

Loyalty Oath Says Oaths Won't Catch Reds--

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the implications and intrusions on academic freedom that this bill might mean if ever passed into law, he said.

Seyler, who is a teacher, said he opposed the Pechan bill in principle on the grounds that it would be a serious blow to academic freedom.

He said the overwhelming majority in the Senate (42-7) seemed to reflect the fear that was being spread by many well-meaning people in their efforts to check what they consider subversive activities.

Hearings Not Public

This was indicated, he explained, by the fact that, although the bill was kept from a public hearing in the Senate state government committee by a 29-20 vote, still only seven opposed the bill in the final vote.

Rep. Stimmel said the House state government committee had no meeting scheduled for this week.

He said he thought the bill had a good chance of passing in the House. The recent California decision would have little effect in Pennsylvania, because that decision was based merely on the legality of the bill and not the principle, he added.

He said he had received no more than 20 letters protesting the loyalty oath. However, the American Legion has sent a resolution to the House recommending passage of the bill, he said.

Opposes Public Hearing

Stimmel said he opposed a public hearing for the bill because, in his opinion, it isn't necessary. He said that public hearings usually bring only those who strongly oppose a measure.

Stimmel said he saw nothing wrong with the bill in principle. The only opposition he could see to the loyalty oath was its possible future impact. He said it might be used "as a hammer to stifle freedom of thought."

He said he believed state employees should be the first to declare their loyalty because they are in the public trust and are spending the taxpayers' money.

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cil representatives elected the officers.

Magrini

Janet Magrini, chairman of the elections committee, has appointed girls in the various dormitories to be in charge of voting throughout the day. The last girl on duty will take the cast ballots to the second floor lounge of McElwain hall where a committee will count the ballots under the supervision of Joan Wentzel, Leonides president, and Miss Patricia Thompson, adviser to the group.

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not catch him," Walker said. If I were a Communist, I'd be the first one in line to take it," he added.

Explains Vote

Asked why he voted for the bill, Walker said that in the present political situation he did not want to have his vote recorded against the measure.

"If there is anything wrong with our colleges," Walker said, "let the trustees work it out. No legislature should go snooping around the colleges. We have good trustees and a good president at Penn State; let them handle it."

Pechan contended that the purpose of the oath was to reaffirm "love and loyalty to the state and to the country." He acknowledged that many subversives would not hesitate taking the oath, but those that did sign could be prosecuted on perjury charges.

Hits People's Lobby

Pointing to representatives of the People's Lobby of Pennsylvania, Pechan said, "They are the ones who are afraid to take the oath."

Questioned about the heavy protest coming to legislators on the bill, Pechan replied that those who objected to the oath objected because they are subversives and pinks.

Included among those who have voiced opposition to the bill are Charles Arensburg, president of

the Pennsylvania Bar association; Dr. Millard Gladfelter, provost of Temple university; Gilbert White, president of Haverford college; John W. Nason, president of Swarthmore college; and Owen J. Roberts, former justice of the United States Supreme court.

Going After "Bugs"

Pechan said that an effort to take some of the "bugs" out of the bill was now under way. Some doubt has been raised whether the bill is constitutional.

Saying that his colleagues had given in to political considerations in approving the bill, Leader accused them of "playing a type of practical politics that is obnoxious to me."

Leader stressed that he was not opposed to ferreting out subversives, but that he did not believe that such a loyalty oath could do the job. "We have to pinpoint our attacks on subversives," he said, "not him them with shotgun blasts that will hit a lot of innocent bystanders."

Emphasizes Religion

Leader emphasized that Friends and Quakers, who could not conscientiously take the oath, would be made innocent victims. "Our ancestors came here to hold particular and peculiar religious beliefs. Now we are voting to eliminate the freedoms of the Quakers wanted to retain."

Support of the bill was attributed to the American Legion by

Magazine Article Credited To Prof

Ralph H. Wherry, associate professor of insurance at the College, contributed the article, "Training the Recent College Graduate," to the March, 1951, issue of the Manager's magazine, bi-monthly publication of the Life Insurance Agency Management association.

In the article Wherry discusses the problems confronting both the life insurance company and the recent college graduate in developing and maintaining an adequate training program for the marketing of life insurance.

Silvert, whose request for public hearings on the bill was turned down. Silvert said that teachers in the Pennsylvania schools can be dismissed for subversive activities under the 1949 school teachers code.

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