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Courage Shown By Cabinet Action

While it is true that a good many times All-College Cabinet becomes bogged down in the details of student government, advocates of university student government had reason to be happy over the action of cabinet in voicing its opposition to the Pechan loyalty oath bill.

In days when the advocates of anything just a little left of slavery is labeled "communist," cabinet's clear-cut opposition to the Pechan bill stands out as an act of courageous leadership. Penn State's student government thus joins the University of Pittsburgh's in opposing the loyalty oath.

Cabinet's action must be called courageous since it comes at a time when mere opposition to such legislation is enough to warrant the red label being hurled by every irresponsible demagogue and by many in positions of responsibility. Cabinet's action also comes at a time when the people of the Commonwealth have either to speak up or forever hold their peace.

Of the 23 members of cabinet, 17 voted in favor of the resolution condemning the bill. The six others decided to abstain. We have no quarrel with these six, for we are certain that they acted in as good faith as those who supported the resolution.

We hope, however, that those who did decide to abstain did not do so because they felt that such a resolution was not in the realm of student government. In the words of the resolution, we, as students, "press the belief that we have both the right and the responsibility to intelligent concern over the academic freedom of those who serve as our teachers."

There is no doubt in the minds of virtually every responsible educational leader and in the minds of the state's leading newspaper editors that the Pechan bill would do nothing but undermine and eventually destroy academic freedom as we know it.

If the Pechan bill is such a threat to academic freedom—and cabinet evidently felt it is—then student government could have taken no other action than it did. Cabinet would have failed in its responsibility to the student body, to the faculty, and to the College had it done less.

Cooperation Must Be Reciprocal

When Marilyn Williams, Women's Recreation Association president, spoke up in All-College Cabinet Tuesday night to ask for cooperation among student leaders, she would have done well to have heeded her own advice.

Miss Williams' request for cooperation came as the result of the cancellation of a dance scheduled for tonight which would have been sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association. The dance was canceled, Miss Williams said, because Tribunal had refused to grant exemptions from customs for freshman men. Miss Williams, in voting against cabinet approval of the Kickoff dance, sponsored by the Campus Chest, contended that the WSGA dance, placed on the Student Union calendar last spring, had been shunted to the sideline in favor of the Kickoff.

Miss Williams said the dance had been canceled because Tribunal had refused to lift frosh customs. The fact is, however, that the dance was postponed Monday afternoon; Tribunal did not meet until Monday night.

Chances are that Tribunal would have found it necessary to refuse to call off dating customs for the dance since it then had requests for similar action for tonight, next Saturday, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. What is the use of dating customs if they are to be lifted every weekend?

The fact is, in addition, that the WSGA had planned to turn over the profits from its dance to the Campus Chest, without taking the trouble to contact William Klisanin, chairman of the Chest.

Speaking of cooperation, it might also be interesting to note that when WSGA asked Tribunal to lift customs for tonight's postponed dance, Tribunal Chairman David Mutchler asked if, in turn, women's customs would be lifted for another affair. The reply was a firm, "No." Cooperation?

Granted, girls, the Kickoff dance was, because of necessity, rushed through. But cooperation like Pollock and Shortlidge roads, is a two-way street.

U. S. Has Room For Atheists, too

President Milton S. Eisenhower, at his Convocation speech last week, brought up a point of gravest consequence to the people of this country and of the world. It is an issue so fundamental in our present struggle with communism that, misunderstood, it could be catastrophic to world peace and to civilization itself. President Eisenhower raised the religious issue.

He first brought up a number of perfectly legitimate points of conflict between democracy and communism—the latter's attack on the individual freedom which this country holds supreme, communism's worship of the abstract "state," and the totalitarianism which Americans believe an intolerable form of government.

But he also raised an issue which is completely irrelevant to the conflict. He brought in the fallacious argument that this is a struggle of the Judeo-Christian West against the godless Reds. By so arguing, he did two things. He attacked the fundamental right of the American individual to worship any God or gods he chooses, or to worship no god at all. And he fostered the belief—a false one—that the United States opposes communists because they do not recognize the existence of a deity.

For religious freedom in America extends to non-religious freedom, and there can be no more discrimination here against the man without a god than there can be against the most uncompromising believer in seven-day creation. Attacks on the civil rights of the atheists are as dangerous a form of intolerance as attacks on religious minorities.

Perhaps of still more basic importance in the present inflammable world situation is the second idea, the belief that America opposes Russia for its denial of God. Throughout history, the bloodiest holocausts, the most ungodly reversions to sheer animal savagery, have been the religious wars. The misguided efforts of one group to force its one religion upon another have been responsible for the Spanish Inquisition, the Polish pogroms, and the crucifixion of Christ.

So let us draw the issue clearly in the battle against communism. We do not oppose communism in its fostering of atheism, but in its attack on the individual's freedom to decide for himself how or whether he wishes to worship God. This is not a struggle between the godly and the godless. America finds room for the free godless, too, in its camp.

—Ron Bonn

Women's Customs

Just two years ago, customs had their revival on this College campus. And this year, with the largest number of freshman women on campus we have ever had, we see an opportunity for a spirited body of freshman women.

However, it seems that upperclasswomen are not putting their "all" into customs. It has been noted that on the "hello walks" freshman women say hello and the upperclasswomen ignore them.

How can we possibly expect the freshman women to get into the spirit of things when they are completely looked down upon by upper-class women? Customs are supposed to make these girls feel at home, and they are also to increase spirit and fun. This will be impossible if women students continue to shrug their shoulders at customs.

We do not encourage excessive hazing of freshman women, but the least we can do is make them feel as if they are really participating in customs, not just a "run-of-the-mill" process of wearing a green bow and a name card.

The freshman women certainly have the spirit of things. Let's instill some of this spirit in our upperclasswomen. Let's make women's customs a worthwhile activity for all persons involved.

—Mimi Ungar

Please, Upper Class Women, Cooperate on Customs-Frosh

TO THE EDITOR: Although we have only been under customs for five days, already we have found something amiss in the attitude of the upperclasswomen toward the spirit of freshman customs. According to our understanding of freshman customs, the purpose of them is to make us feel at home at Penn State and to encourage school spirit. We really enjoy singing and cheering in large groups or curtsying when we are requested to do so in a friendly manner; but we strenuously object to saying "hello" to a blank stare. Please, upperclasswomen, cooperate with the spirit of customs and answer our "hellos" with at least a smile.

—Marcia MacDonald, Arlene Jones, Beverly Wilson, Joan Packard, Lois Ann Logan, Dolores Wilson, Trina Mogie, Mickey Courson, Judy Kinzel.

Gazette . . .

Saturday, September 22
ALPHA PHI OMEGA, business and organization meeting September 24, 3 Sparks, 7:30 p.m.
PENN STATE ENGINEER, September 24, 410 Old Main, 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 23
FROTH, circulation staff, candidates, and all persons interested, 3 Carnegie Hall, 7:15 p.m.
HILLEL CHOIR, organization meeting, Hillel, 2 p.m.
HILLEL HOUR radio program, organization meeting, Hillel, 7:30 p.m.

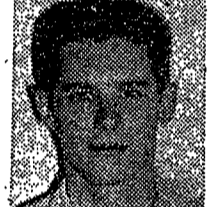
Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"This will always work if you feel you're burdened with an extra class."

FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES

Korean Truce



By LEN KOLASINSKI

No other issue can be more basic than the struggle for survival. That, today, is the Korean War. It is a fight for life that includes not only the private in the UN Army but the mightiest of nations. Moreover, the Korean conflict is an expression on the part of the free world that it will remain unfettered.

At the moment, the Korean war has taken a secondary place to a Korean truce. The UN, of course, should not falter in offering the North Korean Communists every opportunity to express their desire in an attempt to find a compromise solution.

But therein lies the rub. With a North Korea ruled by Kremlin puppets, peace will be a very fragile thing indeed. Even a ten-mile buffer zone between the Northern and Southern antagonists is little hope for a permanent cessation of the war. Buffer states in the past were of no consequence when the aggressor was ready to march. Buffer zones, if anything, afford the potential aggressor the opportunity to arm for attack while his idealistic neighbor blissfully moves through a short-lived peace economy.

Such an arrangement in Korea will result in a "West-East Germany" type of settlement; a diplomatic headache two steps too close to a renewal of war.

If that is why the lives are being wasted in the Korean conflict, the price is too great. The only real solution to the problem is a unification of Korea.

The battle now is confined to small, deadly skirmishes for strategic hills with neither side as yet willing to commit its resources to an all-out effort. The hope for a resumption of armistice talks at Kaesong has been given as one reason for this lull.

However, neither side has the advantage of a clear-cut victory with which it can bludgeon its opponent into accepting terms for an enduring armistice. Stalemate on the battlefield is as fruitless and unsatisfactory a weapon for the diplomatic conclusion of war as is a 0-0 score on the gridiron for the old alma mater. The UN could not even have the satisfaction of walking away from the conflict content that it achieved a moral victory by holding a superior team to a scoreless tie.

The Old Millstream

By MOYLAN MILLS

For two years now I've heard plenty of gripes about Penn State coeds. They're this, they're that, they're another thing, and apparently not too many males on campus have been satisfied with them. Seems this state of affairs was generally accepted, until I wandered into Recreation Hall during registration and met two out-of-towners literally drooling over "our" girls.

One guy, a graduate student from the University of Pennsylvania, was standing at the entrance to Rec Hall in utter amazement. His only comment was, "Penn was never like this." A visitor from Harvard last weekend claimed he's never seen so many gorgeous females in all his life. Six times he had to be told that they were real.

This was a complete shock after being indoctrinated for two years in a totally different way. So I salute this year's co-

eds and would like to comment that the frosh girls are certainly doing their part in establishing a new reputation for Penn State women. Maybe imports are a thing of the past.

Speaking of the frosh, hatmen and upperclassmen have been amazed by the terrific spirit and cooperation shown by the newcomers in the West Dorm area. Keep it up, frosh, you'll be rewarded later on. Incidentally, the favorite male pastime in the (Continued on page five)