

# Romulo Says Democracy In Grave Danger in Asia; Freedom Menaced Now

By DOTTIE BENNETT

Democracy was never more in danger in Asia than now, Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, co-chairman of the Philippine delegation to the United Nations, told the Community Forum audience last night.

Never, he said, was freedom more menaced than now. There are certain truths that need telling, and although the truth may be bitter and unpalatable, truth makes men free. More important, he added, truth helps to make men stable.

## Chinese Start Sea, Air Raids

TAIPER, Formosa, Jan. 13 (AP)—New Nationalist bomber raids and air and sea battles swirled today around the Tachens, fortress islands threatened with Communist invasion 200 miles north of Formosa.

Chinese correspondents returning from Tachens brought back rumors that a U.S. destroyer had fired on Red planes Tuesday 80 miles south of the Tachens, but these were discounted officially.

While some U.S. warships—part of the 7th Fleet which guards Formosa from invasion—may be in those dangerous waters, there was no solid information that they had been drawn into the rising conflict.

### Begins Before Dawn

The day's firing began before dawn when seaborne Nationalist guerrillas intercepted a convoy of Communist supply junks near Pishan Island, 30 miles southwest of Tachens.

Defense Ministry communique said fierce fighting broke out and 12 enemy craft, 114 crewmen, and ammunition and other supplies were seized.

Four-engined Nationalist bombers from Formosa then swung into action, pounding Tachens and Tienao islands, Communist build-up areas 13 and 15 miles north of the Tachens.

### Scores of Bombs

A Defense Ministry communique said scores of bombs rained down on military targets and big fires mushroomed on the two islands. The islands are regarded as stepping stones to the Tachens. It was the fourth straight day of air raids on Tienao.

About the same time, Nationalist warships reported a brush with three Communist patrol boats south of Yu Shan, a group of Nationalist outpost islands 35 miles northeast of the Tachens.

### 'Corn is Green' Closes Run at TUB Tonight

Players will present Emlyn Williams' "The Corn is Green," the drama of life in a Welsh mining town, for the last time at 8 tonight at Center Stage in the Temporary Union Building.

Elizabeth Ives and Edwin Grove have leading roles in the production. Tickets are available at the Student Union desk in Old Main or may be obtained at the TUB at show time for \$1.

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# Bill Would Open Trustees' Meetings

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A bill which would open meetings of boards of state institutions—possibly including the University—to the press will be introduced in the State House of Representatives next week.

Rep. Francis Worley (R-Adams), sponsor of the bill and a University graduate, told the Daily Collegian in a telephone interview last night, "I think my bill would cover the University."

The meetings of the University's Board of Trustees are currently conducted behind closed doors.

University officials yesterday declined to comment on the bill.

### 'Closed Doors' Cited

In announcing his intention of introducing the bill, Worley said, "These boards conduct public business and spend tax monies in the operations of their institutions and there is no reason why their meetings should be behind closed doors."

Worley declined to speculate on the chances for success of his bill. He pointed out he is a "member of the minority" in the House, which has 111 Democrats and 99 Republicans.

### Democrat Support

But there has been talk on the part of state Democrats to sponsor such legislation.

Although he said that whether the bill will cover the University's Board of Trustees meetings is a "matter of interpretation," Worley pointed to two factors which would indicate that these meetings would be included:

1. The University "is receiving direct appropriations from the Legislature."
2. Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the Governor. (Six of the 21 members are appointed by the Governor, who himself is an ex-officio member.)

### University Covered

These two factors, Worley said, would indicate that the University is covered by the bill. "All public or quasi-public" institutions would be open to the press under the intentions of the proposed legislation, he said.

Jerome Weinstein, editor of the Centre Daily Times and president of the Pennsylvania Society of Newspaper Editors, called the proposed bill "a great step forward if for no other reason than to bring it before the public."

"The greatest example of a closed-meeting institution is the Pennsylvania State University which spends \$20 million of the (Continued on page eight)

## Prexy Discusses Rise in Enrollment

The problems which will be raised by an increased enrollment of 33,000 students by 1970 in the colleges and universities of Pennsylvania were discussed by President Milton S. Eisenhower last night at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

He was the main speaker at the 12th annual Cooperative

Potato Business dinner, co-sponsored as part of the State Farm Show by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, and the Pennsylvania Chain Store Council.

"If the Commonwealth is successfully to meet its educational challenges in the years ahead," President Eisenhower said, "it will be through the cooperative efforts of educators, state officials, and the general public."

The land grant colleges and universities located in every state, and in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, account for fewer than four per cent of all American colleges and universities, he said. However, he said, they are now educating almost one-half million students each year, about 18 per cent of the nation's total college enrollment.

President Eisenhower emphasized the instructional and research work done by land-grant institutions for people throughout the country.

He said that the University faces its second century with a mission as vital and provocative as it was when those far-sighted citizens of the Commonwealth 100 years ago began building on the Jeffersonian conviction that public education was the keystone to personal integrity and happiness, enlightened citizenship, individual productivity, and national prosperity.

The Penn State Men's Glee Club also sang at the dinner.

## President Asks For Extension Of Draft Law

President Dwight D. Eisenhower yesterday asked Congress to extend the draft law four years and create a powerful military reserve to deal with possible aggression.

President Eisenhower also asked Congress to grant pay increases to "career" servicemen who are willing to serve longer than their minimum time. This pay increase would exclude two-year draftees and reserve officers fulfilling only their three-year obligation.

The President said the pay increase is necessary to maintain "the experienced hard core of a modern fighting force."

Extension of the Selective Service law, due to expire June 30, is necessary, President Eisenhower said, because "experience demonstrates that active armed forces of the size we must maintain cannot be raised by voluntary enlistments alone."

Stressing the importance of an organized reserve program, the President said, "We cannot possibly keep armed and in uniform the total forces that might ultimately be required in an all-out war. The inescapable burdens would endanger the liberties and the economic system we are determined to defend."

In explaining the need for a military pay-hike, the President pointed to the large number of men the armed services have lost to industry.

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give them an outlet to the Mediterranean and would result in cutting the lifeline of the West. Luckily, General Romulo said, the United States saw the objective of Russia in Greece and sent Gen. James VanFleet with material and economic aid to train the Greeks. In this way the purpose of the USSR was defeated.

After the War, however, the countries of Europe were devastated and no longer wanted to fight. At this point the United States sent economic aid to Europe, but while this was being done, China was conquered by the Communists.

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### Faculty Luncheon Club

Charles J. Rowland, professor of accounting and head of the department of accounting and business statistics, will address the Faculty Luncheon Club at noon Monday at the Hotel State College.

His talk will be "The New Look on 1954 Income Taxes."

# Eisenhower Supports Benefits Bill

President Dwight D. Eisenhower has given his support to a bill which would preserve educational benefits for those in the armed services before Feb. 1, the Associated Press reported last night.

The AP quoted a White House statement which said the President would support the measure even though it contradicts an executive order he issued Jan. 1.

That order called for educational benefits to end as of Jan. 31 and included other substantial cuts in veterans benefits granted after the outbreak of the Korean War.

However, a selective service spokesman said that it was very doubtful that a man volunteering for service now could be in uniform by Jan. 31, the deadline for educational benefits.

Even under the proposed bill, those entering the armed services Feb. 1 or after will not receive educational benefits.

Public hearings on the House bill will begin Monday. The bill was drafted by Olin E. Teague, (D-Tex.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Sen. Lister Hill, (D-Ala.), announced that he will sponsor a similar bill in the Senate.

In explaining Eisenhower's action, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President had no other choice. He said a continuation of the educational benefits required an act of Congress.

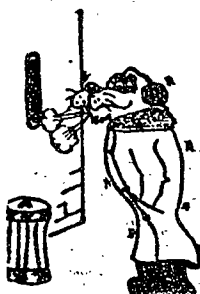
Some representatives of both parties in the House favor a complete reversal of Eisenhower's order, the AP report said. Other benefits withdrawn by the order include hospitalization and GI loans for buying houses, farms, and businesses.

Rep. Elizabeth Kee, (D-WVa.), said she favored "full veterans' benefits" as long as there is a draft.

She said that the government should assume "sizable responsibilities" for the future welfare of young men if it is going to "disrupt" their lives with military service.

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# Social Improvement Seen in Fraternities

By MIKE MILLER

Fraternities are a "whole lot better" from a social standpoint this semester than they have been in the past, Ellsworth Smith, Interfraternity Council Board of Control chairman, said yesterday.

The IFC checker system is working much better now that the checkers do not have to concern themselves with drinking and can devote their time to checking for other violations, Smith said.

Smith said he believes the fraternity system is improved now that there is no University rule prohibiting alcoholic beverages at fraternity social functions when students are present.

**Fraternity Cooperation Needed**  
"It will remain that way for a long time if fraternities will cooperate and cut down the freshman drinking problem," Smith said. "We are only cutting our own throats if we don't."

The freshman drinking problem has been of major concern to IFC this semester.

Last Monday, Smith announced that in order to protect fraternities from having freshmen enter or leave their houses in an intoxicated condition fraternities would henceforth be required to have

pledges on door duty to check outsiders.

### \$25 Fine Automatic

Fraternities found violating this rule are subject to an automatic \$25 fine.

This action was taken, Smith said, because "the dean of men's office was quite upset about the increasing number of freshmen returning to the dormitories intoxicated."

The Board of Control decided that drastic action was needed in order to protect the drinking privileges of fraternities and therefore instituted the fine, Smith said.

### No Excessive Drinking

Smith reported that checkers have not found any excessively (Continued on page eight)