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Can't Sympathize With McCarthy

In an adjoining column the Daily Collegian is accused of peddling the biggest lie we have yet attempted to sell the student body.

We are accused of lying when we wrote that Sen. Joseph McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, was hiding behind congressional immunity in his attacks upon various individuals.

There must be some confusion; the writer of the letter certainly cannot be referring to the same Sen. McCarthy, for in August the Sen. McCarthy we are referring to offered to name 29 State department employes he said were under investigation for disloyalty. Newspapermen, who know what libel is, refused to handle it, so the Senator retreated to the sanctuary of the Senate floor to name the 29.

It might be interesting to note that it is not within the American conception of justice to presume that a man under investigation is guilty. If it were, Sen. McCarthy himself could be presumed guilty.

It is true that Sen. McCarthy has charged Philip Jessup with "affinity" for communist causes off the Senate floor. Those charges are being answered in Senate committee now. They are being answered there because it is the belief of the Truman administration that they will result in the vindication of the Department of State.

In reading Sen. McCarthy's off-the-floor accusations against Jessup, it is well to keep in mind that libel is that which is false and damaging. Sen. McCarthy's "libelous" evidence against McCarthy was this: He had testified in defense of Alger Hiss; he was a friend of Frederick Vanderbilt Field, the millionaire communist; he had joined five "communist front" groups.

We fail to see any libelous matter in these charges; therefore, no libel suit.

Perhaps we have been misinformed. If we have, we would appreciate from the writer of the letter the citations for the other possibly libelous statements made by Sen. McCarthy.

Somehow we find it hard to work up the least bit of sympathy for the Wisconsin witch-hunter, a man who has been cited by a Senate subcommittee for playing a "leading and potent" part in the "despicable" campaign of Maryland's Sen. Butler. This is the same Sen. McCarthy who has recklessly accused as outstanding an American as George C. Marshall of being involved in a fantastic plot to aid communism. This is the same Sen. McCarthy who has recklessly charged the Democratic party with being "a party of communists and crooks."

We fail to have any sympathy for Sen. McCarthy. And we wonder how the writer of the letter can.

Seniors to Get Rings Wholesale

With the announcement today that the official Penn State class ring will be sold at the Book Exchange, students are offered an opportunity to take advantage of a sizeable saving in money to themselves.

Previously students had to buy the rings at one of the approved dealers in town, paying the regular retail price. Under the new arrangement worked out between the BX and Deiges and Clust Company, students will be able to buy their rings practically wholesale.

The rings ordinarily sell for over \$20 plus a 20 per cent tax which raises the total cost to approximately \$25. The BX will sell the rings at the same price, but will give the purchaser a five per cent rebate at the end of the semester. Thus the students will be saving money by getting their rings through the BX.

This arrangement is possible because the BX is a student-operated, non-profit organization for the benefit of all students on campus. By buying at the BX and supporting its policy, students make available for themselves more savings in the future.

—Arnie Bloom

Advocacy of Ideas Is Not Criminal

In a nation which proudly proclaims freedom of the press as one of its virtues, the firing of the University of Chicago's student editor by the administration for his support and attendance at the East Berlin World Youth Festival stands as a contradiction of our principles.

It is a simple fact that the editor has been given the boot not for any subversive activity, but for the advocacy of an idea. The idea he is presumed to advocate is communism, which proposes to change the form of our government.

In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "If there be any among us who wish to dissolve this Union, let them stand undisturbed, as monuments to the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated when reason is left free to combat it."

What we seek to do, is to expose those communists masquerading as sympathizers of democracy. If Alan D. Kimmel, editor of the Chicago Maroon, attended the youth festival, his sympathies should be evident to all.

But advocacy of ideas will not destroy democracy; it will strengthen that institution. Advocacy of an idea is not a legitimate reason to fire a college editor.

Freedom of the press includes the freedom to support unpopular causes. It also means the freedom to disagree.

We have nothing to fear from communism if we combat it with a better idea—democracy. We do have something to fear from communism if we allow the current hysteria to be used as an excuse for the abridgement of our liberties.

Blood Drive

While we here at Penn State are enjoying the life which typifies college, we may be prone to forget that there is a bloody conflict going on in another part of the world. It may be true that many of us on the campus will not be sent to Korea to aid in the fight to preserve our way of life, but no one in the world today can pretend to be ignorant of the fact that each of us will be affected by its outcome.

Our armed forces are among the best-equipped fighting men in the world today, but they are presently faced with a critical shortage of blood plasma. The Korean casualties required well over twice as much plasma as the casualties of World War II, and we are sorry to report that the American people have not met this increased demand with any degree of success.

If the student body will get out in force on Nov. 13 and 14, when a bloodmobile will be in State College, Penn State can make an important, concrete contribution to the men of our armed forces.

Saving a life with your blood now may well save your own blood in the future.

—Al Friedman

Safety Valve

McCarthy Has Not Hidden Behind Immunity

TO THE EDITOR: Your recent editorial "Give McCarthy What He Denied" was the biggest lie you've attempted, as yet, to peddle to the readers of the Collegian.

In one of Senator McCarthy's recent speeches he reiterated the charges of Red affinity against Jessup, Latimore, Service, Jaffee, and Acheson. Senator McCarthy emphasized that there was no congressional immunity covering him in that address. Senator McCarthy said further that if the charges were not true, those that he had cited have been grossly libeled, and should file libel suits against him immediately.

Thus, your charge that McCarthy has hid, to date, behind congressional immunity, though you may be ignorant of the fact that he is not, is a base falsehood.

—G. J. Salak

'Ain't It Gonna Rain No More, No More?'

TO THE EDITOR: Formerly, a day didn't pass in State College without a few itty bitsy drops of rain. But I fear that Skip Sachs' new fangled Collegian weather forecast has brought to Penn State new fangled weather. A drought in State College might not result in famine, but the present lack of precipitation is causing frustration for Players' prop crew.

We've been anxiously waiting for a rainy day so that we might locate thirteen black umbrellas. You see, it rains in "Our Town." We waited patiently for our new weather man to bless us with puddles from heaven. We've lost patience.

Since we have no immediate guarantee of rain, we are resorting to Collegian, another prevailing phenomenon just about as reliable as the weather. Through this questionably effective medium we beseech all black umbrella owners to take an interest in "Our Town." If you are among the fortunate who possess a black umbrella, please notify Renee Kluger in 413 Simmons. You will be rewarded when your black umbrella opens in Schwab on Nov. 8, 9, 10.

—Renee Kluger
Ed. Note: A check has revealed that there really has been some rain since the fateful cartoons have been running. (1/4 of an inch) We hope that the umbrellas will appear on campus soon, but we'd rather have them in use as sunshades.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Men, we lost a great game; the other team just got all the breaks, that's all."

FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES

Armed Peace Leads to War

By LEN KOLASINSKI

Both the West and the East are parading their military might across Europe in all-out maneuvers. This is meant to impress the other side of the folly of starting World War III. However, if the past is reviewed for the effectiveness of such shows of power, one answer remains—neither of the potential antagonists take heed.

Prior to 1914 the saber-rattling of the Kaiser did not throw fright into the proud French Army. Incident piled upon incident and the result was World War I. The same could be said of World War II.

What then can be prophesied from the moves toward peace in 1951? It seems armed peace is not the answer, though all of the major governments of the world are committed to this insurance against war. The premiums, however, seem exorbitant as the United States continues to spend billions for defense plans.

Armed peace is nothing more than the preparation for war and it is this that makes war inevitable. No nation yet has built a war machine to see it rusted into uselessness. It remains doubtful that this will be the case in the mid-twentieth century.

Therefore, further efforts at conducting Big Three meetings between the President of the United States, the Prime Minister of England, and Joseph Stalin seem to be the only logical end to

armed peace. The fact that Winston Churchill has promised to work on such a meeting may win for him the British elections and his advocacy of the meeting adds to its feasibility.

However, a tactless President Truman has reiterated that a meeting of that nature can only take place in Washington. The era of the atomic bomb is no time to be stubborn or tactless.

Neither does the situation call for appeasement of the Eastern bloc, or hysteria both on the homefront with loyalty oath bills of doubtful value or on the international front when another atomic explosion takes place in Russia. Instead, a policy of compromise must be formulated whereby East and West can meet. That policy might only be arrived at by the Big Three.

Millions for defense but not one cent for tribute was all right when wars were fought with flintlocks, but with atomic bombs a more moderate slogan is needed.

Gazette...

- Wednesday, October 10
- CHEM-PHYS STUDENT COUNCIL, 217 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.
- COFFEE HOUR, cabinet and dean of men, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.
- DEMOLAY CLUB, executive council, Chi Phi, 7 p.m.
- ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 110 Electrical Engineering, 7:30 p.m.
- INKLING advertising, art, editorial, and promotion staffs, 208 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion, Professor Case in charge, 215 W. Fairmount avenue, 7:30 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB science and religion lecture, Dr. Rix in charge, 317 Willard Hall, 7:15 p.m.
- PHI EPSILON KAPPA, /Sigma Nu, 7:30 p.m.
- WRA BOWLING, White Hall alleys, 7 p.m.
- WRA DANCE, White Hall rhythm room, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGE HOSPITAL
- John Condit, Jerry Goldress, Theodore Gracia, Robert Herr, Sally Johnson, Charles Metzger,

Garrett Miller, Lawrence O'Dell, Don Prager, Jane Shrum, Frank Smith.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

- Bendix Radio will interview January graduates in E.E. and Phys. on Thursday, October 18.
- Wright Aeronautical corporation will interview January graduates in Aero. E., M.E., E.E., Eng. Mech. and Metal Tuesday, October 23.
- National Biscuit company will interview January graduates in M.E., Chem. E., and E.E., if enough students are interested. Those interested should apply at 112 Old Main before Saturday, October 20.
- U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., and Physics, Friday, October 19.
- Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing company will interview January graduates in C&F, L.A., M.E., E.E., Ch.E. Friday, October 19.
- Air Engineers will interview January graduates in M.E. Friday, October 19.
- Standard Oil company, Indiana, will interview MS and PhD candidates, who will receive their degrees in Chem. E. in '52, October 17.
- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
- Chauffeur wanted five days a week: 11:30-1:30.
- Men for free hand lettering.
- Men to set pins for bowling league.
- Men playing following instruments: drums, tenor sax, and clarinet.
- Orchestra for Saturday nights.
- Cook for 30 day experiment; prefer student wife.