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Loyalty Oath Bill May Meet Defeat In House

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HARRISBURG—The bill to require a loyalty oath of all state employes may very well go down to defeat in the state House of Representatives unless it is amended, Republican leader Charles C. Smith said yesterday.

The House majority leader said he thought the bill would be unconstitutional if passed in its present form. He did not specify how the bill should be amended.

Oath Won't Catch Reds, Walker Says

Special to the Collegian
By MARV KRASNANSKY

HARRISBURG—John M. Walker, Republican majority leader in the state Senate, predicted yesterday that the so-called loyalty oath bill recently passed by the upper chamber would not be effective in rooting out subversives.

Walker voted for the bill when the Senate approved it by a 42 to 7 margin. The bill would require an oath of loyalty from state employes, including faculty members of state-supported colleges.

The bill must be approved by the House of Representatives and by Gov. John S. Fine before it can become law.

The legislation came in for additional criticism from Senators Martin Silvert (D-Phila.) and George M. Leader (D-York), both of whom voted against the bill.

Defends Oath

Albert R. Pechan (R-Armstrong), author of the bill, defended the oath as one to which "no red-blooded American can object."

While Walker predicted that the bill would not be effective, he said that he personally would have no objection to taking the oath. "I'd take it before breakfast every morning," he said.

"If a man isn't loyal it will (continued on page eight)

unconstitutional if passed in its present form. He did not specify how the bill should be amended.

The loyalty oath measure was passed by the state Senate March 28 and at present is in the House state government committee. According to committee Vice-Chairman Reginald P. Stimmel (R-Lehigh), the committee has as yet given no consideration to the bill.

No Indication

No indication was given as to when the bill would be brought up for committee or House discussion.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Albert R. Pechan (R-Armstrong), calls for immediate dismissal of any state employes who refuse to sign the oath.

As finally amended and passed by the Senate, the bill would affect employes not only of state-supported colleges and universities, but also state-aided institutions such as Temple, Pennsylvania, and Pittsburgh.

Smith expressed the opinion that the committee should hold public hearings in view of adverse criticism the bill has received.

He said he already had received over 300 letters of protest, and over half of these were from college presidents, deans, professors, and administrators.

Good Chance To Fail

Rep. Harry E. Seyler (D-York) predicted a good chance that the bill might fail in the House. He said he thought the recent decision of a California court in declaring a similar oath in California illegal would have some effect on House consideration of the Pennsylvania bill.

The California decision will give many representatives cause to pause and consider seriously (continued on page eight)

Bard Gives Answer To WD Motion

Richard Bard, president of the Association of Independent Men, said yesterday that there was no cause for the West dorm council to worry about its money, and that the AIM treasury had no deficit.

Bard's statement was in answer to a motion passed by the West dorm council at its meeting Monday night asking that the AIM board of governors hand over to the council the \$176 remaining in the AIM treasury which belongs to the council.

Bard, in answering Weston Tomlinson's charge at the West dorm meeting, said that Tomlinson was in error in stating that there was a deficit in the treasury. Tomlinson said that he had tried to cash a check for council expenses and was told there was no money in the treasury to cover it.

Funds Not Divided

Bard said that for about a week, during which time Tomlinson tried to cash the check, there had been no money in the treasury, but that this was because a division in the funds for the Interfraternity council and the AIM had not then been arrived at.

The money to be divided comes from the 25-cent assessment for all undergraduate students. The money is divided according to the number of students represented by each of four organizations: AIM, IFC, Leonides and Panhellenic council.

Need Accurate Count

Bard said the holdup in division of the funds between AIM and IFC was due to the need for an accurate count of the men in each organization.

Bard also said passage of the motion by the council, asking that its funds be turned over to the council itself, meant nothing because the College rule on allocating funds says organizations must deposit their money with Associated Student activities, under the direction of George Donovan.

Political Slates Being Presented In Dorms, Frats

The all-College election campaign moves into the third day today with platforms being expounded and promises made through dormitory and fraternity areas.

The main form of the campaign thus far has been personal contact with voters by the candidates for the election to be held next Wednesday and Thursday.

The 18 nominees for the nine All-College, senior class, and junior class offices are combining the living units for prospective votes.

All-College Presidential nominees Clair George and James Worth will lead their groups today on the tours.

Assessment Referendum

Worth, the State candidate, is telling the voters that no more assessments will be made upon students without a referendum if he is elected. He charges that any issue not important enough for a referendum is not important enough for passage as an assessment.

George, of the Lion party, is talking on a progressive outlook for student government in his tour of the living units at the noon and dinner hours.

Both Ray Evert, Lion, and Harry Cover, State, candidates for All-College vice-president, are giving outlines of their party platforms.

Complete Platform

Cover is attempting to point out that his party's program is more complete and is charging that the "other" platform will investigate or look into questions. The State party has been attacking the past achievements of the Lion party, which has been in power for the past two years.

William Klisanin, Lion nominee for All-College secretary-treasurer, is basing his talks on the past merits of the achievements of his party.

Klisanin's opponent, Thomas Jurchak, is telling his student listeners that the student body should have representation on the administration committee which is now investigating the textbook situation.

Jurchak also says that the BX is not doing as well as it might to improve the book situation.

Intensify Campaigns

Both parties have intensified their publicity campaigns. Posters for both groups have been distributed and copies of the State platforms have been given to some students.

The Lion party radio campaign almost came to an end last night when one member of the campaign trio failed to arrive at the radio station. The Lion publicity chairman, Dave Weiner, an untrained singer, had to fill in for the missing songster.

Club Discusses New Members

Androcles, men's junior hat society, met last night to discuss prospective members. The society will vote on new members April 17 and rushees will be tapped April 23, President Donald Carlson said.

In cooperation with Blue Key, men's junior hat society, Androcles will hold a joint banquet at the Nittany Lion inn April 27, Carlson and David Mutchler, Blue Key president, announced last week.

The banquet will be an informal dinner dance and new initiates and old members will attend, Carlson said.

Walter Miller and Rodney Waters are co-chairmen of the tapping committee, and Clair George and Milton Bernstein are other members of the Androcles committee.

Blue Key will hold a meeting concerning initiates sometime soon and will tap April 23, Mutchler (Continued on page three)

3 To Take NSA Petition To Capital

The National Student Association's petition to the Pennsylvania legislature to legalize absentee voting will be taken to Harrisburg by three students, David Fitzcharles, chairman of the NSA absentee voting committee, said yesterday.

Fitzcharles and Nancy George, president of the Panhellenic council, discussed Saturday the method of presentation with Fred Hare, Somerset, Republican, state senate majority whip.

They decided that a student committee including Fitzcharles, Miss George and William Klisanin, NSA chairman, should take the petition to the senate committee on constitutional changes and to the house committee on elections.

Signed By 4600

The petition which was circulated by the NSA in Pennsylvania was signed by over 4600 Pennsylvania residents. All the signatures were joined onto one scroll which will be divided into two sections—one for the Senate and one for the House.

Under the proposed amendment to the state Constitution a student would be able to cast his ballot at school and have it counted in his home precinct.

The amendment would also benefit bedridden voters and persons whose occupations keep them away from home on election day.

The petition and amendment were prepared by the Penn State committee of NSA under the direction of Klisanin.

Petition Endorsed

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

Several other organizations passed resolutions favoring the petition.

Members of the NSA absentee voting committee are Fitzcharles, Otto Grupp, Thomas Farrell, Audrey Lipsky, Martha Schwing, Phyllis Schriber, Jo Anne Esterley and Joan Yerger. Other members of NSA and interested students helped circulate the petition which was signed by about half of the Pennsylvania residents on campus.

Panel Is Planned For MI Gallery

Representatives from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and New Jersey coal mining companies will hold an open panel discussion in the art gallery of the Mineral Industries building tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

As part of the work of the Penn State student chapter of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers meeting, the career conference will discuss the subject "Opportunities For Mining Engineers in Industry."

Leonides Elections To Be Held Today

Leonides elections will be held today in the dormitory lobbies from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. All independent women are eligible to vote in this election.

Doris Sher and Sorley Snyder are the nominees for the presidency.

Edna Baylson and Alice Hennessey are candidates for vice president; Louise Kolano and Eleanor Miller for recording secretary; Vivian Peterson for corresponding secretary; Ann Burlingame and Avis Dalton for treasurer; and Betty Johnson for parliamentarian.

Posters In Lobby

Yesterday posters with pictures of the candidates were placed in the main lobbies where voting is being conducted today.

Women will vote in their respective dormitories except those in Grange dormitory, home management houses, and students living in town. These women may cast their ballots in McAllister hall.

Ballot boxes will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. with the exception of the dinner hour. Persons in charge of the ballot boxes will check names from the eligible voting lists as ballots are released.

Approximately 1200 independent women on campus are eligible to vote in the election. This is the first Leonides election open to all members. Previously, (continued on page eight)

Home Ec Fete Will Include Three Plays

Three half-hour dramatic sketches will be presented by the division of dramatics as a part of the Home Economics Spring week-end, on the subject of discipline.

The plays will show two kinds of discipline: the kind that merely extracts obedience, and the kind that helps the child to achieve self-discipline. All were written by Nora Sterling.

The first production, "High Pressure Areas," will be presented in arena style at 3 p.m. Friday in 114 Home Economics. Following the play, a discussion will be led by Mildred Turney, assistant professor of home economics education.

"Scattered Showers," a story of three mothers and their preschool youngsters, will be produced at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the little theatre in Old Main. Mrs. William Smith, Jr., a parent, will lead the discussion that follows.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, the third play, "Fresh Variable Winds," will be presented in the little theatre. It is a story about a father and his 10-year-old son and how a neighbor's child helps to show the difference between normal mischievousness and spoiled bratiness, as well as what children need from parents, especially fathers. Della Avery, associate professor of child development and family relationships, will lead the discussion following the play.

All plays, as well as other events of the spring week-end, will be open to the public.



Doris Sher



Sorley Snyder