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Faculty Reaction To Oath Is Marked With Caution

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An air of caution marked faculty reaction yesterday to the proposed state loyalty oath. Members seemed hesitant to commit themselves on the issue this early.

Meanwhile, the expected state-wide controversy over the senate-approved bill began yesterday with the announced opposition of the AFL-Pennsylvania Federation of Labor to the loyalty oath.

The bill, passed Wednesday in the state upper house, by a 42-7 margin, would require all state employees—including professors at state-supported colleges and universities—to swear that they belong to no "subversive organization or foreign subversive organization." These organizations are defined as any advocating forcible overthrow of the Pennsylvania or United States' governments.

Seen Unnecessary

Faculty reaction here was keynoted by an attitude that the oath is unnecessary, but that there is no other particular objection to it. Arthur H. Reede, professor of economics and defeated candidate for Congress, said in a prepared statement, that he believed the criteria for judging teachers should be worked out by persons with teaching experience.

"I would prefer that the loyalty oath bill should not pass in its present form," Reede said. "If it should pass, however, I would take the oath."

Dr. R. Wallace Brewster, professor of political science, doubted, in a written comment, that the oath would accomplish much good, and feared that it might do much harm. He said that the proposed law operates against this country's tradition of freedom of association.

"It is about as difficult and dangerous to legislate loyalty as it is to legislate religious belief," Dr. Brewster said. "In the process of trying to save democracy we should be careful not to adopt measures which may eat away at its very foundations."

Termed "Foolish"

"Foolish" was the way Dean Marion Trabue, of the School of Education, described such a state effort to legislate loyalty. He said, however, that despite the bill's "short-sighted attitude," loyal faculty members could sign it.

Dean Trabue said a far more dangerous measure has been introduced in the legislature. This bill would set up a legislative committee which would tour the schools of the state making loyalty examinations.

"This plan is absolutely vicious," the dean said. "Such a committee could very well start a witch-hunt."

Dean Trabue and a number of other faculty members contacted said that the oath is quite similar to those they have already taken in connection with federal government work. George L. Haller, Dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics and commander of the Air National Guard's 153rd Group, said that he had been signing such oaths "practically once a week."

"I don't think it has affected my well being or eating," he said. (continued on page eight)

Meeting To Launch Jewish Appeal Drive

A meeting to launch the annual United Jewish Appeal, sponsored by the Hillel Foundation, will be held at the foundation tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. This year a goal of \$4500 has been set. Funds will be used for overseas relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction.

Jacqueline Cohen and Julius Marcus, chairmen of the campaign, announced there is need for additional student workers. Anyone interested should come to the meeting tomorrow, they said. Films will be shown and assignments will be made.

Politicians Temporarily Take Break

Penn State politicians will go into hibernation this weekend for the first time in more than a month. Neither the State nor Lion parties will meet this weekend.

Both parties, however, can be expected to make a few last minute changes on the party platforms before submitting them according to Edwin Barnitz, chairman of the elections committee. Monday is the deadline for the submission of the platforms.

The platforms will not be released until Wednesday or Thursday of next week, Barnitz said yesterday.

The State party had been scheduled to meet tomorrow night. Party leaders had planned to submit a draft of the platform to party members, but the meeting was canceled by Murray Goldman, clique chairman. The meeting would have conflicted with the IFC-Panhel sing, Goldman said.

The present lull in the politicking will end on or about April 9 with the start of the actual campaigning, which, of course, will be climaxed by the voting April 18-19. The elections code forbids campaigning before the April 9 date.

Each party is limited to \$150 in campaign expenditures by the election code. No single contribution can be for more than \$20, under the regulations.

Itemized budgets are submitted to the elections committee by the clique chairmen. The elections committee is empowered to penalize an offending party by subtracting votes from its totals.

Date Correction

Neal Riemer, assistant professor of political science, will address the Philosophy club next Thursday at 8 p.m. in 203 Willard hall. Collegian erroneously reported that he was to have spoken this week.

"Dangerous"



R. Wallace Brewster

Agricultural Economist To Talk At Seminar

O. V. Wells, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agriculture, will speak on "What Are the Problems in Getting the Results of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociological Research?" for the rural social science seminar at 3 p.m., Monday in 202 Horticulture.

The Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology department sponsors the seminar and sessions are open to faculty and graduate students.

Soccer Team Trip Reported By See

Seven hours after leaving Gander, Newfoundland, the plane bearing the soccer team contingent landed near Shannon, Ireland, Neil See, manager, reported in a letter to the Daily Collegian.

Coach Jeffrey immediately stole the show by swinging into one of his Scotch ditties when a young red-headed Irish girl came aboard to greet the team.

Following are excerpts from See's letter:

"We spent an uneventful 30 minutes in the waiting room and then took off across the Atlantic.

Smooth Ride

"We made the crossing at 17,000 feet. The plane rode very smoothly. All that was to be seen below was a sea of billowy white clouds. The boys spent their time reading pamphlets on Iran and sleeping. They have been very quiet thus far. Except for the monotonous hum of the engines, we might be sitting in our living rooms. It is every bit as comfortable—even more so as the red carpet is out and they are waiting on us like kings.

"We began to descend about 40 minutes from Shannon, Ireland. The weather is very hazy over here. Even down to 1,000 feet we could not see the land—only an occasional, light winking at us through the overcast. It was so dark we could not see our own wings until we touched the ground.

"As we walked down the steps from the plane Red Emig led some of the fellows in a chorus of 'Irish Eyes Are Smiling.'"

"I am forced to use the old cliché, 'It's a small world.' Kurt Klaus met a Sigma Pi from Drexel. I met the fellow and found we



Neil See

had some mutual friends in Philadelphia. He was enroute to Brussels for a vacation.

"Bill Yerkes and I talked to several attendants in the waiting room. These people have a (continued on page eight)

Fifty Groups Will Compete In Greek Sing

Fifty fraternities and sororities will compete in the Interfraternity council-Panhellenic sing to be held tomorrow, and Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 10 Sparks.

Elimination rounds will be held the first two nights. Fraternity winners and a sorority winner will be chosen from the finalists Tuesday night.

Dr. Simmons To Discuss Russian Lit.

Dr. Ernest J. Simmons, professor of Russian literature at Columbia university and a senior member of the staff of the Russian institute, will be the second speaker in the Liberal Arts lecture series.

His lecture is also sponsored by the German department's Simmons lecture series. He will speak on "Recent Developments in Soviet Literature" Wednesday at 8 p.m. in 121 Sparks.

Wrote 8 Books

Simmons is known as a critic and biographer of Russian writers and is an authority on modern Russian literature. He has written or edited eight books dealing with literature. The publications include "English Literature and Culture in Russia," "Pushkin—A Biography," "Leo Tolstoy," and "Dostoevski—The Making of a Novelist."

After he was graduated from Harvard university in 1925, Simmons travelled in the Soviet Union on a Sheldon fellowship in 1928 and 1929. He made subsequent trips to Russia for literary research in 1932, 1935, 1937, and 1947.

Began At Harvard

He began teaching at Harvard. Later, at Cornell university Simmons became chairman of the Department of Russian Literature.

In 1946, Simmons went to Columbia as head of the Department of Slavic Languages. He is also a staff specialist in the social and ideological trends in Russian literature and the Soviet Union. In addition Simmons is a member of the joint Slavic committee of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research council.

CORE Founder Speaks Sunday At Chapel Here

James Farmer, a faculty member of the Institutes of International Relations of the American Friends Service committee, will be the speaker at College chapel services tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in Schwab auditorium. "Democracy's Unfinished Business" will be the theme of his sermon.

He will also lead a seminar tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m. in 304 Old Main. This seminar will be open to the public.

Farmer attended Wiley college, Marshall, Tex., and Howard university, Washington, D. C. Working in the fields of public and labor relations, he has been active in helping to solve differences in labor-management relations and in racial groups.

Farmer has served as race relations secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. In 1942 he founded the Committee of Racial Equality, now known as CORE. He served as national chairman of this group for two years.

James Wharton, co-chairman of the sing committee, said one rule has been changed. Wharton said two fraternity winners will be chosen each night of eliminations. Previously, only one fraternity winner was chosen. This means four fraternities will be in the finals with the two sorority finalists.

Sing Judges

Judges for the sing will be Elmer Wareham, Mrs. E. D. Reynolds, Edward Gamble, Dr. Francis Andrews, Dorothy Cornell, and Barry Brinsmaid.

The winners will be presented with cups by their respective councils. Finalists will entertain during intermission of the IFC-Panhel ball next Friday night.

Songs required for the fraternities to sing are "Blue and White" as arranged for the College Glee club and one fraternity song. Sororities are required to sing two sorority songs.

At least 12 members should be in each song group. Quartets and solists are barred from the sing.

The singing will be judged on a point basis. A maximum of 20 points will be given for tone quality, 20 points for intonation, 20 points for interpretation and phrasing, 15 points for balance of parts, 15 points for diction, and 10 points for general effect.

Committee Chairmen

Marilyn Levitt is co-chairman of the sing committee. Members of the IFC section of the committee are Gerald Gibson and Gordon Harrington.

Last year's sing winners were Beta Theta Pi fraternity and Delta Gamma sorority.

Twenty-five groups will compete each night of eliminations. The following groups, listed in order of appearance, will sing tomorrow night: Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Chi Sigma, Kappa Delta, Kappa Delta Rho, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Zeta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Mu, Acacia, Alpha Sigma Phi, Theta Phi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Chi, Alpha Xi Delta.

Also, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Chi, Chi Omega, Chi Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Tau, and Theta Xi.

Monday Competition

The following groups, listed in order of appearance, will compete Monday night: Tau Kappa Epsilon, Tau Phi Delta, Delta Zeta, Triangle, Phi Sigma Delta, Alpha Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa, Delta Upsilon, Gamma Phi Beta, Beta Sigma Rho, Sigma Pi, Delta Delta, Sigma Phi Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha.

Also, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Gamma Rho, Theta Kappa Psi, Delta Gamma, Phi Delta Theta, Zeta Beta Tau, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Theta Chi, and Alpha Omicron Pi.

Four Students Attend Nat'l. Art Conference

Beth Wham, Miriam McGrew, Paul Flick, and Mary Lower, all of the division of home art, are attending the National Art conference in New York, this week-end.

The conference, which includes the Eastern, Southern, and Western Art conferences, will be attended by leaders in art education from the entire country.