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Sec. Wilson Lauds Might Of USAF

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, in a new pronouncement on air power, said today the United States has a superiority over Russia and he thinks it can be held.

The same opinion came from Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee: "I believe we can stay ahead of them."

Their statements, more confident in tone than some recent testimony by U.S. air generals, may be some reflection of what President Dwight D. Eisenhower had in mind when he informed his news conference May 4 that the country would feel a lot better about its air power position when the full story was presented.

Reds' Arms Slash

Both Wilson and Radford testified before Washington had heard the news of Russia's intention to slash her armed forces by 1,200,000 men. The Kremlin announcement came several hours later. It said three Red air divisions would be among those disbanded.

Concern has been mounting in Congress that the Soviet Union was outstripping the United States in the struggle for sky mastery. Several Pentagon chiefs have said recently that Russia was "closing the gap" in some phases of air power.

Wilson Asked for Assessment

Wilson was asked for a fresh assessment when he appeared before the senators to support the administration's \$4,900,000,000 foreign aid bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The defense chief said the question "is always complicated" by measuring air power in numbers of planes. The comparison should be made in terms of quality and combat readiness, he said.

Then he reported that the United States is ahead now, and the main question seems to be whether that will be true in 1960 at the current rate of buildup here and in the Soviet Union.

"We have superiority now," Wilson declared.

"Inside the family circle, we think we can maintain that, but not a great big superiority."

Wilson said Russia is expanding her industrial capacity and this country cannot stop that.

Trustees Select Colors For University's Seal

Official colors for the seal of the University have been approved by the Board of Trustees.

The colors in the seal will be patterned after those used in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's coat of arms, which is the principal portion of the University.

Men May Break Room Contracts

Men who have been assigned rooms for the Fall term by the department of housing may be released from their housing contracts by applying to the dean of men's office by June 9.

The \$10 room deposit will be forfeited if the contract is broken, a spokesman for the office said. The dean of men must approve the off-campus living arrangements. Apartments are not considered approved housing, the spokesman said.

Fund Bill May Be Cut

NSA Merits Cited At Cabinet Sunday

The National Student Association can act as a student voice in expressing national viewpoints to legislators and constituents and is now influencing pending problems, Gene Preston, NSA national affairs vice president, said Sunday night.

Speaking before All-University Cabinet and the NSA committees, Preston said that NSA is influencing the present tax credit plan, which allows persons to earn up to \$600 a year tax free and may be extended to \$1000, and the Fulbright scholarship program, which is now in danger, he said.

Preston graduated from UCLA in 1955 and this fall will enroll in the Stanford University Law School.

At the NSA National Congress Aug. 21-31 at the University of Chicago, he said that national issues such as desegregation and the role of student government, the role of the student press, and the international student area will be discussed.

NSA can also be effective in combatting the Communist line, he added, which calls for new tactics on the part of students.

In local areas, NSA wants to promote action in fraternity and religious groups because these do not always work in student government organizations, he continued.

Preston said that most student government is "coddled" by the administration and is not given the chance to solve the most serious problems facing colleges.

"The gap has arisen from the fact that student activities are not responding to basic needs or serving a basic representative function," he explained.

Student government must have a central philosophy and be an "educational experience," shifting to programs of intellectual experience as well as social," Preston said. "It can educate students on central issues today, and human relations in order to enable students to live in complex societies."

Preston outlined the following program for student government:

1. Leaders must have significant

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3 Questions About NSA Discussed

The members of All-University Cabinet and National Student Association committees divided into discussion groups Sunday night to consider three questions posed by Gene Preston, NSA national affairs vice president.

The questions were 1) Are student leaders good students? 2) How educational is student government at the University? 3) In what particular areas could student government shift responsibility from the administration to Cabinet?

The groups agreed that student leaders are good students, however, the definition of a good student does not always mean one with a high average, they said.

Must Use Resources

A student leader must be aware of what is going on around him and must use all resources to the best of his ability, they said. However, this does not limit a good student, because there are not enough positions to recognize everyone in leadership.

Student government is educational to the participating few, but does little for the average student, the groups concluded. A campus position gives the student a liberal attitude and a social education.

Without Liberal Education

Without this liberal education, as distinguished from a practical one, persons can go through col-

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'Unlikely' Revenue From Taxes Can Cover Bill, Hodges Says

By ED DUBBS

Assistant City Editor

Thomas K. Hodges, press secretary for Gov. George M. Leader, said yesterday that lack of adequate revenue will probably force Gov. Leader to cut the University's \$26,194,000 appropriations bill.

Hodges told The Daily Collegian:

"It is unlikely that the present tax structures will provide

adequate revenues to meet the appropriations contained in the general (University) appropriation bill."

The bill is now delayed on the House Speaker's desk after gaining final legislative approval last week. House Speaker Hiram G. Andrews said last week that he and the governor had agreed to delay the bill, along with about 50 other bills, in order to give Leader additional time before being forced to act upon it. The governor has ten days to act upon the bill after receiving it.

Hodges said the General Assembly is shooting for a week-end adjournment from its record-breaking, 17-month session. If this deadline is reached the bill should reach Leader by May 25, he said. The bill must first go to Attorney General Herbert B. Cohen.

Hodges said if it appears adequate revenue funds will not be available, the governor then will have to decide where and how much can be cut from the bill.

There is no limit on how much Leader may cut from the bill, Hodges said.

Leader has been plagued with fiscal difficulties since he introduced his record-breaking budget in April 1955. At this time he outlined a \$411 million tax program, which failed to pass the Republican-controlled Senate.

The Republicans approved, and Leader signed into law, a 3 percent sales tax on March 6. The Republicans estimated the revenue of the tax at \$321.5 million, a drop of almost \$90 million over Leader's proposed tax program.

Further revenue difficulties plague Leader now as a result of an announcement last week by the Pennsylvania Economy League.

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Wage Plan For HUB Expected

A recommendation to solve the wage request of student employees in the Hetzel Union Building Lion's Den and cafeteria is being drafted and will be presented to the University "soon", Dr. Eric A. Walker, dean of the college of Engineering and Architecture, said yesterday.

Walker said he is collecting needed information and will present the plan to Samuel K. Hostetter, University comptroller.

The recommendation will be an outgrowth of a student employee demand for higher wages and monetary payment.

The students presented a petition to the University May 3 demanding a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase, and monetary payment instead of payment in meal tickets. The petition said if the demands weren't met by last Thursday, the students would go on strike.

The University established a fact-finding committee composed of Dr. Walker, Roy Wilkinson, Jr., and Ray Fortunato, director of personnel relations. The committee appointed Dr. Walker to consider the case and present a recommendation.

At the same meeting, the University told the students that a strike would force the University to fire them. In doing so, the University said it would obey a state law forbidding employees of a state agency from striking. The students were classified as state agency employees by Wilkinson.

Dissatisfied, over twenty students quit work last Wednesday night. All but three returned to work the following day.

Trabue Will Head State Commission On Public Schools

Dr. Marion R. Trabue, dean of the College of Education, was named chairman of a 17-member advisory commission on public education yesterday by Gov. George M. Leader.

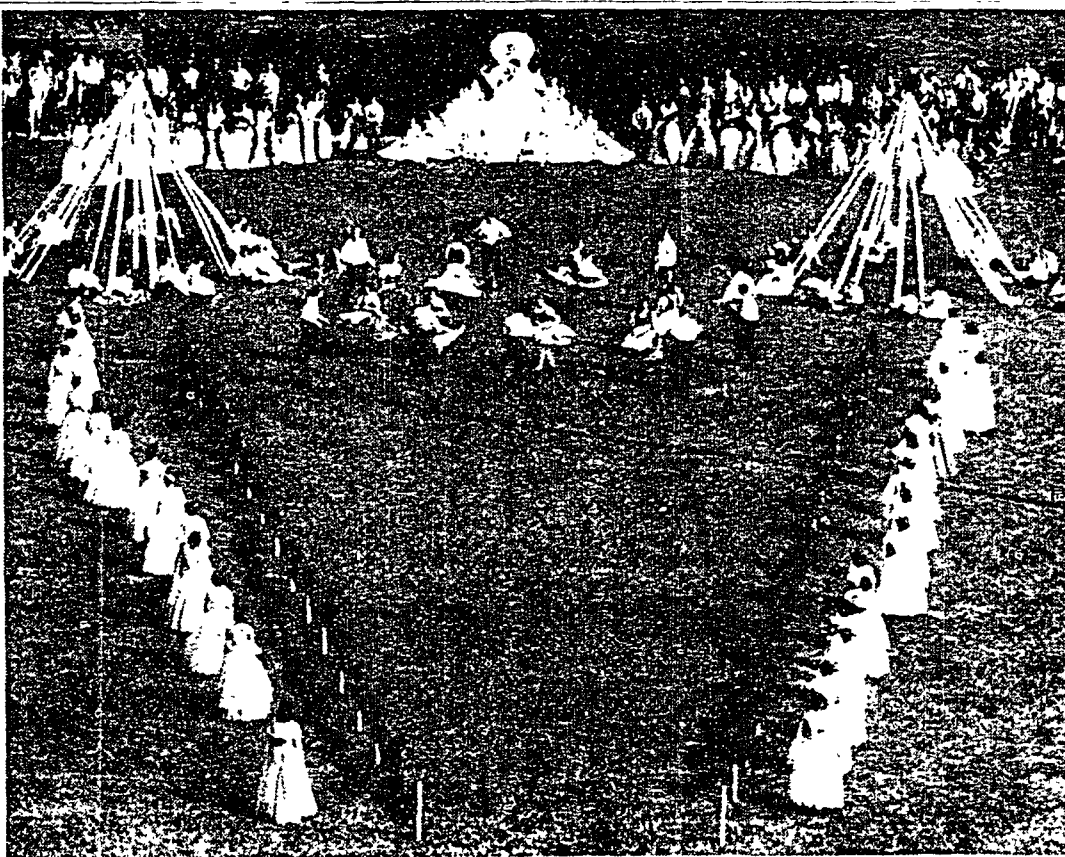
Leader said the purpose of the commission—which will be composed of educators, labor leaders, housewives, editors, lawyers, and social workers—is "to improve educational opportunities and awaken interest in our public schools," according to the Associated Press.

Leader said the state "must have a top-flight educational system to remain strong and progressive. To do this we need an advisory commission to assist in formulating policies and programs designed to improve educational opportunities and awaken interests in our public schools."

Cloudy, Cooler Today

Partly cloudy and cooler weather will prevail today according to the students in the department of meteorology.

The high today will be in the high 60's as compared with yesterday's high of 86. The low will be 45.



MAY QUEEN, Marilyn Fischer, reigns over her court while members of the Interlandia Folk Dance perform a Czechoslovakian dance. Many parents attended the ceremonies which took place Saturday afternoon in front of Old Main.

—Joe Patton photo