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Radio Plan Needs Sound Thought

In reviewing the decision of All-College Cabinet to delay student approval of the FM-slave transmitter proposal for a campus radio station, we find that the move might prove to be one of the wisest made by cabinet all year.

Originally the delay of one week was asked so that fraternity men and independents living in private homes in State College, as well as the rest of the student body, could be given an opportunity to express their opinions on the proposal. In the opinion of cabinet, there were enough students who would not be reached under this setup to warrant consideration of the proposal by the students at large.

But this is not the only reason the delay has proved to be a good move. Since the proposal was first presented in cabinet, we have begun to wonder just how much of this plan is based on sound business and engineering principle and how much of it is based on guesswork.

According to the figures reported to cabinet, the costs involved in establishing the station would total \$5500. Total available funds are \$6000. Even if we were to assume that there is no margin of error involved in these calculations, it would not be sound business principle to attempt to operate any station—or business, for that matter—on a cushion of only \$350.

What makes the adventure even more precarious from a financial point of view is that these costs do not cover the necessary amount of experimentation that has to be done in the establishment of a station. Nor does this \$5650 figure allow for mishaps, or miscalculations.

If we have not been misinformed, there has not been enough research done on the project to indicate the exact costs of establishing slave transmitters for the fraternities. There has been no research done which would indicate, were these slave transmitters set up, whether radiation from such an operation might not run afoul of Federal Communications Commission regulations.

Cabinet has been provided with a good bit of guesswork, an idea which sounds good on paper, and a lot of enthusiasm. While the FM-slave transmitter is on the surface a good idea, a lot more research into the details is necessary at this time before students can be sure that the senior class gift of 1951 is not going to be wasted on a project which might be doomed to failure because of inadequate financing and technical miscalculations.

It is true that President Milton S. Eisenhower has it within his authority, under the provisions of the gift, to use the money as he sees fit. But once the station is established, student money will be needed to finance it. These maintenance costs have been estimated at \$2000 yearly.

So while it is true that students through cabinet have no direct say over the expenditure of these funds, students would probably have to pay a small fee to support any radio station.

We think that before cabinet, speaking for the student body, puts itself in favor of this system, at the same time taking the financial responsibility for its support in future years, much more investigation into the technical and financial aspects of the FM-slave transmitter operation is necessary.

We are not opposed to this system; we are opposed to making a hasty decision before all the facts are presented by competent technical authority.

The soundest proposal cabinet could now make is a recommendation that a qualified radio engineer be consulted before a decision is made.

"The seven major planets now doubtless look upon the world as an eight-ball."—Shannon Fife

The tongue—that is the pen of the heart.
—The Talmud

Senate Should Note Student Views

In a move which echoes student thinking, All-College Cabinet went on record last week as being opposed to the decision of the Senate committee on athletics which limits competition in National Athletic Association tournaments to those Penn State athletes who have won Eastern titles.

The vote was unanimous, with but one abstention, so there should be no doubt how the students, speaking through their representative government, feel on the matter.

The resolution approved by cabinet will be forwarded to the chairman of the Senate committee. The resolution takes full cognizance of the fact that members of the committee made their decision in the best interests of the College. The resolution is not a challenge to the authority of the committee.

The resolution is not a challenge to the authority of the committee because the student-framers of the statement are fully aware that such an academic group is necessary as a check on the College's athletic program. Any college whose athletics are without an academic group to approve of the program probably is not worthy of its standing as an educational institution.

The resolution approved by cabinet is a statement of student opinion, sent to the Senate committee with the hope that they will take into consideration the opinions of students. The opinion was that the decision to limit Penn State entrants in national tournaments to Eastern champions was unfair, and that the distance of these tournaments from State College should not be a factor in deciding who shall be entered.

We, as students, do not contend that we should have the right to determine the standards by which eligibility is to be determined. But we, as students, do have the right to express our opinions on the subject.

And we, as students, have the right to hope that the Senate committee will be open-minded enough to take our opinions into consideration.

Basic Point Missed In Politics Battle

In the general scramble for the Republican Presidential nomination one point of the greatest importance is being generally missed.

The issue is pointed out by historian Bernard DeVoto, in the April Harper's. He notes that the Republicans are turning to Eisenhower in large part for fear of Senator Taft's isolationist-oriented foreign policy. Any Taft campaign would of necessity be based on domestic policy, DeVoto says, because his foreign thinking would frighten away the independent middle-of-the-roads who swing any election. But in the present world situation, DeVoto says, the most important campaign issue must be foreign policy.

So the Republicans turn to Eisenhower as the great white hope, a man who, though his domestic policy is nebulous, is an unquestionable internationalist, a true global thinker. What will happen if Eisenhower leads the Republicans to victory in November?

In Congressional groups directly charged with foreign policy, the House committee on foreign affairs would go to Illinois' Chipfield, who "voted against Eisenhower policy on every question affecting foreign affairs in the last session." Dewey Short would head the armed services committee, and Senator Wiley would get the foreign-relations group.

In Senate groups concerned with domestic issues bearing on foreign policy, Styles Bridges would become chairman of the committee on appropriations, which controls the purse strings of domestic policy. Homer Capehart would head the banking and currency committee; the "noisy McCarthy," as DeVoto titles him, would control the committee on expenditures in executive departments, "which can terrorize the bureaus and agencies that administer domestic policies." Hugh Butler would head the committee on interior and insular affairs; and Harry Cain the committee on public works.

The House of Representatives would have Taber chairman of appropriations, Hoffman of expenditures in the executive departments, Crawford of interior and insular affairs, and Dondero of public works.

The most powerful single Congressional voice would be Robert A. Taft, to avoid whose foreign policies the Republicans are switching to Eisenhower.

DeVoto's point, and one that will bear the utmost consideration from the voters, is that a President can be hamstrung by a hostile Congress, and that "domestic policies crucially important to the Eisenhower foreign policy would be at the mercy of this wrecking crew."

The rules of seniority are absolute. These extreme right-wingers are the men who will assume control in a Republican Congress, and no power in the party would dare try to change the system. So if the voters elect Eisenhower as an internationally-minded Republican, they are likely to be betrayed by what DeVoto calls this Congressional "Murderer's Row."

—Ron Bonn

Time ripens all things. No man is born wise.
—Cervantes

"Home cooking is something not enough wives are."—D. C. Halacy Jr.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Don't rib Ron about not having a satchel—he's been pretty hard-up this first semester in Law School."

Interpreting the News

Stalin Talk Follows Standing Policy

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
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Joe Stalin's latest advice to Americans is, in effect, to keep their shirts on, stop worrying about war and about Russia's intentions toward other states.

If he could get away with it it would be wonderful—for him. Replying to questions posed by a group of newspaper and radio editors who have been touring Europe but who got nowhere with an effort to see Russia and Stalin, Joe says:

A third World War is no nearer now than it was two or three years ago.

It is possible a meeting of the heads of the great powers would be useful.

Now is a good time to unify Germany.

Peaceful coexistence of Capitalism and Communism is possible if there is mutual cooperation, a readiness to fulfill undertaken obligations, observance of the principle of equality and no interference in the internal affairs of other states.

Well, the whole object of Allied policy for years has been to see to it that conditions are created which will make Russia hesitate about starting a shooting war when it becomes evident she is not going to win the "Cold War."

Allied officials also say war is no nearer. But the Stalin dictatorship is the only government in the world which has the power to make war without regard for the will of its own people, and so Stalin, not the Allies, has the initiative. And

what he says has never seemed to have much bearing on what he does.

Stalin's propaganda machine insists that Russia does not interfere in the affairs of other nations, so it is plain that under Stalin's "coexistence" the Allies would be the only ones who would have to stop that. They would have to stop interfering with the placid life of the South Koreans, for instance, while Russia carried out her peaceful aid for North Korea and her improvement plans in Germany, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia, France, and, eventually, all the rest.

There is only one angle of such statements by Stalin which is really interesting and worth studying. That is the difference between his statements addressed to the peoples of the West, and his propaganda line among the peoples he is trying to mobilize for his true purpose. To the West he seeks to at least give an impression of reasonableness. But even at these moments his propaganda machine in the East never ceases its hammerings of hate.

Gazette . . .

Wednesday, April 2
AIM, 104 Willard, 7 p.m.
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 105 Agricultural Engineering building, 7 p.m.
CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
DEAN OF MEN'S COFFEE HOUR, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.
NEWMAN CLUB, Rectory basement, 7:30 p.m.
RIDING CLUB, 217 Willard, 7 p.m.
THETA SIGMA PI, Grange game room, 6:30 p.m.
WRA MODERN DANCE GROUP, Modern Dance room, 7 p.m.
COLLEGE PLACEMENT
Kimberly-Clark Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., I.E., C.E., Ch.E., Chem. and Phys. Monday, April 17.
Bendix Products Division of Bendix Aviation Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., Metal. and Aero.E. Tuesday, April 18.
Cochrane Corp. will interview June graduates in M.E. and Ch.E. Monday, April 17.
Department of the Navy, Bureau of Ships will interview June graduates in Arch., W.U., For., Arch.E., C.E., M.E., E.E. and I.E. Monday, April 17.
Franklin Institute will interview graduates at all levels in M.E., E.E., Chem. and Phys. and Ph.D. candidates in Math. Mon-

day, April 17.
United States Steel Co. will interview June graduates in Chem. and Ch.E. for sales, Monday, April 17.
American Brake Shoe Co. will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., Metal, I.E. and Ch.E. Monday, April 21.
Digital Computer Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will interview June graduates in Phys. and E.E. who are in the top 20% of their class Monday, April 21.
Frankford Arsenal will interview graduates at all levels in Ch.E., E.E., M.E., I.E., C.E., Cer., Chem. and Phys. Friday, April 18.
Hughes Aircraft Corp. will interview graduates at all levels in Phys., E.E. and M.E. Monday, April 21.
Larrobe Electric Steel Co. will interview June graduates in I.E. Monday, April 21.
Naval Air Material Center will interview June graduates in C.E., E.E., Metal, M.E., Zoo. and Ent., Chem., Aero.E. and Phys. on Friday, April 18.
Philadelphia Naval Shipyard will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., Arch.E., C.E., I.E., Ch.E., Car., Bact. and Ent. Friday, April 18.
U.S. Geological Survey will interview view June graduates in Geo., For., C.E. and Math. Friday, April 18.
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Room and board for man with car.
Married couple without children for permanent summer job near State College.
Men interested in working for meals.
Night guard and handyman for permanent job in Boalsburg.
Permanent dishwashing jobs 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.
Women for stenographic work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.
Farm work for a man with car.