

Civil Rights

# 'Hysteria' Called Cause Of Oath

(This is the first in a series of articles on the state loyalty oath and other civil rights legislation now pending in the state legislature. The articles will be written by Collegian staffers John Dalbor and Marv Krasnansky, who spent a day in Harrisburg, questioning legislative leaders and looking behind the scenes at the capital. Some of the articles or parts thereof express the opinions of the writers.)

By MARV KRASNANSKY

If there is one concrete fact about the legislative jungle that is Harrisburg today, it is the unmistakable aura of fear and hysteria in which the Pechan loyalty oath passed the Senate by a 42-6 count.

The politicians prefer to call it "political expediency." And so it is. But it is also more than practicality.

In the words of Sen. John M. Walker, the Republican majority leader in the upper chamber, the bill received its overwhelming majority not because the senators bore a firm conviction of the justice of the legislation, but because "the men did not want to be recorded as having voted against the bill."

### Bill Will Not Work

Senator Walker was and is of the opinion that the bill will not be effective in rooting out subversives. "If a man is disloyal, it won't catch him," the senator said. He further indicated that he had every confidence in the ability of the trustees and the presidents of the affected colleges (Penn State, Penn, Pitt, Temple and the state teachers colleges) to handle any subversive problems that might arise.

Yet Senator Walker's vote was one of 42 Republican and Democratic ayes cast for the bill.

Why? Because the senator and his 41 colleagues did not deem it politically expedient in the present political atmosphere to be recorded as against a bill which Sen. Albert R. Pechan says cannot be objected to by any "red-blooded American."

### Implied Question

The question the majority leader implied but did not ask was, "Am I to go back to my voters in Allegheny county and tell them why I voted against a bill which asks state employes to swear they

are loyal to their country and state?"

"Not if I can avoid it," is the implied answer. Even more revealing is the stand taken by Sen. John H. Dent, the Democratic minority leader in the upper house. In final debate on the loyalty bill Senator Dent said that although he was opposed to the legislation his position as leader of the party did not allow him to vote in opposition.

Dent went on to relate how in his campaign for lieutenant governor his vote against a bill he thought was unconstitutional was used as a basis for a red smear campaign against him despite the fact that then Gov. James Duff vetoed the bill on the same grounds.

### Infected Public Thinking

And so it goes. The legislators are being whipped on by hate, fear, and hysteria which has infected public thinking. The leaders following the crowd, and, as it is in every crowd, a few reckless, perhaps designing, men assume control and ride the stampeding herd.

This is the atmosphere in which a bill calling for an investigation of state-supported colleges has been introduced in the legislature.

This is the atmosphere in which a bill making it a crime—punishable by a \$1000 fine or three years imprisonment—to be a member of the Communist party has been introduced in the legislature.

This is the atmosphere in which a bill wiping a political party off the ballot has been introduced in the state legislature.

This is the atmosphere in which a bill requiring arbitrarily named "subversive" persons and groups to register has been introduced in the legislature.

And it becomes unmistakably clear that in only such an atmosphere could the Pechan loyalty bill be passed by the state Senate.

## Ag Dept. Head



DR. HENRY S. BRUNNER, head of the Department of Agriculture Education, who was recently elected a regional representative to a research committee in agriculture education at the North Atlantic Regional conference of State Supervisors in agriculture education.

## Study Awards Provided For 2 U.S. Grads

Two new fellowship opportunities for a year's study in West Germany have been made available to American graduates by the Institute of International Education.

The fellowships are open to both men and women during the academic year November 1, 1951, to July 31, 1952. They have been provided by the Deutsche Aus-tausendienst, Bonn, Germany.

The value of each grant is 2,250 Deutschesmarks, which is sufficient for the student's full maintenance, with a possibility of tuition being waived by the university in Germany. Transportation and incidental expenses must be paid for by the student.

Applicants may indicate the institution where they wish to study.

To be eligible, applicants should present proof of American citizenship, a Bachelor's degree by Nov. 1, 1951, a good knowledge of German, and good health.

The U. S. student program of the institute will receive applications up to May 10th.

The Institute of International Education, as the central private agency administering programs in international study, also will provide information on other study opportunities in foreign countries upon request. The address is 2 West 45 street, New York city.

## Froth Explains Sinful Ways

Sin swept the streets of State College this morning as Froth brought out its gaudy red and black April issue.

The Sin theme is carried out in a number of articles exploring various possibilities of the subject. Artist Bud Kinnaird's conceptions of the morning after for various individuals are spread over a page titled, simply, "Hangovers." The evils of smoking are explored in "I Don't Like It," an article based on a famous old Froth poem, "Tobacco is a Dirty Weed."

Garrison, the eternal roommate, is back this issue in a tale called "Garrison and the Wages of Sin." And Baby Jeffrey comes up with a big surprise on the Editor's Page.

The magazine contains a number of other special articles, including a photo spread on Gerald I. Nugget, outstanding senior who nobody has ever heard of, and an unusually large number of he-she type jokes.

A serious feature on Home Economics and regular features like Old Mania and Going Around in Circles are also present in Froth's Sin issue.

## Summer Students May Sign Up Early

Students may pre-register for summer sessions beginning April 16, R. M. Koser Jr., assistant chief recorder, said yesterday. Pre-registration will continue through April 30.

Regular students now on campus should confer with advisors and receive a signed application registration form for each session to be attended, Koser said.

Students whose applications are received after the closing date

for advanced registration will be required to complete registration on the day assigned to each session on the same basis as a student who has not registered in advance, Koser said.

Many courses have limited enrollments this summer, he said, and the application schedules will be processed in the order they are received by the registrar's office.

When a student has received the signature of his advisor on an application schedule, the card will be turned in at the registrar's office, 4 Willard hall.

A student who has registered in advance will report to Section "A" in Willard to pick up his registration envelope on the day set aside for registration for each session. This will be a short process for the student who has registered in advance, Koser said, and will consist mainly of payment of fees. Students will not be required to go to Recreation hall.

Registration for the Inter-session and first six-week Science session will be held the morning of June 12. Registration for the Main session will be July 2 and for the Post session the morning of August 13. Students attending the second six-week Science session will register the morning of July 23.

## DP Work Assurances Reach 25

Three additional job assurances for displaced persons have been forwarded to New York, Marjorie Allen, associate secretary of the Penn State Christian association, said yesterday. This brings the total number to 25, the quota originally set up by the State College Commerce club.

The additional job assurances came from Schlow's store, one, and E. M. Smith Motors, Inc., two.

At a meeting last Thursday, the campus committee on displaced persons formed three sub-committees to take care of specific phases of the DP project.

Julian Cook was named chairman of the orientation sub-committee. Other members are Carl Sova, Frank Flannelly, Drew Mahla, Robert Chrismer, Robert Farris, Toni Seitz, Michael Bubel, and Miriam Kugelman. This sub-committee will plan orientation activities for the DP students, who are expected to arrive in State College next September.

Sue Neuhauser is chairman of the housing committee. She will work with Howard Kerstetter, Dorothy Radack, Sorley Snyder, Phyllis Schreider, Allen Marshall, Rachel Witherow, and Robert Alderdice. This committee will secure housing for the students.

Betty Knerr heads the finance sub-committee. Other members are Carlon O'Malley, William Bair, Russell Heintzelman, Robb Keener, Albert Hummel, and Ralph Cash. It will plan ways to obtain funds to carry out the DP program.

## Business Club Plans Conclave

The Future Business Leaders of America at a meeting Tuesday appointed several committees for organizing new chapters and planned to set up a state convention at State College early next fall.

The chairmen of the committees appointed by president John Beiter are Frank Pelkey, chairman of the program committee; Nick Mellon, chairman of the project committee; and Ernie Martin, chairman of the committee for organizing new chapters.

Beiter said the purpose of holding the convention here was that the Penn State FBLA is the state chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America.

The group will invite all 17 chapters throughout Pennsylvania to the convention, and all others that might be installed in the meantime.

## Coaly Society Extends Deadline To Saturday

Late applications for membership in the Coaly society, newly organized agriculture honorary, will be accepted until noon Saturday, Charles Zellner, society spokesman, said yesterday.

Applications may be turned in to Ruth Martin in 111 Agriculture, he said. A previous deadline had been set for last Saturday.

Over 80 applications have already been accepted, and these are now being graded by a committee composed of Jack Davies, William King, Joseph Breisch, Donald Lutz, Wesley Menzel, and Zellner.

Invitations to selected members will be mailed on April 20. An initiation fee of \$5 will be charged.

## Extra Courses To Be Given

Prompted by increased industrial activity in the national preparedness program, the College will establish special extension courses through its general extension services in 30 additional communities of the state, J. O. Keller, director of general extension, announced yesterday.

Keller reported that a survey of more than 400 key manufacturers in Pennsylvania resulted in requests for more than 2,000 classes in various fields.

Most of the requests for extension courses were reported in technical and semi-technical fields, Keller said. Engineering led the eight classifications, but there also were requests for management and supervision courses, work in mineral sciences, and in production fields. Courses in engineering drafting, blueprint reading, inspection and gauging, typing and office practices, and elementary accounting were requested.

Keller, who is also chairman of the National University Extension association's committee on war training programs, explains that similar studies have been undertaken by educational institutions in other states.

## Fossils In Your Yard Can Mean Coal, Oil Deposits

Fossils in your backyard can be a clue to hidden coal and oil deposits, according to Dr. Frank M. Swartz, professor of paleontology. These fossils, some only a tenth of an inch in diameter, help indicate the strata that lie beneath the earth's surface.

Dr. Swartz warns, however, that these fossils may be false clues. He said that it takes a great deal of study to determine where there are coal or oil deposits.

Even if you don't find a deposit of black gold in your yard, you can learn a great deal about the earth hundreds of millions of years ago from these traces of ancient animals and plants.

The paleontology professor agrees that the fossils probably aren't the remains of dinosaurs or of large mammals. Nevertheless, they are just as useful in revealing what the earth was like 200 million years ago, and what is beneath the surface now.

## Hourly Bus Service Proposed By Pitt

A request for hourly bus service between State College and Bellefonte was proposed to the Pollock Circle council Tuesday night.

Henry Pitt, author of the suggestion, was appointed by the council to look into the possibilities of obtaining the service.

Pitt, an ex-officio member of the council, said he felt that there should be ready transportation for the students to a larger town.

Pitt said he will address a letter to various bus companies asking them about the possibility of a State College-Bellefonte franchise. He asked that the council support his request to the bus companies.

The five proposed amendments to the AIM constitution were passed by both the Nittany and Pollock council Tuesday evening. Nittany council voted unanimously in favor of the amendments.

The fifth amendment provides for a yearly grant of \$100 to the councils plus another \$100 loan when a need is proved. Some of the members of the Pollock council felt that AIM could not financially make such promises. The amendment was finally passed with a vote of eight to two.

### Changes Effected

The five constitutional amendments would change the elections of AIM representatives-at-large and permit AIM committee chairman to become ex-officio members of the board of governors. Others would change the election date from board members, limit council grants and loans to \$100 a year. The Nittany council appointed

Daniel Fagan to discuss the possibility of getting new dinner music from the West dorms. The music is mostly classical and will be tested by the council for student popularity.

## Gray To Direct Travel Study Tour

Dr. William H. Gray, professor of Latin American history, is directing a travel study tour to Latin America in cooperation with the Central Extension of Penn State.

The four-week trip will start on July 7 from Houston, Tex., and will visit Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, and Haiti. Dr. Gray will trace the historical development of the races in the countries to be visited, including the religion, the education, the arts and the economic background of their peoples.

The tour costs \$468 with a \$10 registration fee. Three credits will be given for History 499 to persons taking the trip. Anyone interested in further details should contact Dr. Gray in 116 Sparks.