for the Staters.

The Lions, on the other hand, have set their sights on repeating the past two All-College sweeps. The Lions control six of the seven political seats on cabinet, and in order to hold their

### 1950 Candidates



Robert Davis

Blair Green

present advantage would have to make another sweep.

### Lions Confident

Although confident in the future of the party, Lion officials have publicly expressed a fear of general apathy among party workers and followers. This apathy, they feel, will be their toughest hurdle.

The Lions have already started the political ball rolling with the election of clique officers, the people responsible for the management of a campaign. The State party will hold final nomination and election of clique officers tomorrow night.

Preliminary party nominations

must be completed by March 11, in accordance with the spring elections code, and final nominations must be made no later than March 18.

### Real Story

The real story of the current campaign is, however, cloaked in the two defeats on the State party record. As noted before, the Lions have swept the past two elections, putting into office nine-man slates each time.

While the victory of the Staters in the fall elections, in which they took four of the offices at stake, might seem to indicate a trend, a study of past elections (Continued on page eight)

## Erickson Sees Fair Decision In Exam Issue

John Erickson, senior class president, yesterday expressed confidence that the College senate committee handling the request for the elimination of finals for graduating seniors would come to "a just and fair decision."

Erickson's remarks were contained in a letter which Erickson said would be sent to Dr. Victor A. Beede, chairman of the committee on academic standards.

The proposal for the elimination of final examinations for seniors was submitted to the senate Thursday. A meeting of almost 500 members of the senior class unanimously approved the proposal Tuesday. The same proposal was unanimously approved at a special meeting of All-College cabinet Wednesday.

The text of Erickson's letter follows:

"It was with great pleasure that I noted that the request of the senior class and All-College cabinet for the elimination of finals for seniors was given to your committee. We feel sure that your committee will make a just and fair decision on the request.

"If there is any way in which I, any of the other officers, or the class can assist you, please feel free to call upon us."

### BX Deadline

Today is the last day to pick up money or unsold books at the BX, which will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

## Pollock Gray's Goin' To War

Pollock Circle, or a large part of it, may be going to war in the near future.

Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs, announced this week that plans for turning unused kitchen areas of PUB into a research laboratory, and for use of dormitory buildings for military personnel, are now under consideration.

He said the College is negotiating for a contract to house and instruct Air Force clerical personnel at Pollock. Some of the buildings would be turned into classrooms under the plan.

All persons involved would be Air Force personnel, and no students at the College would be included.

Kenworthy said thought is being given to the possibility of using kitchen space in the PUB for a research lab at some future date. He emphasized that recreational areas of the building will not be affected.

Plans for the military instruction and research, he said, are being considered both as the College's patriotic duty and to keep the staff together in the face of a projected enrollment drop.