

# More Air Power Needed—Kenney

By CAROLE GIBSON

Gen. George C. Kenney, president of the Air Force Association and commanding general of the Far East Air Forces during World War II, urged that the United States strengthen its air power against possible attack, in a speech before the association banquet Saturday at the Autoport.

"A large black cloud is gathering at a frightening pace," the general said, "and that cloud is Russia, whose primary target is the United States."

"Russia has the largest air force in the world," he said, "and it is well equipped by any standard. This is the greatest threat to confront mankind," he said.

In spite of this menace, he warned, this nation must not take a defeatist attitude as history has shown there is no chance for survival of a nation which becomes "defeatist or stupid."

The general had three suggestions which he felt the nations should follow immediately.

"First," he said, "we need to modernize our strategic bombing force. Second, we need to develop a better air defensive force so we will have the depth in our defense to enable our fighters to hit attackers while they are still three or four thousand miles away. Third, we need to speed up our training of pilots and mechanics.

"This is an expensive program, but not as expensive as the loss of one American city," General Kenney said. "With an adequate air defense we cannot lose; without it, we cannot win."

Prior to the General's speech, awards were presented to State College residents and to officers of the organization throughout the state.

Harold R. Gilbert, assistant director of athletics, was presented a certificate of award for the help he gave the association in making men from the Altoona Veteran's Hospital as comfortable as possible while they viewed University football games.

Barbara Woodward, president of Kappa Delta, accepted an award for her sorority for their service of providing the veterans with refreshments between halves of the games.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlow were given an award for their entertainment of armed forces trainees stationed at the University during World War II.

Townpeople elected to office were Leonard A. Work, commander of the Pennsylvania Wing, and Josephine Grossbeck, secretary.

The honored guests introduced by David Mackey, State College Burgess, were President Milton S. Eisenhower; Col. Jack W. Dieterle, commander of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps; Eugene M. Fulmer, secretary of the Area Chamber of Commerce; and George Black, fifth semester music major, who was chosen as the outstanding cadet in Air ROTC.

## Banner Gets SDX Plaque

Franklin C. Banner, professor and head of the Department of Journalism, was presented a plaque in recognition of his service as adviser to Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalism fraternity, at a luncheon yesterday.

The presentation was made to Banner, adviser to the fraternity for 21 years, by Harry Carroll, outgoing treasurer of the fraternity.

"This is the nicest award that has been given me, because this is my work," Banner said in accepting the plaque. He received an award for meritorious services to Pennsylvania newspapers at the dinner of the Pennsylvania Press conference Friday.

Members of fraternity and faculty members of the Journalism department attended the luncheon.

## Senior Invitations Ready

Invitations and announcements for graduation are available at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Receipts must be presented in order to obtain them. No extra invitations and announcements are available for seniors who have not ordered them.



—Photo by Walker

GEORGE BLACK, fifth semester music major, who was chosen as the most outstanding student in Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps and Gen. George C. Kennedy, national president of the Air Force association, exchange amusing experiences after the Air Power Banquet Saturday night.

## Kenney Comments On Indochina War

By CAROLE GIBSON

General George C. Kenney seemed to be a man of both careful thought and decisive action as he answered the questions asked of him after he reviewed Wing I of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Saturday.

"As to whether or not we'll go into Indochina I can't say," the five star general began, "It would take someone with a crystal ball to make that prediction. If you want my personal thoughts on the subject personally I'd say we shouldn't go in there," he continued.

Anxious to explain the reason behind his belief and the course which he wishes the United States would follow the intent blue-eyed general drew an analogy.

He compared the placement of troops in Indochina, Korea, and other communist threatened countries to men stationed around a swamp hitting malaria-carrying mosquitos with fly swatters. He feels that the best course of action would be to drain the swamp, or concentrate our strength against the Kremlin.

When asked about our air defenses and whether we'd be warned in sufficient time and have strength enough to defend ourselves he answered with an emphatic "no" on both counts. "We should have a stronger defensive and we'd better get one in a hurry," he said. "In our present condition enough enemy planes could get through our defenses to knock the country out completely," he declared.

Questions about his military career amused the general, especially when he was asked why he happened to chose the Air Force as his branch of military service. "Frankly, I joined the Air Force because I didn't like to walk," he said. "It seemed to me that pilots had a good deal," he went on, "and besides not liking to walk I like it less with a pack on my back."

"The medal which I value most is the distinguished service cross that I received in World War I," he said. General Kenney explained that he felt he'd really earned this medal because engines were poor in those days, and the pilots who lived were the ones who planned for a land-

ing spot for every minute in the air. "Besides that, air contact was rougher and closer. Reduced speed made chances of survival far less than they are today," he declared. "The medal had sentimental value too, he said, because Billy Mitchell pinned it on me."

His favorite Air Force post from the time he began his air career in 1916, was the period when he was a lieutenant in the Air Force during World War I.

When asked why he had accepted the position of President of the National Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation in addition to his job as president of the Air Force Association, the General replied, "Someone tried to sell me on the job after I retired, and at first I wasn't interested."

"I said that I didn't have arthritis and neither did any one in my family, but I became interested in the research of the field and spent about a month watching the work done in New York hospitals," he continued. "Besides," he said, "I do a lot of traveling along the way and get to see many of the old crowd that served under me in the Pacific."

## Home Ec, MI, Ed LaVies Available

Seniors in home economics, mineral industries, and education may pick up copies of LaVie today and tomorrow at the Student Union desk in Old Main. Copies of the yearbook will be available Thursday for seniors in chemistry and physics and physical education.

Approximately 1100 seniors have voted on the five suggestions for senior class gift while picking up their LaVies.

Students may obtain copies of the yearbook at the SU desk for \$14, Herm Golomb, editor of LaVie, announced yesterday.

# Sixth Spring Week Is Bigger, Better

By BEV DICKINSON

With Spring Week a thing of the past, for this year, at least, students can once more turn their attention to classes and finals. Professors again can give quizzes light-heartedly, and the administration can breathe a sigh of relief.

For the 1954 Spring Week is over. The sixth annual celebration, which topped all previous profit records in the past, was termed a huge success. Most find it hard to believe what started to be a promotion stunt six years ago has snowballed into the gigantic affair students participated in this spring.

## IFC Voted for Plan

On November 19, 1948, the Interfraternity Council voted unanimously in favor of Froth's proposal to institute a nationally-publicized weekend in conjunction with the Panhellenic-IFC Ball scheduled for April 1st. A committee was set up to investigate the idea of a weekend resembling Cornell's Junior Week or Dartmouth's Winter Carnival.

After the IFC committee polled 284 students and found 95 per cent in favor of a big week, All-College Cabinet approved the proposal for a celebration which would last from March 31 to April 2. The first Penn State Spring Week was well on its way.

## Faculty Show Held

And it was a success. The Week's events opened with a faculty talent show on Tuesday evening, and intramural wrestling finals Wednesday evening. On April 1st, students wore imaginative outfits to classes competing in the Walter Mitty contest. The prize they strived for was a guest appearance on a WMAJ show Saturday morning, "Breakfast in Bedlam."

## Radio Was Prize

The main event of the first Spring Week, just as it was in the past sixth celebration, was the Carnival. Because of the inevitable rain, it was postponed until May 12, when from 2 to 10 p.m. students put on shows in an attempt to win the first prize, a Magnavox radio console. And State College traffic detoured the Carnival grounds—from College to Beaver avenues on South Allen street.

Approximately 22,000 tickets were sold at 12 for \$1, and profits were given to the World Student Service Fund.

## Miss State Crowned

Students refused to give up the popular festival, and as a result a bigger and better Spring Week was scheduled for the next year. A parade advertising Carnival booths was inaugurated, which took place Wednesday evening before the coronation of Miss Penn State. A Mad Hatter's Day parade proceeded the Senior Ball Friday night.

Coeds were given 12 o'clock permissions to participate in the "Town and Gown" Carnival, but the event was once again postponed by rain until May 26, when it was held from 2 to 11 p.m. on the 1949 site. To insure a sunny day, a sun god dance was held

in front of Old Main on May 25. The students' wish was granted, and the 57 entertainment booths, mostly sponsored by individual organizations, collected a total of \$800 profit which was given to the Campus Chest.

## Float Parade Added

Another day was added to Spring Week in 1951, when the float parade preceding coronation took place Tuesday evening. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday students competed in the Mad Hatter's parade, and that evening a starlight dance was held after a plea to the sun gods. This didn't produce the desired results, for the next day Carnival booths were rained on for the third consecutive year. But booths continued operating, and the Carnival, at which the first Ugly Man contest was sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega's, grossed \$2670.

## Parade Postponed

Monday was the opening day of the 1952 Carnival, although the parade that was scheduled to proceed the coronation ceremonies at Schwab Auditorium was postponed because of—yes, the ever-present rain. Two thousand students went through with it the next evening, before the He-Man contest. On Wednesday evening, finalists competed in the Mad Hatter's finals before going to a dungaree dance. The Carnival opened at 1 p.m. and for the first time a Spring Week trophy was awarded on the newly established system of allocation of points.

## Coronation Site Moved

Last year's Spring Week comprised six days of activity beginning at 5 p.m. Monday with the He Man contest and later in the evening the coronation of Miss Penn State. The increasing size of the audience caused the ceremonies to be held for the first time in Recreation Hall. Nearly five thousand people attended the two-night Carnival, which was greeted by good weather although rain put a damper on the festival the second evening.

## 1954 Broke Records

This year's Spring Week was a reproduction of all the others put together, with new ideas and plans and projects adding to the result—an all-around record festival. Gross profits totaled approximately \$7500, most of which will go to the All-University Student Scholarship Fund.

And thus, a promotion stunt six years ago has developed into a whopping activity. And there doesn't seem to be much doubt that it will continue to be promoted in the future, just as it was in the past.

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