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American Legion Vs. Americanism

News of Pearl Primus' difficulty with the American Legion and cancellation of her dance recital here reached our desk last week at about the same time as a proclamation of Americanism day (May 1) and I Am An American day (May 20), pronounced by the governor.

ALTHOUGH IT IS UNKNOWN whether pressure from the American Legion had anything to do with canceling the Schwab auditorium appearance of Miss Primus and her troupe, it was established that Legion intervention prevented her from appearing in a state-owned building in Harrisburg. The Legion objected that she was connected with certain unnamed New York organizations.

The Legion, as a veterans' organization, is one of the groups to which the governor's proclamation was addressed. It might be well for the Legion and the rest of us to give some thought to just what "Americanism" means.

In the proclamation, the governor asks dedication of citizens to two things—the "American form of government" and "the ideals which have shaped our nation's destiny." We do not see how the Legion can equate its action in the Primus case with these ideals. It is unfortunate that a large body of opinion holds with the Legion and other organizations in this respect.

IT IS CLEAR THAT, in effect, the Legion has interfered with Miss Primus' right to earn a living, for dancing is her business and she has been prevented from dancing. Whether this was the intent or merely the result of the Legion intervention cannot be certain, but it might be asked: What other intent would that intervention have?

How, we would like to know, does the act of refusing a person the right to earn a living because someone does not like her affiliations stack up with, to quote the governor's proclamation, "the freedom for which our founding fathers suffered and endured so much"?

Bloodmobile Visit

For the first time since World War II, a Red Cross bloodmobile unit next week will visit the Penn State campus. The United States may not be involved in a declared war at the moment, but the situation is every bit as serious as during the grim years from 1941 to 1945. And the need for blood on the Korean battlefield is just as desperate.

SO DESPERATE, IN FACT, that within 72 hours after certain types of blood are donated next Thursday, the blood will be giving life and strength to the GI's currently stemming the Red tide in the Far East. Not only is blood urgently needed in the foxholes and makeshift hospitals south of the 38th parallel, but veterans' hospitals all over the United States need blood to help in the rehabilitation of the country's wounded fighting men.

Here's a chance for the men and women safe in college to do something for those currently defending our freedom. The bloodmobile will be at the State College Methodist church next Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drive is for students only, and at least 200 are needed before the Red Cross can meet its quota.

Five campus organizations have volunteered to lineup students for the drive. Representatives of the Association of Independent Men, Interfraternity council, Panhellenic council, Leonides, of the Pre-Medical society should be contacted by students interested in donating blood. If these representatives cannot be contacted, students should sign up with Allan Reece in the Student Employment office, 112 Old Main.

BLOOD IS PRECIOUS STUFF for everyone. We at Penn State have a sufficient supply, but several hundred thousand men of our generation need it greatly in Korea. Let's not let them down. The blood you give will help someone live.

—Moylan Mills

Hearings On Oath Should Be Open

While the decision of the House committee on state government to hear the opinion of four of the commonwealth's leading educators on the Pechan loyalty bill is a move in the right direction, the legislators have not gone far enough.

THEY HAVE NOT GONE far enough, for the hearings will be closed to the public. Why the committee has decided the hearings should be closed has not been announced. We doubt that the committee could produce one sound reason.

What information the presidents of Penn State, Penn, Temple, and Pitt could divulge that is not fit for public consumption is beyond us. College presidents are notorious for being straight-laced.

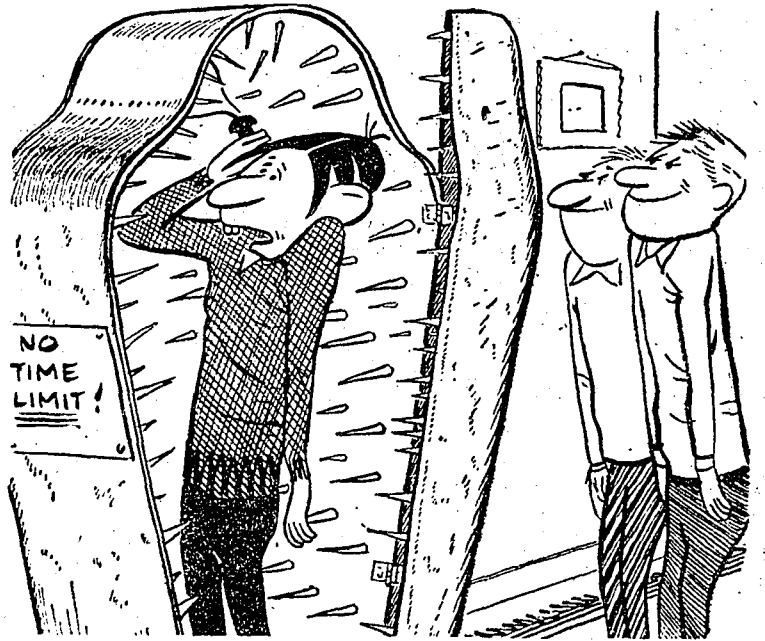
It is interesting to note that the College advisory council last week recommended public hearings on the oath. The legislators would have done well to take the advice of the council.

THAT SEN. ALBERT PECHAN, the author of the bill, should at this time be in favor of the closed hearings was to be expected. If there were to be hearings on the bill at all, he would favor that they be closed. It is only to be expected that the man who produced the onerous loyalty oath would favor hearings. Public statements on the oath bill by college presidents might make him and his offspring appear rather ludicrous.

Be that as it may, President Eisenhower should take advantage of the opportunity to present his views to the legislators. We have a feeling the men in the capitol have a lot to learn. Perhaps President Eisenhower and his colleagues can play the role of educators for somewhat different students.

—Marv Krasnansky

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"I'm afraid I can't talk very long tonight, Flossy. We've got a new kind of phone booth in th' house!"

Interpreting The News

Red Air Strategy

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
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The long-awaited Communist offensive in Korea opened without the half-expected aerial support which would have brought a critical new possibility of war.

How long this withholding of enemy air power will continue, especially if the attacking Reds run into serious trouble, is entirely a matter of speculation. Since the book of war calls for aerial assault in preparation for and directly in conjunction with the beginning of such an offensive, it does begin to look as though the United States is not the only one which desires to limit the war to Korea.

The enemy had prepared considerable air strength for possible use at this time. Estimates of Russian-made planes available have run as high as 3,000. The United States let it be known that its ground forces would not be required to take a heavy aerial assault without more than defensive tactics over Korea. The word was passed along that Red aerial invaders, unlike Chinese ground forces, would be pursued into their Manchurian sanctuary and their bases bombed out.

This might have produced a demand from Peiping that Russia honor their friendship pact with more direct military aid. Whether Russia might do so would depend entirely, as Mao Tse Tung would quickly learn, on whether it was to Russia's interest. But the possibility of Russian entry into the war would become a calculated risk.

The initial absence of aerial support for the Chinese offensive becomes, then, an indication that Russia does not wish to risk involvement now. It will be recalled that this was her attitude toward the war in Greece, where Communist guerrillas were supplied only light weapons—no air and no heavy artillery—and the size of the war was limited. Russia lost that one

rather than become too closely involved.

There is still the possibility, of course, that the Reds will find a means of using their air strength without inviting Allied retaliation in Manchuria. The enemy has been developing air fields in North Korea. He could use them if Chinese manpower proves insufficient for the job at hand. But they are very close to Allied bomber bases and their use would be very costly in planes and in the limited ranks of enemy pilots. These bases would have to be supplied over routes vulnerable to Allied attack.

The Chinese do not have the pilots to conduct a sustained assault, and Russian "volunteers" would soon be required to maintain one. Communist avoidance of showdown air fights in which their planes might be shot down behind Allied lines already has suggested to observers that the Russian planes are manned in part by Russian men. Confirmation of this through the results of large scale aerial battle would produce more serious trouble between America and Russia. But Russia might risk that to prevent failure of the present offensive.

At any rate, this matter of participation or non-participation of Red air strength in the offensive will continue to be an important clue to Allied evaluation of Russia's intent regarding a general war.

Safety Valve . . .

Emphasizes Importance Of Voting

TO THE EDITOR:
Jim: "Did you vote today?"
Bill: "No, my one vote won't mean that much; it won't be missed."

Well, as the final tabulations showed, it would have made a difference. This recent all-College election should have proved to those "why should I vote?" people how important that one vote can be.

This attitude should now bear heavily upon that great number who thought it "too much trouble to vote." Of course there were 51 more votes cast this year in the senior class than there was last, but the total was only 1151 persons which is far from a good turnout of voters. These 1151 persons put into office a man to represent the senior class in student government and this minority of seniors has the "theoretical say" over the wills of the class as a whole. As was seen Thursday, Dave Olmstead won over John Stoudt by six, not only six, votes. This very slim plurality is very disheartening both for the defeated candidate and to the people who know and realize how important a good man can

be to the betterment of student government at Penn State. Yes, a good man was lost here by a few people who couldn't walk to Old Main on election day and take five minutes of their precious time to vote. I can, and I am sure quite a few other people can, including John himself, point to more than six personally who could have come out and voted for him but didn't bother.

One of the most outstanding candidates in recent years has lost and I hope that his fine abilities will not be overlooked in the year to come. This loss of the student body can be attributed almost solely to the persons—"why should I vote, it's not important."
—Jack Baron

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, April 25

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURES, election of officers, 1 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, 107 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business freshman board, 9 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN editorial sophomore board, 1 Carnegie hall, 7 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE club and tournament, TUB, 6:45 p.m.

NEWMAN club, lecture-discussion, Prof. Case in charge, 108 Willard hall, 7 p.m.

WRA BRIDGE, White hall play room, 7 p.m.

WRA DANCE, White hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

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

Guaranty Trust company will interview June graduates interested in a career in banking Thursday, May 3.

Curtiss Wright corp. will interview June graduates in Aero. Eng. and E.E. if enough students are interested. If interested notify placement office.

Signal corps, Fort Monmouth will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., and Phys. Friday, May 4.

Townsend company will interview June graduates in I.E. if enough students are interested. If interested, notify placement office.

Atlantic Refining company will interview June graduates in Chem. Eng., C.E., M.E., and P.N.G. Friday, May 4.

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Inc., will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., Phys., Math., Chem., Aero., Chem. Eng., Metal, and Bus. Ad. Friday, May 4.

Allis Chalmers will be on campus to interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Monday, May 7.

Taylor Model Basin will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., Aero. Eng., Phys., and Math. Monday, May 7.

Penna. Salt Mfg. company will interview June graduates in M.E., Chem. Eng., and Chem. Monday, May 7.

Navy Bureau of Ships will interview June graduates in E.E., I.E., and M.E. Monday, May 7.

North America companies will interview June graduates in C&F, A&L, and Acct. Monday, May 7.

Bell Telephone company is interested in women June graduates for positions of service representative in State College. See J. H. Caum, Bell Telephone Co. of Penna., 106 W. Beaver avenue.

Long Island Lighting company will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. Friday, May 4.

Pomeroy's Department store will interview June graduates interested in retailing Friday, May 4.

Naval Torpedo station will interview June graduates, men and women, in M.E., Chem., and Phys. Friday, May 4.

Boy Scouts of America will interview June graduates interested in career opportunities with them.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Encyclopedia Britannica will interview applicants for summer jobs in sales and research. Group meeting in 112 Old Main April 25, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Ruth Abt, Robert Allewelt, Joan Blacker, Mary Carstensen, Harwood Cranston, Billy Derese, Billie Deuval, Thomas Fels, Ina Gerson, Richard Gibbs, Alvin Goodman, Elizabeth Green, Sue Halperin, John Hartley, Marye Hartzell, Jean Johnston, Elizabeth Miorelli, Joan Peck, Patricia Pfeiffer, Charles Smeltzer, Keith Vesling, Thomas White, William Whiteford, Don Wilson, Jo Ann Wucher.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: I Was A Communist For The FBI
STATE: Up Front
NITTANY: The Crisis

● THE BOY FRIEND of Nita-nee, fair Indian maid for whom Nittany mountain is named, was a footloose trader who came to this area in search of material treasure. Instead, he found and fell in love with Nita-nee, for which he was imprisoned by her seven stalwart brothers.

● PARK AVENUE, State College formerly was called "Lovers' lane." Markle street was named for Abe Markle, early landowner and the town's first butcher.