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Cabinet Proposals Should Be Passed

Although only part of one of All-College Cabinet's three recommendations to the Senate calendar committee has been adopted in the preliminary report made by the committee, we think that the other two deserve the serious consideration of Senate members.

At least one of them—calling for the continuation of the present two-day class-free pre-registration period—is under consideration. As we understand it, a poll is being conducted to gather faculty opinion on the question.

The part of cabinet's proposal which has been adopted in part deals with starting and ending vacation periods at noon. The proposal has been modified to provide for this during the winter months.

If vacations during the winter months start at 5 p.m. and end at 8 a.m., students must drive at night.

The modification of cabinet's proposal making the recommendations applicable during the winter months seems sensible to us.

We hope, however, that the Senate will not overlook the final cabinet suggestion that a one-day per semester floating holiday be provided for in the calendar. Such a device would make it possible for a holiday to be called at such times as a football victory over Pitt or Penn. or at the time of Spring Carnival when the entire campus is pre-occupied with preparing for the big show.

If the Senate has any doubts as to the success of such a move, it should remember that such a holiday would not be binding, and if the change does not work out to the satisfaction of the College, it could be dropped in the future.

We think the idea at least deserves a test.

Taft Quote Hurts Election Chances

Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) may recently have talked himself right out of the Presidency of the United States.

The occasion was a senate subcommittee hearing on mine safety. John L. Lewis was arguing that the government bureau of mines should have power to order an unsafe mine closed down. The bureau now has only advisory powers, and for many years miners have been killed in mines which the bureau had previously found unsafe.

Lewis discussed the question of why his union didn't pull the men out of unsafe mines. UMW attorneys, he said, had advised him that under the Taft-Hartley act, it was illegal for the union to do so. And then he took off on T-H generally, a favorite of Lewis'.

The next day Taft himself appeared to defend T-H. In a widely-reported exchange, then, this extremely significant bit of dialogue occurred. Lewis: "If you are ever elected President, Mr. Taft, and Joe Stalin should ask you about the Taft-Hartley slave act, I don't know how you are going to answer him."

Taft (referring to the 1950 election, which he won against the opposition of labor leaders): "Well, I managed to answer the workers of Ohio, Mr. Lewis; I guess I can handle Stalin."

A good part of the country's press seemed to find this an oratorical victory for Taft.

We wonder.

If we were an Ohio worker, we wouldn't be overjoyed with the comparison between us and Joseph Stalin. If we were a worker anywhere, as a matter of fact, we wouldn't be particularly happy with it. The "handle" association is hardly calculated to win votes, either.

Senator Taft may have won the battle and lost his old, old war.

—R. B.

"There is no great genius free from some tincture of madness."—Anon

Dolly Madison sent the first personal message over S.F.B. Morse's telegraph wire.

Constitution Change Could Hurt Peace

The most direct attack yet against world government in general and the United Nations in particular has been initiated by a group of 56 United States senators, led by the Ohio duo of Bricker and Taft.

The senators propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Bricker says he has found a "loophole" in the Constitution (no mean feat after 163 years of apparent impregnability). He fears that the United Nations may usurp the sovereignty of the United States. Forty-three Republicans and 13 Democrats agree with him.

The amendment would prevent the making of any treaty or executive agreement respecting the rights of American citizens under their own Constitution, and would block agreements vesting in any international organization or foreign government the powers given by the Constitution to Congress, the President, and the courts.

Looks innocent? If this amendment is incorporated into the Constitution, it will almost certainly slam the door on any hope of an effective world government at any time in the future.

Sovereignty. That is the key word—the United States a sovereign power, and not to be held accountable for its acts. For "United States" read the name of any sovereign nation of the world, and you will understand the history of war through the ages. A sweeping statement, perhaps, but whatever the basic causes of war may be, the fact of war can only exist when two nations are sovereign, and cannot be brought to account for their actions by any higher body.

In the United States, each state is sovereign in its own affairs, unless its actions endanger the good of the greater body. Then state sovereignty must bow to national sovereignty.

That is the only way world government can ever bring peace. The individual members may be sovereign—in their own affairs, up until the point where their actions endanger the greatest good of the whole, of the two billion people in the world.

No, it won't come tomorrow. The 56 senators are afraid that it will come tomorrow, in which case it would be catastrophic. But unless the UN is free to work for the distant day when it can take over as a true world government—the representative sovereign of the people of the world—unless it is free to do so, the world must retrogress—to the anarchy of pre-World War I and II days, and surrender all hope of an absolute end to war.

If the United States, one of the two keystones of the UN, lays down the policy that now and forever it refuses to give up its sovereignty under any circumstances, then the guilt is on the shoulders of the United States.

It would be a great guilt to carry into history, for a nation, and for 43 Republican and 13 Democratic senators.

—Ron Bonn

AP Story 'Way Off'

Two regrettable tendencies in this country show up in an Associated Press story given play in many Pennsylvania newspapers.

The trends are (1) the inherent mistrust of anything collegiate as "loose" morally and generally too avant garde for the good sound American to trust, quite, and (2) the continuing habit of press sensationalism.

The AP story concerned a survey of cheating conducted at Temple University by the Temple Owl. The lead on the story, and the headlines it got, screamed that 88 per cent of Temple students admit to cheating.

If you go far enough down in the story, however, you find that this "cheating" is mostly confined to consulting old exams on file at fraternities, etc., and "not all educators concede that form of checking is cheating."

This seems to be a pretty obvious example of the second trend catering to and enhancing the first. There is nothing of value in the story, no further examination of the Owl poll results, and no other fact brought out except that 88 per cent of Temple students "cheat."

—R. B.

Safety Valve—

Student Vigorously Disagrees With Assistant Society Editor

TO THE EDITOR: In the Thursday issue of the Daily Collegian, your assistant society editor (Greta Weaver) proceeded to tear the male wardrobe apart. The first thing that struck me was the statement by Miss Weaver that the men copied their tartan plaid jackets from the girls. She claims that "the weaker sex featured plaid weskits as a major innovation in their 1950-51 wardrobes." This I don't doubt, but I happen to know that a male student wore a tartan plaid jacket here during the spring of 1950—a full six months before Miss Weaver admits that the women accepted them.

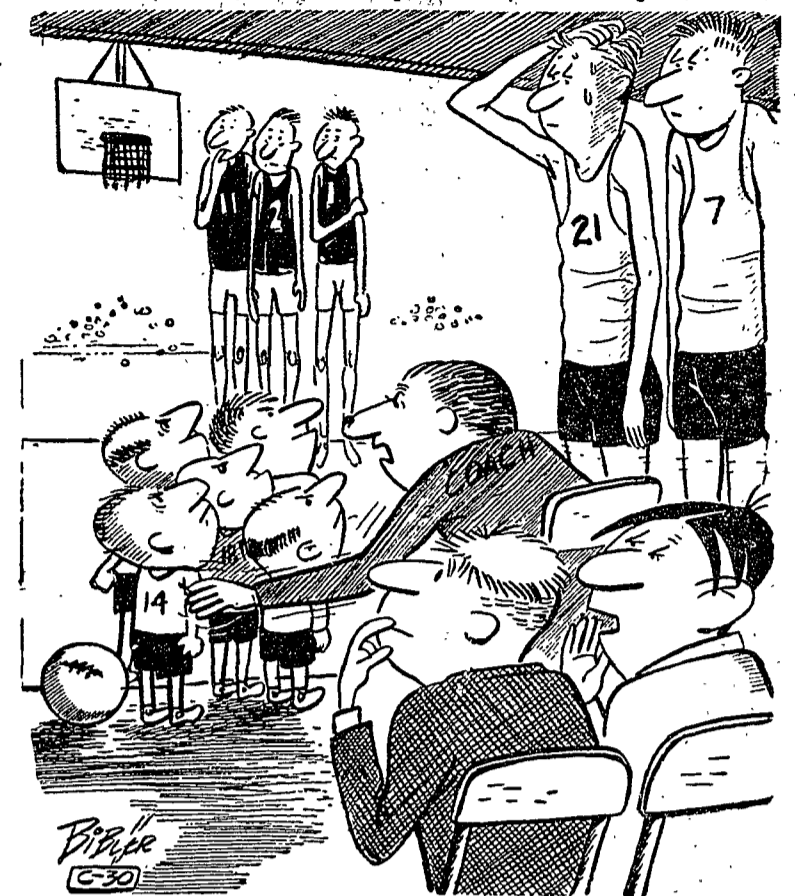
From the little slur about the "not-broad-enough shoulders" of the men I gather that girls consider the width of a man's shoulders part of his sex appeal. If this is true, perhaps the men should adopt one of the widely used female tricks of falsifying their sex appeals.

Every day one sees more women wearing their brother's white bucks. Then there is the poodle cut, which is nothing more than a curly brush cut. There are many such "steals" that could be listed but these two should show the "originality" of the women.

When will the day come that the ladies will insist that our trousers were copied from their slacks?

—Rod Snyder

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Don't worry—the coach knows what he's doing. Height may prove to be a disadvantage."

Interpreting the News

Report Warns Of World Threat

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
Associated Press News Analyst

A special subcommittee of the House foreign affairs committee has served notice on squabbling Western Europeans that if they don't drop their nationalistic squabbling and get together on the defense program, they're liable to get their water cut off.

The warning was directed largely against Germany, which was visited by the subcommittee last fall, and the report itself apparently did not take cognizance of the most recent divergencies between Germany and France.

At a news conference, however, members made it clear they didn't consider the Saar, or Germany's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, as germane to the main question of whether Europe as a whole would earn, by utmost exertion in its own behalf, the help the U.S. was willing to give on no other basis.

"The subcommittee regrets bargaining by Germany and other nations to attain national interests or objectives," said the report.

The treaty creating a European defense community and the new contractual agreement between Germany and the Allies should go forward at once, it added.

These are expressions of exasperation which Europe cannot help but heed. Adenauer, fighting political pressure in the Bundestag, has veered off from his nationalism of the past few weeks to warn Germany of what really is the great menace—a vast Russian military force beyond Tgo-boovoolhich could march against Europe "in 24 hours" if the Kremlin wills it.

But if German blood pressure seems to be going down a bit, there is evidence of the opposite in Paris.

France has expressed new opposition to Germany as a NATO member and made what American diplomats think was an unnecessary and certainly untimely faux pas in the Saar.

There has been no time for Europe to react to the Congressional report. But the warning in it for them is that, however Rigolohey may consider their various positions to be, they'd better reconsider how essential these issues are as against the main job.

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Marathon Corp. will interview June graduates in A&L, C&F, Chem, Phys., Ch.E., M.E. and I.E. on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

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