

Soviets Reject Bid By Western Powers To Halt Atom Trials

GENEVA (AP) — The Soviet Union last night rejected Western proposals to ban nuclear weapons testing for one year. It was an unpromising prelude to the American-British-Soviet talks opening here today on possibilities of a permanent nuclear cease-fire.

But the United States countered in Washington with an announcement that unless the Russians carry out another nuclear weapons test, the United States will maintain its own ban for one year beginning today.

Fraternities Delay Theft Investigation

State College police said yesterday that some of the fraternities which were burglarized over the weekend reported the thefts right after they were noticed, but asked the police not to investigate.

They would not release the names of the fraternities that refused investigation.

These fraternities, police said, are now asking for an investigation.

Police expressed their dismay over this attitude on the part of the fraternities, emphasizing that this made the job of finding the burglars harder.

Police have been reluctant to disclose information concerning the cases because they did not want to "show their hand."

The roll of thefts to date in the order they were reported to police are: Beta Sigma Rho, \$350 in jewels and money; Delta Tau Delta, a 1957 Chevrolet belonging to a former University student, Thomas Watson, Plainsdown, New York; Alpha Tau Omega, \$180 in money, jewels and clothing and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, \$24 in cash.

The car stolen from the Delta Tau Delta parking lot was later found abandoned on South Barnard Street at 7 p.m. Sunday night.

The thefts are believed to have occurred early Sunday morning.

Escapees Captured In Harrisburg

The three prisoners who escaped from Rockview Penitentiary Wednesday were captured in Harrisburg last night.

Dallas Custalow, William Ritchey and Kenneth Wagner were recaptured after terrorizing a Buffalo Run Valley farm home and stealing \$100 from a filling station near Harrisburg.

The three had entered the Morris E. Witmer home at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday. No one in the household was harmed, although one member, Charles Mesmer, was tied up.

Miss Damaris Knox, 70, Mr. Witmer, 59, and his daughter, Barbara, 17, said the prisoners drove off after their seizure at 10:20 p.m. in the family's 1951 blue Plymouth sedan, taking a rifle, clothing and food.

The prisoners admitted stealing the car and money and are now being held by State Police in Harrisburg.

Both Britain and the United States said the talks with the Russians will go on whether the Russians test nuclear weapons or not.

The delegations of the three atom powers are here and it appeared the Russians had dropped

their demands of a month ago that the conference should be raised to foreign minister's level.

Lincoln White, the U.S. State Department spokesman in Washington, said the Soviet notes rejecting the U.S.-British proposals for the ban indicated they are not insisting on the presence of foreign ministers at the meeting.

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In the face of the Soviet note's insistence that tests be banned for all time, White remarked that the United States and Britain had moved in their one-year proposal toward the Soviet proposal in 1957 for a two or three year ban.

White said Soviet claims that a one-year ban would give the West a military advantage provided curious inconsistencies when ranged alongside a statement in the note that it is absurd to say the Western powers have nuclear research superiority.

The delegations here held a housekeeping meeting with UN officials to arrange for translations and similar UN services. But at the UN in New York, three weeks of debate in an effort to give the conferees some UN guidance came to nothing. The United States agreed conditionally to support an Indian resolution recommending immediate discontinuance of nuclear tests without any restriction on their resumption.

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Weekend Hours Extended in Den



INDIE QUEEN HOPEFULS ... (From the top clockwise), Elizabeth Greve, Dorothy Mazurik, Marilyn Weierbach, Mary Reidenbaugh and Sylvia Brague. The winner will be crowned at the Autumn Ball Saturday in the Hetzel Union ballroom.

Indie Queen Finalists

One of Five Coeds Will Be Crowned

By JANET DURSTINE

One of five finalists for the Indie Queen title will be crowned tomorrow night at the Autumn Ball in the Hetzel Union ballroom.

The finalists are Marilyn Weierbach, junior in chemistry from Pleasant Valley; Dorothy Mazurik, freshman in educa-

tion from Hummelstown; Elizabeth Greve, sophomore in physical education from Lansdowne; Mary Reidenbaugh, junior in art education from Litzitz; and Sylvia Brague, sophomore in home economics from Blossburg.

The coeds were introduced at the Indie talent show last night. The show was part of the Indie Week celebration, sponsored by the Association of Independent Men and Leonides.

One talent show participant, John Laffey, a vocalist, came prepared for rehearsal last night. He found no rehearsal had been scheduled—but the show had.

The first thing he did when he discovered the show was on, Laffey said, was look around for his

Test to Last Six Weeks

By ELAINE MIELE

The Lion's Den will be open every Friday and Saturday night until 12:15 from next Friday until Dec. 19.

Snack bar services will end at midnight and the doors will close at 12:15.

Ossian R. MacKenzie, vice president for business administration; Robert C. Proffitt, director of Food Service; Jav Feldstein, All-University president and chairman of the Hetzel Union Board; and Edward Flymover, president of the Association of Independent Men, decided yesterday that these weekends be used as an extended trial period to test student response to the later hours.

It was decided that the weekends of Oct. 3 and 10 when the snack bar was open until 12:30 were not a fair test of the later hours. About 300 students were served each night during the extended hours of these weekends and Food Service suffered a total loss of \$46.32.

Feldstein said reports of the snack bar sales during the late hours did not show a true picture since more students might come into the Lion's Den because it would not close until late but might make purchases earlier in the evening.

Surveys will be made during the next six weekends on the number of students present and the amount of sales during the entire evening, Feldstein said.

Proffitt said he is willing to try the extended hours for a longer period of time to test student response. He said if the surveys prove that only a small number of students are benefiting it would be unfair to make other students who use the Lion's Den at other hours pay

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LaVie Pictures to End For Ed Seniors Today

Today is the last day for seniors in the College of Education to have their LaVie portraits taken.

The pictures are being taken at the Penn State Photo Shop, opposite the Pugh Street entrance to the campus.

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No suicides are expected because of WDFM's broadcast of "War of the Worlds" at 8 tonight over the facilities of WMAJ.

But suicides were only one symptom of the nation's hysteria and panic the first time Orson Welles' realistic

"news" broadcast of the invasion of the Martians was produced. That was in Oct., 1938.

The program was in the form of a series of break-ins on a music show.

The first "news flash" was an account of a mysterious report of sightings in the sky.

Through such inklings of "something's wrong," the "news flashes" slowly patched together a story of an invasion from outer space being waged on all the principal metropolitan centers of the world.

The story was built up so convincingly that terror-stricken fathers raced to attics for .22 rifles and axes, and mothers

prepared their homes for emergency evacuation. Casualties ranged from ulcers to suicides.

Among the humorous episodes was the story of the mayor of a small, mid-western town who organized both a militia and an evacuation for the whole town and was just about to execute his plans when word reached his ear that the whole thing might have been a hoax by Welles.

"It better be true," he said, "or I'll punch Orson Welles right in the nose." The reason for the hysteria, aside from the show's ring of authenticity, (Continued on page five)

Party Absolved of Debt Responsibility

All-University Cabinet last night absolved the now defunct Lion Party and student government in general from any responsibility for a \$155 bill incurred by two former party members during the 1956-57 school year.

Turning down a Student Encampment recommendation that Cabinet pay off the debt, a substitute motion was adopted to return the bill to a State College printing company.

In proposing the substitute recommendation, Robert Franklin, Daily Collegian editor, said

the bill should be returned "inasmuch as it is not the responsibility of student government or the Lion Party."

The debt was incurred by John Godayte and Gordon Pogal for work done by the printing company. After Godayte and Pogal were graduated, the debt remained on the books and wasn't learned about until the party dissolved early this year.

The company then sent individual bills to members of the party. However, the debt was not paid.

In support of his motion, Franklin said, "The individuals incurred the debt, not the party."

All-University President Jay Feldstein pointed out that should legal action be taken, the indi-

viduals, rather than the party, would have to be prosecuted since the two members co-signed the bills.

However, Dean of Men Frank J. Simes said the student government should assume the responsibility. "The material was used by Lion Party in its campaign," he said, "and if the debt is not paid it will be a black mark against student government."

Franklin pointed out the use of "double billing" which some student politicians used to stay within the limits of money they are allowed to spend for a campaign.

A student pays half the bill while charging the rest of it to the party, he said.