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# **Undermining** Effect Of 'Loyalty Oath'

The letter to the editor, appearing on this page today, concerning our editorial, "Time To Fight," reflects the opinion of what probably is "loyalty" and affirmations of "loyalty." We regret that such is the case, for we doubt that the same opinion would obtain in a more settled world. It reveals, we fear, a loss of perspective regarding American freedom and what it means, and it indicates a troubled anxiety produced by inability to cope with a great problem that seems to be beyond the ken of the American people. The logic is tortured and abstruse and, like the oath it supports, tends to undermine the very freedoms the oath ostensibly protects.

THE LETTER'S ANALOGY to motor and mining laws is one of the least appropriate that could have been selected. When matters of a man's conscience become public property— when a man can be held economically and legally accountable for the dictates of his conscience-then freedom in its truest sense ceases to exist. It is one thing to set up rules for the protection of everyone's rights, but it is something quite different to establish a law which makes it illegal and punishable for a person to hold an opinion different from that of the ma-jority. The "loyalty oath" is an infringement upon the right to free opinion and free conscience.

The writer of the letter speaks of truth as something absolute( a viewpoint which manifests the great longing of people today for something absolute, a viewpoint which manitruth is not of such a nature. Those who believe they possess the only truth and the right opinion, although they may be comfortable in their belief, cheat their own narrow minds of a far broader knowledge and understanding.

To speak of the people of Pennsylvania as "employers" of the Collegian staff is far-fetched, if only because no one "employs" the staff or the editors. By the same logic, it could be argued that, since the state voted Republican in the last election, the Collegian should be a Republican newspaper. In the context of our society the reasoning does not hold water. To use an analogy, should union members be fired because they do not hold the same opinion as their employer regarding unions, wages, and working conditions?

WE AGREE WITH the writer that "the personal consequences of the stand we take is our net reward. but the use of legal traps to settle a matter of personal opinion and conscience constitutes an infringement of liberty. To the inferences he makes we must object strongly that they are in the nature of smears.

### Safety Valve ...

#### Way To Catch Rats

TO THE EDITOR: Every large institution of higher learning has several Owen Lattimores, Penn State not excepted, sulking in their midst. The way to catch rats is chase them out in the open. Your display of effrontery towards those that are paying your salary would, in private enterprise or elsewhere, be grounds enough to terminate your contract. You, however, being in the much pampered catagory of the intelli-gentsia, enjoy asylum from such action.

Freedom to be wrong in a political situation, short of a clear and present danger to the nation, will never vanish from the American way of life. However, the personal consequence of the stand we take is our net reward, be it social,

ostracism or national acclaim. To require a state-supported college professor to sign a statement that his loyalty and con-ception of life, liberty, and happiness is the same as those of his employer, is no different in aspect than the motor code stipulation that in aspect than the motor code stipulation that all cars traveling on public highways have ample brakes and proper lighting, or the mining law.

that all pits be properly ventilated. The backers of the "oath" are the people of The backers of the "oath" are the people of Pennsylvania, your employer. They want in-surance that the political beliefs, that have in-spired them with the will and courage to rear a family and send them to college, will not be inundated in the rolly sea of perdition by in-tellectual utopianism.

A portion of them are College alumni and know that the majority of college professors look askance at the student who dares to question a point in his well-prepared lecture. They know that once in a "blue moon" will

the venerable profs admit they are wrong or ill informed.

The discussions of this or that prof for his tinted political views, have possibly been carried farther than the dorms, thus precipitating the "orth measure" "oath measure."

At most a loyalty oath is nothing more than At most a loyalty oath is nothing more than a manifestation on your part that you are not loyally divided with foreign power that the (sic) overthrow of our government. Why become so alarmed? After all, the people who pay your salary have every right to make sure their money isn't being used to eventually enslave them

enslave them.

You certainly are not entitled to teach the "truth, as you see it." You are, however, obli-gated to teach the "truth" as the majority of capably informed peoples see it, or change employers.

-George J. Salak

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### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job place-ments can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Raiston Purina company will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., C&F, Ag., or A&L with a background in Ag. Thursday, April 5. Westinghouse Air Brake will interview June graduates in M.F. Monday, April 9.

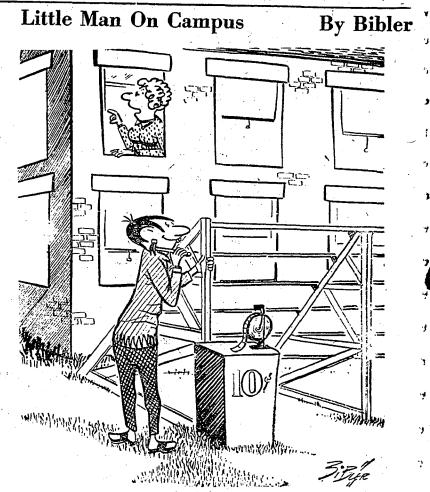
1 M.E. Monday, April 9. Hazeltine Electric will interview June graduates in E.E.

Monday, April 9. Aetna Life Insurance company will interview June grad-

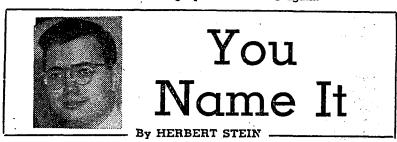
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uates in M.E., E.E., metan, June graduates April 6. North American Aviation will interview June graduates in ME., Aero. Eng., E.E., Chem. Eng., and Phys. Monday,

North American Aviation will interview June graduates in ME., Aero. Eng., E.E., Chem. Eng., and Phys. Monday, Arabian American Oil company will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., C.E., Chem. Eng., P.N.G., Geol., and Bus. Ad. Thursday, April 5.
Hamilton Standard division will interview June graduates at B.S. level in M.E., E.E., Aero. Eng. Thursday, April 5.
United Aircraft corp. will interview June graduates in M.E. Friday, April 6.
YMCA representative will be on campus to interview graduating seniors and juniors interested in professional "Y" work. Those interested are invited to dinner at the Allencrest at 6 p.m., April 3. Individual interviews will be conducted after dinner.
Line Material company will interview June graduates in Geol. Tuesday, April 10.
Carter Oil company will interview June graduates in Geol. Tuesday, April 10.
American Car & Foundry company will interview June graduates in C.E., E.E., I.E., and M.E. Tuesday, April 10.
American Viscose will interview June graduates in Chem.
Eng., Chem., M.E., and I.E. Tuesday. April 10.
Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock company would like to have preliminary application blanks from June graduates in C.E., E.E., and M.E. Blanks may be obtained in 112 Old Main before April 13.
Foster Wheeler corp. vill interview June graduates in Chem.
Eng., Chem. Eng., C.E., and E.E. Wednesday, April 11.
Koppers company will interview June graduates in Chem.
Eng., M.E., E.E., and B.S. Ad. Wednesday, April 11.
Harrison Construction company, Inc., will interview June graduates in C.E. Wednesday, April 11.
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Durez Plastics will interview June graduates in Chem.
Thursday, April 12.
International Latex will interview June graduates in Chem.
Thursday, April 12.



"You girls must be getting careless about pulling the shades— Worthal is setting up his bleachers again."



**Cockeyed Louie And Lawyer Brodson** 

Senator Kefauver's skits on television were probably the greatest boon to the industry since perfection of the coaxial cable.

CLIMBING DOWN OUT OF these isolated mountains for an Easter breather last week, we arrived at a civilized television outpost only in time to witness the last few open sessions. Along with millions of beer drinkers all over the nation, we were fascinated by the senators probing crime in interstate commerce. As another local columnist,

whose girl friend doesn't know whose girl friend doesn't know that day. He completely distinct how to back-up a car, would put the senators by his loquacious ex-it, "It's the greatest thing since sex." \* \* \* \* Licensed to practice law in that day. He completely disarmed

A gentle beer distributor from Des Moines was the first witness we saw. His name was Lou Farrell, alias—Lou Frato, alias—Lu-igi Frato, alias—Cockeyed Louie. Cockeyed Louie wanted the

committee of senators to understand that he was only a s m all businessman earning a respectable living for his wife and family. His boyhood chums, it turned out, were a curious assortment of thieves, murder-ers, and hoodlums. But they were good fellows, he contended, if only they would stop annoying him when they got into trouble.

At one point the committee's vacation and some that weren't counsel pressed Farrell on the part of the vacation fighting off point that one of his friends must attacks of medicines (capsuled, have done something wrong or jarred, bottled and tinned) most he wouldn't have been in jail. of which I can't even spell. What had he done, the counsel It gave me a chance to catch up on one thing — sleep. I couldn't read, walk, or watch demanded?

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two mid-western states, Brodson said he had attended both the Universities of Wisconsin and Illinois. Soon after graduation, however, he said, he made more money as a good gambler than as a bad lawyer. So he gave up law except as valuable background material

on how to keep inside of it. College evidently helped him a lot. He kept referring to frat-ernity brothers as gambling contacts. He didn't mention the fraternity.

\* \* \* \* \* \* FLU FLUNG ME ABED last week. I spent the last days of the

television. Just as well since

the Kefauver committee had by then gone into secret ses-

sions and even Milton Berle would have been anti-climatic.

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The letter writer states that freedom to be wrong in a political situation will never vanish from the American way of life, except in cases of clear and present danger, and asks why we should become alarmed. The answer is that freedom has vanished temporarily before, and it was only because some people did become alarmed and fought that the freedom was restored. Always, in the past, the nation has been able to recover itself, and, after a few years, the current hysteria may pass over.

However, the freedom we have in more settled times will not return if we abandon efforts to restore it.

UNLIKE THE PROPONENTS of the oath we are not afraid of freedom or of the Communists. We believe that a completely free-and alert and educated-people will not be seduced by totalitarian doctrines.

We continue to hold to the principle of Voltaire, who said that, although he disagreed violently with the opinions of his enemies, he would maintain to the death their right to entertain those opinions.

Tribunal and judicial shall have power to establish their own procedure except that any hearing must be open if the defendant so desires. -Section 7, Article III, All-College constitution.

Thursday, April 12. International Latex will interview June graduates in Chem. C&F, Chem., Chem. Eng., E.E., 1.2., and M.E. Thursday, April 12.

April 12. Sylvania Electric will interview June graduates in EE., I.E., M.E., Cer., Bus, Ad., H.A., Chem., and Chem. Eng. Thursday, April 12. Mathieson Chemical corp. will interview June graduates

Mathieson Chemical corp. will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng. Monday, April 16. Aircraft-Marine Products, Inc., will interview June grad-uates in E.E., M.E., and Acct. Monday, April 16. General Electric will interview men and women June graduates in C&F and Acct. Monday, April 16. West Virginia Pulp & Paper company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., C.E., E.E., and M.E. Wednesday, April 11.

April 11. ...Bell Aircraft corp. will interview men and women June graduates at the M.S. and Ph.D. level in Chem. Eng. and Phys. and at all levels in Aero. Eng., E.E., and M.E. Mon-day, April 16.

#### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

For information concerning the following jobs applicants should stop in 112 Old Main.

Husky man with own transportation for paper-baling job on campus; Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings; 85c per hour. Substitute waiters wanted for IFC weekend; cash plus

Man who will be in State College during summer session to work for room and board; must have own transportation.

"Well, I think he robbed a bank," Farrell shrugged.

SIDNEY A. BRODSON, a literate, and learned gentleman from Milwaukee, was a second witness

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Tuesday, April 3 ANDROCIES, Beta Theta Pi, p.m. COUNCIL, 108 Willard hall, 8 7:30 p.m. MARKETING club, 124 Sparks, BELLES-LETTRES club, T. J. Gates speaker, NE Atherton, 7 7 p.m. NITTANY BOWMEN, 209 Engip.m. neering C, 7 p.m. PENN STATE club, movies, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE organi-zation, Home Economics living quarters, 8:05 p.m. 405 Old Main, 7 p.m. PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, Dr. Mark speaker, 204 Burrowes, COLLEGIAN business candi-dates, 2 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. COLLEGIAN business junior and sophomore boards, 9 Carnegie WRA BOWLING, White hall alleys, 7 p.m. WRA FENCING, White hall, hall, 7 p.m. COLLEGIAN editorial candi-dates, 1 Carnegie hall, 7:30 p.m. 7 p.m. AT THE MOVIES ENGINEERING STUDENT CATHAUM: Flying Missile COUNCIL, 107 Main Engineering, 7 p.m. STATE: Macbeth LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT **NITTANY: Fantastic Nights**