

Editorial Opinion

Alternate Assembly Becomes SGA Farce

MISSING: ONE-THIRD OF SGA ASSEMBLY.

Assembly met last night with only 26 of its 42 members present. Fourteen alternates were sitting on the body and two members were absent. In addition, the parliamentarian was absent.

Last week, 12 alternates sat on Assembly with one absent.

What has been happening is that at least one political party chairman is using Assembly as a training ground for students who will be running for this body in spring elections.

When students chose to run for Assembly they accepted an obligation to their constituents to at least attend meetings. They also accepted the obligation to serve on Assembly committees and to do outside research in order to be suitably backgrounded for discussions.

The usual number of alternates from student teachers is expected. But this amounts to a small percentage of Assemblymen at a time. What has been evolving has been a breed of "professional alternates." Students who have never even appeared on an election ballot have been sitting on Assembly the same amount of times as those elected merely by filling in for absent members.

Assembly is NOT a place for politicians to try out students for potential election slates.

With an alternate assembly such as this, it is no wonder there is time wasted in needless discussion over matters gone over fully at previous meetings.

There is no provision in the SGA constitution or by-laws which limits the number of alternates sitting on Assembly. Nor are there rules regulating how many times an Assemblyman can have an alternate sit in for him.

As it stands now, one cannot tell who will be sitting on Assembly from one week to the next. Unless SGA wishes its legislative body to turn into a farce, it is going to have to regulate attendance of its members.

If Assemblymen feel they have other activities more important than SGA, then they do not belong on Assembly. And those who have become "professional alternates" don't belong there either, unless they are duly elected.

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Inside Washington

Senators Talk For Long Time, But Few Listen

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—The trouble with the Senate is that it has too many long-winded talkers and too few competent listeners.

This is true at any time, but it is emphasized now as the Senate stumbles through its third day of talk-talk-talk about civil rights.

Only occasionally does anything faintly resembling debate take place.

A pattern is repeated over and over 24 hours a day.

A senator gets up. He talks, and talks, and talks.

Other senators may read. Curiously, they often seem more interested in the Congressional Record, an account of what took place yesterday, than they are in what goes on today.

Another senator may nod. Two may chat, sometimes so loudly they drown out the man who has the floor. Most of them, unless summoned to their posts by a quorum call, don't bother to show up at all.

Eventually, as the speaker drones on, a teammate will show mercy. He will ask questions, not to pry out additional and necessary information, but to give his pal a chance to rest his voice.

Of course, every speaker knows he hasn't a chance to persuade any other senator to change his mind.

Certainly on civil rights every senator knows where he stands, in principle if not in precise detail. Even Patrick Henry couldn't sway him.

Years ago Tom Connally, then senator from Texas, in one sharp retort explained why Senate debate is so often ineffective.

"The senator," Connally said of a colleague, "approaches each issue with an open mouth and a closed mind."

Gazette

TODAY

- Air Force Club, 3 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
- Canoe Division Meeting, 7 p.m., 112 Buckhout
- Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
- Debate Reception, 7 p.m., HUB main lounge
- Debate Registration, 4-10 p.m., HUB first floor lobby
- Delta Nu Alpha, 6:30 p.m., 213 HUB
- Electrical Engineering Society, 7:15 p.m., Mineral Sciences Aud
- Interstate Debates Congress, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Mike and Rostrum Club, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
- Penn State Engineer, 7 p.m., 214-215 HUB
- Players' Show, Detective Story by Sidney Kingsley, 8 p.m., Schwab
- Reed and Barton Silver Survey, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Simmons Lounge
- SCA, Illustrated talk on Korea and Japan, Miss Carole Klein, 6:30 p.m., Waring Lounge
- University Party, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
- UCA Seminar, 8 p.m., Chapel

HOSPITAL

Robert Backer, Neil Buckley, Richard Carothers, Jane Flanigan, Zella Greenspan, Anne Kent, Gary Ite, George Machlan, Spencer McGraw, William O'Malley, Joseph Ovalenick, Stephen Rumbaugh, Nancy Stanz, Michael Tamarkin, Janet Timlin, Peter Tyson, William Updegraff, Barry Wolfer, Zorina Zorak.

Cold Inc. Reports Theft of Ice Bags

Cold Inc., an ice plant on Paterson St., reports that many bags of ice are being stolen each day from its self-service department.

William Hennings, proprietor of the company, said that he sells ice on the "honor system" because it doesn't pay to station a man there. It would cost \$5000 to install a vending machine and since the company only sells a few hundred bags of ice a week by this method, it would hardly be worth the cost.

Unless the thefts stop, the refrigerator will be turned off at 6 p.m. Hennings said that he doesn't want to do this because it would inconvenience many people, but it is hardly worth keeping the refrigerator open when 50 per cent of the ice is being stolen.

Smith Will Seek Post For ICG Convention

Carl Smith, chairman of the Intercollegiate Council on Government, will run for speaker at the annual regional convention of ICG at Dickinson College on Saturday.

Six schools will be represented at the conference.

World At A Glance
Anti-U.S. Riots 14 Bodies Found
Mar Ike's Tour In Train Wreck
Of Montevideo

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP)—The windup of President Eisenhower's triumphant South American tour was marred yesterday by clashes between anti-U.S. student demonstrators and police who fought them with whacking sabers, tear gas, fire hose and a bit of aimless gunfire.

At one point the President got a whiff of tear gas that had his eyes smarting.

One demonstrator was hit in the foot by a bullet and others were cut by sabers as police sought to quell the riot. Some witnesses said a lot of people were hurt.

Later, on leaving the Uruguayan Congress, the President's car took an unannounced detour through relatively empty streets to avoid passing areas where the trouble erupted.

In the earlier demonstrations there were shouts in praise of Cuba's Fidel Castro.

FCC Will Tighten Licensing Control

WASHINGTON (AP)—A plan for licensing radio and TV stations for less than the usual 3-year period was announced yesterday by the Federal Communications Commission.

The commission, which said it proposed to change its rules in this respect, invited comment by April 1.

The action is one of a series of moves by the FCC in recent months to put tighter reins on broadcasting outlets, short of actual censorship of programs.

The commission has asked Congress to provide criminal penalties for payola, or undercover pay for plugging records and for fixed quiz shows.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—Workmen slashed apart the charred wreckage of a Santa Fe passenger train with torches, crowbars and cranes yesterday.

From the debris they removed the last bodies of 14 persons known to have died in the flaming collision of the train and a big oil tank truck late Tuesday.

Seventy-two persons were injured in the smash-up at a grade crossing seven miles northwest of Bakersfield.

Of the 109 aboard the train—the San Francisco Chief No. 2, bound from the San Francisco Bay area to Chicago—only 24 escaped unscathed. Fifty-one, including 27 of the less seriously injured, resumed their rail journey eastward after being ferried by bus to Barstow, Calif.

It took more than 15 hours to clear the roadbed and replace a quarter-mile of ripped-up rails.

NATO to Create Nuclear Project

PARIS (AP)—Gen. Lauris Norstad announced yesterday plans to create an international nuclear striking force within the North Atlantic alliance.

The American commander of the Allied powers in Europe said the force would be built around a small nucleus of men provided by the United States, Britain and France—the alliance's three nuclear powers. The project would start with each country contributing one battalion, making the force the equivalent of a regimental combat team.

Armed with conventional as well as nuclear weapons, the new force may eventually include as many as 8 of the alliance's 15 members, Norstad said.

Some observers saw creation of the force as a first step toward NATO's becoming the West's "fourth atomic power."

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
- 1 Milldam.
- 5 Rail bird.
- 9 Poetic sadness.
- 14 City of India.
- 15 Sacred image.
- 16 Uneven.
- 17 Took to one's heels.
- 18 Ration of British seamen.
- 19 Island of the Azores.
- 20 Subject of international importance.
- 23 Khan.
- 24 Inlet.
- 25 Guido's note.
- 26 Holly.
- 27 Russet pear.
- 29 Region of Spain.
- 31 Paraders.
- 33 Shoved.
- 37 Moving at random.
- 38 Pie filling.
- 39 Pincers: Var.
- 40 Cocktails.
- 41 Wizard of industry.
- 43 Contents of one basket.
- 44 Full extent.
- 47 Fuel.
- 48 Syllable of refrain.
- 49 45 inches.
- 50 Exciting curiosity.
- 55 "The Man Without a Country."
- 57 Verve.
- 58 African seaport.
- 59 Long-legged bird.
- 60 Sailors' saint.
- 61 Pro.
- 62 Park in Colorado.
- 63 Close.
- 64 Winter blanket.
- DOWN
- 1 Egyptian political group.
- 2 He: Ital.
- 3 Makes choleric.
- 4 Scientific protection against attack: 2 words.
- 5 Greek letter.
- 6 Gumbo.
- 7 Lodgers.
- 8 Novelist Thirkell.
- 9 Skillful.
- 10 pro nobis.
- 11 Faithful.
- 12 Indian or river.
- 13 Ease tension.
- 21 Coeur de Lion.
- 22 City in India.
- 26 Rabble rousers.
- 27 Semitic sun god.
- 28 Revel.
- 29 Sculpture, for instance.
- 30 Orders to move.
- 31 Baseball honor: Abbr.
- 32 Recent Annapolis graduate.
- 34 Suspend.
- 35 Greek goddess.
- 36 Orthodontist's degree.
- 38 Preserve.
- 40 Wine or river.
- 42 Fabric.
- 44 Feel.
- 45 Story structures.
- 46 Apportion.
- 48 General meaning.
- 50 Art goods.
- 51 Mythical hero of the Hindus.
- 52 Neighbor of Afghanistan.
- 53 Defense alliance.
- 54 What rodents do.
- 56 Continue to be.

