

Editorial Opinion

Freedom's Textbook, Key to a Safe Future

Freedom is a funny word. If you asked the first five people you met on the Mall for their definitions of the word, the chances are you'd come up with five different and distinct ideas.

Freedom is just something that is taken more or less for granted these days, and the idea of guarding or preserving it hardly enters anyone's mind for a long period of time.

Only when a person is threatened with the loss of a material symbol of this precious abstract does he begin to shout, write letters to his congressman or demand that his newspaper, the guardian of his freedom, launch a campaign to protect it.

The same person who will issue a "no comment" statement to the press one day will hurry into that same newspaper's office the next day to demand that its editors do something about the parking situation, a law that threatens his material well-being or mischievous children in his neighborhood.

Others, not as physically active in their community interests, will read their papers for the daily weather reports and the serial stories and content themselves with an occasional letter to the editor when something really moves them.

National Newspaper Week begins tomorrow and runs through Oct. 21, and once again readers who see this announcement might think briefly about Article I of the Constitution and congratulate themselves on living in a country where the press is free and keeps them well-informed.

But is the press really free and are its readers well-informed? The answer, of course, depends on your definition of freedom. The men and women who make up the press sometimes find it hard to believe that they actually have the freedom guaranteed by the Constitution.

When they are turned away from meetings where matters vital to their readers are being discussed, they begin to wonder about the meaning of the word — if it actually has meaning or if, like Janus, it is a two-headed being.

Perhaps it would be a good idea for its readers, as well, to wonder, and for them to worry. Worry sometimes leads to action, and what better time for concern and for action than during National Newspaper Week.

As the National Newspaper Week Clip Sheet of 1959 aptly put it in "Freedom's Textbook" . . . "The press, as a recognized medium for informing the people, should be given every opportunity to obtain the facts.

"Only after every door closed by a public official has been opened to the press, shall we have complete freedom of information. Only so long as this is true can your newspaper effectively serve as freedom's textbook."

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Covering Washington

Peace Atoms Aid Exchange With Soviets

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press New Analyst The United States and the Soviet Union are heading, in the fields of atomic energy and space research, for the first real test of their ability to cooperate since World War II.

John A. McCone, chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, has gone to the Soviet Union under an exchange agreement to inspect peaceful atomic energy installations.

The exchange agreement is expected to lead to more formal and more complete cooperation in the whole field.

The Soviet representatives in the United Nations have just come forward with their first suggestion in many years which has been received with prompt warmth by both the United States and Britain. It is for an international conference under UN auspices to arrange for the exchange of information on outer space.

For years serious students of the cold war have considered step-by-step cooperation to be one of the requirements for attainment of a feeling of mutual trust looking toward more important settlements. The search has not been rewarding.

Even during the International Geophysical Year exchange of scientific information ran into snags whenever any political connotation arose. Westerners are still suspicious that will always be the case.

There is already a great advance in the exchange of general scientific information, however, especially whenever scientists meet as they did at the Geneva conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy.

It is the gradual creation of an atmosphere of cooperation in which political students are chiefly interested, however.

The question now is whether under scientific exchange agreements the Russians will cooperate in anything except what gives them the major share of profit.

Gazette

TODAY

- AIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB. Androcles, 8 p.m., Alpha Tau Omega. Business Administration Student Council, 4 p.m., HUB main lounge. Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom. Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB. Club Habana, 7 p.m., 212 HUB. Dancing Classes, 4:15 and 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom. D.O.C. Student Council, 7 p.m., 218 HUB. Engineering and Architecture Student Council, 6:15 p.m., 214 HUB. Open Forum, "A 50 Year Experiment in Co-operative Living," 8 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel. Penn State Engineer, 7:30 p.m., 217 HUB. Penn State Scooter Club, 7 p.m., 213 HUB. Riding Club, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver. Student Council Convocation, 2 p.m., HUB assembly hall. Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall. WRA Bowling Club, 7:30 p.m., White. WRA Dance Club, 7 p.m., White. WRA Hockey Club, 4:15, Holmes Field.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

- Mary Barrows, Lynn Berlinger, Leland Bull, Ruth Brandon, William Curtis, Saranne Dawson, Anthony DePietro, Anne Gaidner, Donald Getz, Allen Gohn, Andrew Hailstone, Donald Hartzell, Linda Hendricks, Marcus Ingram, Harriet Kling, Lillian Leis, Patricia LeRoy, Judith Lobley, Donald Macalady, Janet Makovsky, Robert Nicely, John Rappach, Louis Stralka, William Thorne, David Truitt, Gretchen VanKirk, Paula Wagner, Marshall Webster, Gloria Wolford, Mary Ann Wood.

Job Interviews

October 14

- DuPont—Jan PhD in Chem, ChE, ME, Eng Mech, Metal, Cer, Phys & Ag-Bio-Chem. Philadelphia Electric—Jan BS in EE, ME, ChE, IE & Metal. Cutler-Hammer—Jan BS, MS, PhD in EE, ME, & BS in IE. Penna State Civil Service Comm—Jan BS, MS, PhD in Ed, Chem, Biol, Bact, Diet, CE, ChE, Banking, Social Casework, Ag, Child Welfare. Radio Corporation of America—Jan BS in EE, ME, Phys, Eng Sci, BS, MS, in Phys, EE, ME.

Tryouts Will Continue

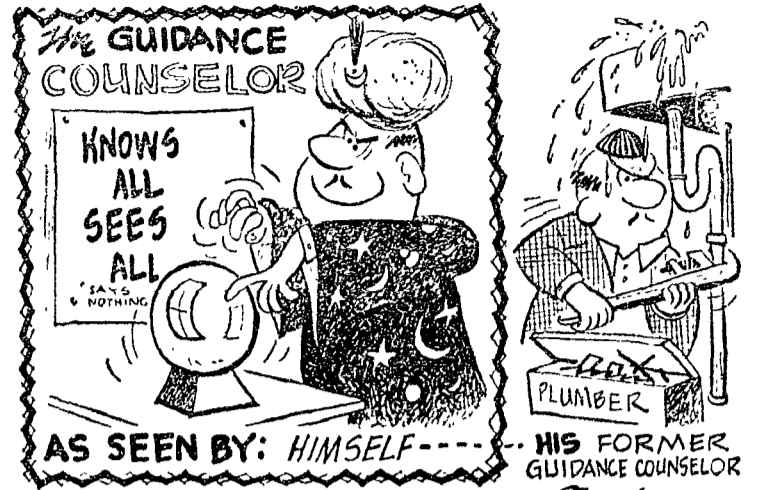
For Players' Production

Tryouts for "John Gabriel Borkman," third Players' production of the season, will be held at 7 tonight in the Greenroom of Schwab Auditorium. This is the second day of tryouts.

The drama was written by Henrik Ibsen, who is famous for his plays "The Doll House" and "The Wild Duck." It will be produced Dec. 4 for four weekends at Center Stage.

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



THE FACULTY THE MISGUIDED STUDENT HIS WIFE

without malice

Lovesick Insurance For Boy at Home

by denny malick

Ah the British have done it again! They have come up with an insurance plan for anxious fiances who fear their wedding plans may be shattered by whirlwind holiday romances.

Open only to engaged couples, the policy provides that the man can net \$2800 if his girl friend cancels the wedding and marries an European as a result of a continental holiday.

We may have struck upon something here that would be perfect for our campus.



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was left behind against the chance that his girl now at Penn State might stray away from his affections.

Let's see, how could we set up the premiums? The British plan goes by age groups. The premiums are highest for younger girls going to the continent.

That would be simple. Home-town boys would have to pay a larger premium if his girl is a frosh. The rate would drop for sophomores and juniors. Seniors could be considered

a safe risk. If he still has her after three years exposure to campus life, then we can almost concede to him.

We could also set premiums based on what promises she made before leaving home. If she promised to think of him always and write every day, the rate would be lower than if she said she "might date once in a while to break the monotony."

Now to settle the matter of payment in case she has fallen to "the ways of college men and how they come and go . . . mostly goooooo."

Anything connected with students automatically means no money, so we couldn't use that for payment.

Let's see, if boy-at-home takes one of our higher priced plans, his repayment could take the form of a blonde (Gentlemen prefer blondes . . . that is if she is a real blonde . . . that is, if he is a real gentleman).

Well, we can settle that later. I think I shall expediate and prepare a bill for Rules Committee so I can get the new plan approved before Nov. 6 (Import Weekend, No. 1).

