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Dangers Inherent In Name-Calling

We are living in the greatest name-calling era of all time. It is a time when we should all think twice before shouting "Communist" whenever we feel that someone is not acting the way he should.

AS TIMES GOES ON, emphasis is shifted from one situation to another. Today a Communist or a Communist front organization is frowned upon and severely dealt with. In years past such groups were rarely considered dangerous and subversive.

It seems that whenever our shores are "threatened" by another group equal to or greater than our own, we become afraid and point nervous fingers at responsible individuals. A case in point would be that of Owen J. Lattimore.

Senator McCarthy called Lattimore a top Communist agent during the former's exorbitant claims concerning Reds in the State department. McCarthy went so far as to base his entire case on the guilt of Lattimore. Needless to say, the case fell flat.

IN THE APRIL 3 Daily Collegian a writer to the editor said, "Every large institution of higher learning has several Owen Lattimore's, Penn State not excepted, sulking in their midst."

The fact is that Lattimore was never convicted of anything, much less of Communistic tendencies. The investigation of his case proved him completely innocent. This just goes to show that a person merely has to be brought to trial concerning Communism and many people label him a criminal. Employment can be lost and families broken up, and a complete loss of self-respect can result from such false accusations.

Some people hold the mistaken impression that objection to loyalty oaths and the like indicates that the objector is trying to cover up or hide his Communistic leanings. For the most part, this is a gross misunderstanding. Those who oppose it, on the whole, feel that the requirement of signing loyalty statements is unnecessary or merely returning the country to witch-hunting and untold sorrow for many upstanding American citizens.

AN HONEST PROFESSOR who, say 20 years ago, joined a now subversive organization perhaps one year later resigned. As a result of a "mistake" long forgotten in the professor's mind, he may face expulsion from the school and untold hardships before another institution would hire him. Anyone who is familiar with the present employment situation, especially for older people, will realize what could result.

Laws that can produce such totalitarian measures can hardly be called American.

—Bob Fraser

Drama Department

Like the postman, the Dramatics department just can't be stopped in the performance of its duty. In spite of bad weather, loyalty oaths, and other disturbing occurrences in town and on campus, the Dramatics department unflinchingly produces four plays each semester.

IN ORDER TO PRODUCE each of these plays, the cast, director, and crews spend about three hours of their time six nights a week for a minimum of five weeks. That's quite a bit of time to spend on an enterprise that has as its only remuneration a certain amount of satisfaction in a job well done. And certainly the Players' presentations so far this year have been, on the whole, capably selected and interestingly presented.

Shows have been seen with such widely varied themes as "Antigone," a Greek tragedy; "Private Lives," a Noel Coward drawing-room comedy; "Shadow and Substance," an Irish drama; "The Time of Your Life," a Saroyan mood piece; "The Gentle People," Irwin Shaw's "Brooklyn fable;" and "The Show-Off," George Kelly's blustery classic American comedy.

With "John Bull's Other Island," a George Bernard Shaw satire, now playing week-ends at Center Stage, and "Lady in the Dark," a musical fantasy, in rehearsal, nobody can complain of lack of variety in this year's selections.

PENN STATE ALSO HAS added to the prestige already gained by its early pioneering in college arena staging. Its pioneering has been continued both in the stylized presentation of "Antigone," which made such excellent use of modern dance in its chorus, and in "The Gentle

Safety Valve . . .

Criticism Of MacArthur

TO THE EDITOR: General MacArthur, speaking in Manila in 1939, just a couple years before Pearl Harbor, said this about the Philippines: "It has been assumed, in my opinion erroneously, that Japan covets these islands. Just why has never been satisfactorily explained. I can see no reason for dire predictions." And MacArthur is the man who claims he knows about the Far East and what to do in every situation that may arise.

If he had his way he'd end up by getting us into a war with China. He's the nation's worst liability . . . What puzzles me is the way Washington—from the President down—have abjectly submitted to this "sawdust Caesar." Truman and Marshall should have kicked him out of power and ordered him back home long ago.

Belated action or no, one must give the President and the secretary their due credit. They have done their duty. They have been faithful to their trust. Indubitably, the vast majority of the American people owe them an enormous debt of gratitude. For it is abundantly clear: If President Truman and his secretary of defense, General Marshall, had not reduced MacArthur to military and political impotence—this country would have paid plenty.

—A. Druschel

• Letter cut.

Gazette . . .

Thursday, April 19

CAMPUS COMMITTEE ON DISPLACED PERSONS, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

CIRCLE AND SQUARE club, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

COFFEE HOUR, cabinet and dean of men, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.

FORESTRY society, 105 White hall, 7 p.m.

FRENCH club, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

MARKETING club, 124 Sparks, 7 p.m.

"MEET YOUR GOVERNMENT" seminar, evaluation of Washington trip, 304 Old Main, 8 p.m.

NAACP, 303 Willard hall, 7:30 p.m.

PSCA BIBLE STUDY group, 304 Old Main, 4 p.m.

WRA OUTING, 2 White hall, 7 p.m.

WRA SWIMMING, White hall pool 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Pictiny arsenal will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., E.E., M.E., Chem., Phys., and Metal. Monday, April 30.

Jones & Laughlin will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., and Metal Monday, April 30.

Provident Mutual Life Insurance company will interview June graduates interested in a sales management career Monday, April 30.

Southern California Naval Radio & Defense laboratories will interview June graduates in Eng., Phys., Chem., Math., Bio., Bact., Meteor., Metal., and Psy. Monday, April 30.

H. J. Heinz will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., Phys., and Acct. Wednesday, April 25.

Charles Pfizer & Co., Inc. will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng. Tuesday, May 1.

Carpenters Steel will interview June graduates in M.E. Tuesday, May 1.

Atlas Powder will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., Chem., Phys., C.E., and Mng. E. Tuesday, May 1.

Lybrand Ross Bros. & Montgomery will interview June graduates in Acct. Wednesday, April 25.

Retail Credit company will interview June graduates in this type of work Tuesday, May 1.

Daystrom, Inc. will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., and Phys. Tuesday, May 1.

Firestone Tire & Rubber will interview June graduates at the B.S. and M.S. level in Chem. Eng., M.E., I.E., E.E., and Acct. Wednesday, May 2.

Dixie Cup will interview June graduates in I.E. Wednesday, May 2.

Kurt Salmon Associates, Inc. will interview June graduates in I.E. and M.E. Wednesday, May 2.

Standard Oil of Indiana will interview June graduates in M.E., C.E., and Metal. Wednesday, May 2.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Representative from Clear Pool Camp for Boys, Carmel, N.Y., will be on campus Friday, April 20, 4 to 8:30 p.m.

Interviews being scheduled for men interested in general and waterfront counseling.

Off-campus residents for substitute work in women's dining hall for remainder of semester; permanent jobs guaranteed next fall; remuneration in meals.

Six off-campus residents for fraternity work to begin May 1; regular positions next fall.

Registered pharmacist for work in local drug store.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Phillip Armstrong, Harlem Evans, Maurice Fogel, Sidney Gass, Joseph Gardecki, Benjamin Goehring, Robert McFadden, John Miller, Don Millhouse, Bruno Najaka, Richard Oswald, Anthony Pavesi, Donald Purcell, Mary Lou Rule, Thelma Shick, Robert Simpson, Robert Smith, Marie Soriero, William Swigert, Grant Thompson, William Walter.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Under The Gun
STATE: The Company She Keeps
NITTANY: Halls Of Montezuma
STARLITE DRIVE-IN: Mr. Music

People," with its much-publicized "sound-in-the-round." The tradition of experimentation is being carried on with the current showing of the seldom-produced "John Bull's Other Island."

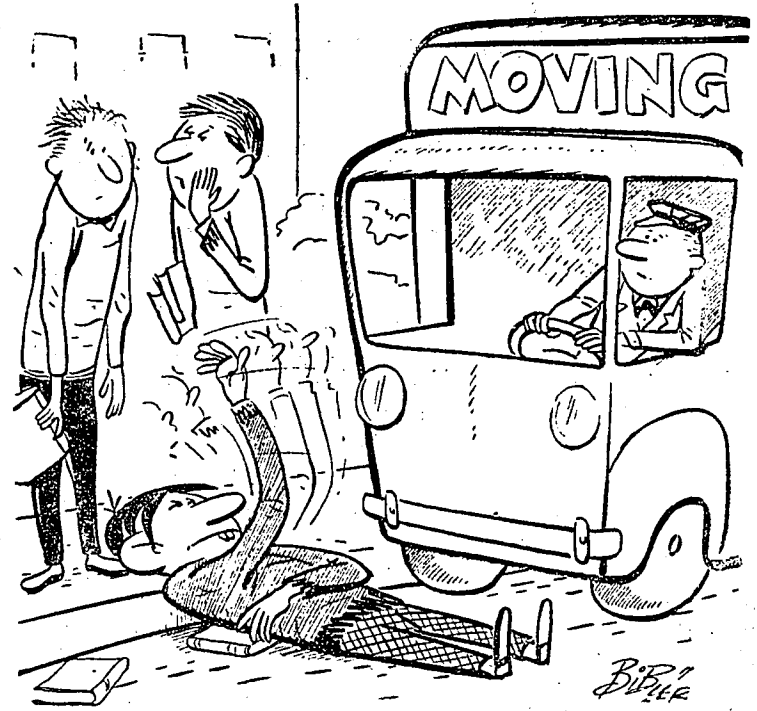
It's time that somebody called attention to the unflinchingly competent work turned out by the drama department in its Players' productions. This should have been done long ago, but it's too late to remedy that.

So we now offer public congratulations to the casts, crews, and directors who are working so hard and giving so much of their time to keeping the Penn State dramatic presentations at their present high level.

—Lee Stern

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"I understand he flunked all his mid-semester."

On The Record

MacArthur's Return

General MacArthur has returned, and a good deal of the excitement surrounding his return to the United States seems to us to be so much claptrap. Some of the charges which have been hurled at President Truman for his dismissal of General MacArthur are so extreme and vicious that they have created an atmosphere of hysteria at a time when the American people should be calm for the "great debate" over our policy in Asia.

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE COMMENTS from the Hearst-Patterson-McCormick press, which has idolized MacArthur:

"Douglas MacArthur has been dismissed to please the cupidity of Great Britain, the ignorance of Dean Acheson, and jealousy of General George Marshall."—New York Daily Mirror.

"President Truman must be impeached and convicted. His hasty and vindictive removal of Gen. MacArthur is the culmination of a series of acts which have shown that he is unfit, morally or mentally, for his high office. The American nation has never been in greater danger. It is led by a fool who is surrounded by knaves."—The Washington Times-Herald.

"It looks to us like a surrender by Truman to a number of sinister forces, none of them friendly to the United States. Chief among these is the Kremlin . . . another of the forces is the British Labor (Socialist) Government . . . Secretary of State Dean Acheson . . . Defense Secretary George C. Marshall, a personal enemy of MacArthur . . . the United Nations."—New York Daily News.

"HIS (TRUMAN'S) LATEST ACTION is a victory for the Lattimores and Services, for Acheson, the friend and defender of the traitor, Hiss, and for the British Socialists eager to sacrifice every principle to save their Hong Kong trade."—Chicago Tribune.

Much of this leaves us pretty sick to the stomach. This is particularly so in view of the idolization of MacArthur that has taken place in this country since 1941. The man has been built up by certain newspapers and radio commentators to an almost God-like stature, when in fact he is only an ordinary general (and, some say, not a very good one at that).

Although he certainly deserves a welcome from the American people for his fighting in World War II and in Korea, he does not by any stretch of the imagination deserve an unqualified ovation for his policy battle with the President. But the pro-MacArthur faction has sought to direct this welcome prompted by his war glories into an endorsement of his current Asia policy ideas.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAS STATED that MacArthur's policy would lead to World War III, and that he—Truman—seeks to avoid such a general war. This is the real heart of the "great debate" and it is for this reason that it is fitting that MacArthur be given a fair hearing before Congress.

But it must be remembered that his dismissal also was prompted by his unwillingness to carry out the policy of his commander-in-chief, and that insubordination of the military to civil authority is not to be tolerated. We hope the American people will see through the attempt of the MacArthur partisans to turn the debate into a political football by clouding the real issues.

—Dean Gladfelter

Foreign Study Tours

Foreign tours for pleasure or study should be an integral part of the education of modern college men and women, and many groups have been organized to conduct the tours as cheaply as possible. With the international situation in a constant state of flux today the advisability of making such trips is often in question. No one would like to find himself trapped abroad in a country torn by warfare, and for that reason some tours have been curtailed.

HOWEVER, THE LATEST information from government departments assures the officers planning such tours that the present situation abroad does not require a cessation of European travel. If conditions take a turn for the worse politically and there is increased threat of a shooting war, present tour coordinators will be advised of such moves by responsible government agencies.

Furthermore, men students who would like to participate in tours but feel they might be drafted this summer can obtain permission in some cases to make the trip. A case in point is the International Relations club tour to be held this summer. William C. Gibbons, tour

manager, received a letter from Selective Service headquarters clarifying the draft ruling.

It read: "Local boards are authorized to issue to a registrant a permit of the local board for the registrant to depart from the United States and should issue the permit unless it is found that the registrant's absence is likely to interfere with the performance of his obligations under the Selective Service act of 1948, as amended."

TEXTBOOK LEARNING of a nation and its peoples is second best to firsthand observation, and opportunities presented by study tours should not be dismissed lightly.

—Len Kolasinski