

Poor Man's Paradise

By PAUL POORMAN

War has been declared! War, pure and simple, swift and terrible, will hit State College within the next few days. Not content with living in a world that is one constant war, authorities of the noble borough of State College have decided to purge the starlings.

First inklings of the impending "war of birds" were noticed on Monday when John R. Juba, chief of police of the borough, announced a call for volunteers to a local militia to fight the birds. The starlings, who committed their first acts of aggression early last month, have been steadily invading tree after tree in the borough, burrowing from within or using all-out aggression to gain their imperialistic ends.

The birds have been using their ill-gotten trees as bases for bombing flights over various and sundry residents of the town, and as broadcasting stations for their lengthy and continuous propaganda chatter.

But all that is a thing of the past, as of a future date. All the noise, all the messy sidewalks, all the beady, staring eyes, all the black clouds of war-mongering starlings are to be eliminated. Chief Juba, rapidly gathering his valiant band of shotguns around him, is planning the "shot heard 'round State College," when all at once, and with terrible finality, the bursts of free men's guns will end the menace and once more restore the town to its rightful inhabitants.

Any man, woman, or child of State College who is strong enough to tote a gun is being drafted for the duration of the emergency. The borough will provide the ammunition.

The first wave will strike at H hour on D day, (yet undisclosed for security reasons; remember the walls have starlings!) sometime later this week, when every platoon leader, looking dramatically at his synchronized watch, will shout, "Go for broke," and the battle will be on. Each blast will be timed for one mass "explosion," Chief Juba said.

Spotters have been at work determining the points where the starlings are massing their forces, and any patriotic citizen of the community is asked to report any suspicious movement of large groups of birds.

Prior to the big summer offensive this week, Chief Juba has offered a ceasefire proposal to the birds. His terms were unconditional surrender, and the removal of all foreign birds from State

College trees. Spokesmen for the birds have refused to comment. Radio starling has ignored the peace offer and continued its gibberish about "free State College for free starlings," and "overthrowing the capitalistic sparrows."

Sympathizers

Local canaries and robins suspected as being sympathetic to the starlings have been rounded up and put in relocation centers. A strong warning has been issued against promiscuous firing at any and all birds. Some are friendly to the town, and conduct themselves in a gentlemanly manner at all times.

Sentiment against the starlings has been brewing for some time. Residents of the community have been calling for action against the domineering invaders. But just what the reason is for the sudden action on the part of the local police is unknown. The only hint is found in the fact that the once shiny, pure black, police cruiser, has been subjected to a daily car wash.

Sauer Visits Japan

Dr. John A. Sauer, professor and head of the department of engineering mechanics at the Pennsylvania State College, is serving in Japan as a member of the Commission on Engineering Education, organized at the request of the Supreme Commander for Allied Powers by the American Society for Engineering Education and the Unitarian Service Committee.

The mission was organized by Dr. Harry P. Hammond, dean of the School of Engineering at Penn State, and Howard L. Brooks, associate director of the Unitarian Service Committee.

Chairman of the group on the mission is Dr. Harold L. Hazen, head of the department of electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The group's tentative itinerary includes Tokyo, Hiroshima, Osaka, Kyoto, Fukuoka, Sendae, and Sappora.

2800 Commissions Open For Women In US Air Force

The United States Air Force needs 2,800 experienced business and professional women, with college degrees, for appointment as Air Force Reserve officers, Lt. Col. Jack W. Dieterle, professor of air science and tactics at the College, said today.

Colonel Dieterle explained that successful civilian leadership rather than prior military service were desired and added that women between the ages of 24 and 32 who have been accustomed to dealing with the public or have held supervisory or managerial positions, whether for pay or on a voluntary basis, should be basically qualified.

Before receiving their first permanent assignments, women accepted will be enrolled for an eight-week Air Force indoctrination course. More detailed information may be obtained from Colonel Dieterle at the Air ROTC office at the College.

Zellner Receives Powers Award

Charles Zellner, a June graduate, received the first annual Powers Award in poultry presented by William H. Powers in memory of his two sons.

The award consists of a gold trophy and 25 dollars.

Zellner was editor of the Ag Hill Breeze, editor of the Penn State Farmer, president of the Poultry Club, and chairman of the Coaly Society.

Charles Weintraub, a June graduate of CCNY, is working on a government weather project at the MI Building. He is a research assistant.

Gen. Walk Assigned To Fort Knox, Ky.

Brig. Gen. Arthur R. Walk, former professor of military science and tactics at the College, has been assigned to duty at Fort Knox, Ky.

General Walk returned to this country last month after serving six months as commanding general of Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands, the atomic bomb testing site. His family had maintained residence in State College during his assignment in the Pacific.

Harry Cover, a student at the College, is hard at work preparing the fall orientation week program.

Professor Cook Writes Book On Business Law

"Principles of Business and Federal Law," a text book by Franklin H. Cook, associate professor of economics at the College, has been published by the Macmillan Company, New York, N. Y.

The book in combination text and case presentation surveys the principles of constitutional law applicable to business men and their problems. Federal statutes applicable to restraints upon business, labor legislation, security controls, and the regulation of transportation are summarized.

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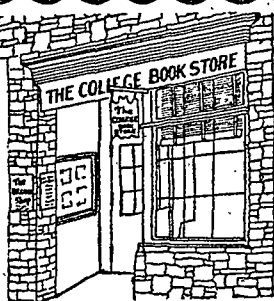
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