

Editorial Opinion

Lax Student Leaders Hurt Representation

A deep check into the current Thanksgiving vacation problem indicates that part of the fault for the belated knowledge by SGA on the possibility of a calendar change lay in inefficient operation or a breakdown in communications to the old SGA.

There are two students on the Senate Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule. The possibility of a calendar change next year was introduced into this committee about six weeks before the issue ever became known on campus. Had SGA had six weeks to work on this problem it may have had a chance to devise a solution to be considered by the University Senate when the issue came up for a vote.

As it was, the newly-elected Assembly was seriously handicapped by the shortness of time it had to work on the problem and the advanced stage of the committee work that had been completed.

The Senate Committee is composed of two student members and five faculty and administrative members. Of the two student representatives appointed by the SGA president, one had instructions from her doctor to ease up on extracurricular activities and she attended very few meetings. If she were medically unable to attend to the duties, another should have been appointed in her place.

The committee meetings were usually held on Thursday afternoons and the other appointed student had trouble making some of the meetings because of a class. It is not known how many he attended.

The student representative on the committee made no report of the Thanksgiving issue to SGA until he was informed that it would be voted upon at the next committee meeting. At that time he took it to the SGA president and asked for his opinion.

This happened during the changeover in early April with one president going out and the other coming in. It was evidently forgotten in the scuffle and no opinion was rendered. So the student representative to the Senate Committee voted on what action should be recommended to the Senate without ever having heard the student's views.

If SGA is to have a fair chance to prove itself as a meaningful representative student body, it must have time to sound out the students' views and investigate solutions to be recommended to the proper authorities.

The student representative on the Committee should have brought the issue to the Assembly as soon as it was introduced and asked for student opinion to guide his discussion and voting in the committee work.

That way the students' view would have been represented all along and there would have been no need for the uproar and panicked activity of the last week.

If students are to have a voice in the actions that directly involve them, their elected and appointed leaders are going to have to fulfill their duties and maintain close communication with the Assembly so that the students are heard before it is too late.

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Letters

Student's Wife Raps Letters On Prejudice

TO THE EDITOR: In reply to Mario Rabozzi's letter of April 27.

Whether or not greater human rights will increase the danger of a society under complete conformity depends upon what you define as human rights. The rights involved in the current desegregation fight and the rights presented in Mr Hildreth's letter of April 26 cannot be clearly differentiated.

Is the right to join the country club of one's choosing any less a right than the right to get one's hair cut at a barbershop of one's choosing?

Is the right to pay a proportionate federal income tax any less a right than the right to eat lunch at the lunchcounter of one's choosing?

But the real question is: Are we talking about basic human rights at all? I suspect that we are not, and, if this is the case, then your argument is irrelevant, Mr Rabozzi.

Furthermore, I would suggest that you not discriminate against any individual because of the type of work he is doing. He just may have a broader education than you think.

After all, I am not a student of physics, but a housewife. Does that make me a "real danger to our present-day society," also?

—Barbara Souder Student Wife

Junior Complains Of Two Thefts

TO THE EDITOR: In the past five days I have lost \$25.35 in material items. Lost? No not lost; stolen is a better word.

The first object taken was a suede jacket from a fraternity parking lot; however, if it is keeping some poor soul warm I am resigned to its loss. The second item is more interesting; it is a bike wrench.

On Monday afternoon I changed the brakes on my bike. In due time I checked the efficiency of these brakes. To achieve this end I rode the bike once around the McElwain quadrangle. When I returned the wrench was missing.

Students! We are here for an education, an education to prepare us for our future work! Are some of you preparing to become thieves, pickpockets, and racketeers?

—Marilyn West '61

Reapplication Necessary For '60 Encampment

All those who applied for the 1960 Student Encampment by last Thursday must reapply because of an error at the Hetzel Union desk, Robert Umstead, chairman, said. Applications are now due at 5 p.m. tomorrow at the HUB desk.

West Halls Elect Officers

West Halls Council elected the following officers for the 1960-61 term: George Henning, president; Robert Landis, vice president, and Robert Stafford, treasurer.

Washington Beat

Race Issues Differ in S. Africa

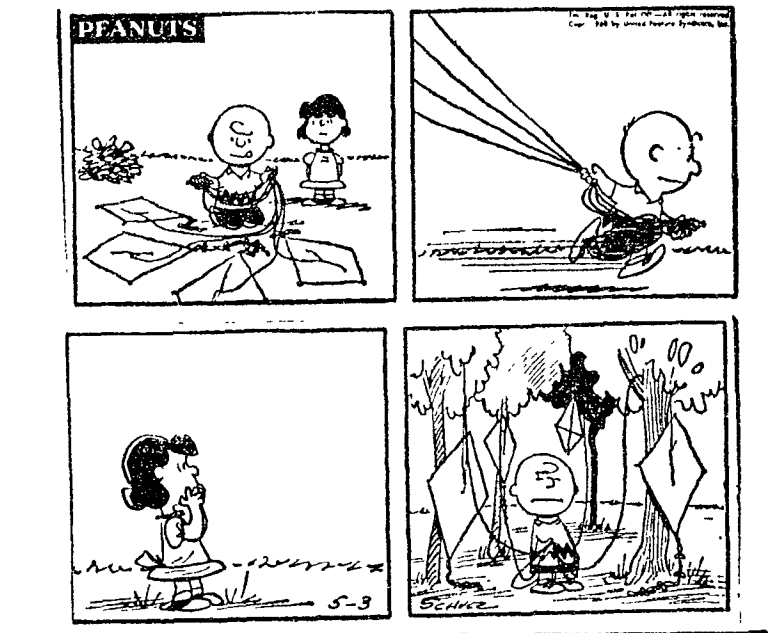
By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — The killings, the brutalities, the horrors in the news from South Africa add one more terrible page to that country's bitter history.

Terror is no stranger there. Seven years ago, in a book on his country's problems, David Marquard, a South African, was writing:

"For 150 years the history of South Africa has been a history of struggle and conflict, conflict between black man and black man, between white man and black man, between white man and white man, struggle of white and black against a not over-generous nature."

Possibly we Americans, with our own Civil War, are best able



Interpreting:

Decision on S. Africa Faces Free World

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

The free world is facing the question of whether and when to intervene in the affairs of associated countries if their internal political policies threaten the world standing of democracy.

The United States and Britain have both intervened at

times since the war in the affairs of such countries as South Africa, South Korea, Guatemala, Greece and others. Yet they have adhered in general to a nonintervention policy conforming to the United Nations charter.

In Africa, however, the United States has taken a stand against the South African government's policy, and is trying to influence developing governments in the new states.

The issue is involved in the uses to which developing countries put American financial aid. At some points it runs athwart the interests of some of America's allies.

Britain has been officially more hesitant and unofficially tougher

toward South Africa than has the United States.

But this week the members of the Commonwealth, a unique politico-economic organization which has evolved through association of former members of the British Empire, are meeting in London.

The London Times describes it as an organization without a plan, without direction, without a doctrine, which goes on because the members get some benefit and have no cause for breaking away from it. It has always protected itself by steering clear of the internal problems of members.

There is now, however, strong pressure for telling South Africa that she is damaging the democratic front with her racial policies, and there have been suggestions that she should be expelled. No direct action is expected, but the debate is launched.



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Gazette

TODAY

- AAUP, 5 p.m., 124 Sparks
Awards Night, 8 p.m., HUB ballroom
Belles Lettres Club, 7 p.m., Simmons lounge
BX Interviews, 2 p.m., 212 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12-15 p.m., 218 HUB
David Raker Ballet, 8 p.m., Little Theatre Encampment, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
Father Hovaneck Discussion, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
Five O'Clock Theatre, 5 p.m., Little Theatre, Old Main
Geophysics and Geochemistry Seminar, 8:15 p.m., 121 MI
Home Ec. Research Seminar, 12-30 p.m., HUB dining room "A"
ICG, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
IA Council, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Marketing Club, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Meditation Chapel Choirs Spring Concert, 8 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel

- Mixed Choir, 7 p.m., HUB assembly
Music Dept., 2 p.m., 215 HUB
Panel Council, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Physics Colloquium, 4-15 p.m., 117 Osmond
Schubplatter Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., 8 White
Sociology Club, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Vet Club, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
WSGA, 4 p.m., 211 HUB
WSGA House of Representatives, 12:30-1 p.m., 212 HUB

HOSPITAL

- William Boyer, David Burris, Lee Clupper, Jack Crosby, Larry Fexley, Esther Ford, Douglas Gerard, Sharon Gotlieb, Judith Hanigan, Robert Hrobak, Patricia Kampmeier, Donald Kemmerer, Kristin Kuhnle, Patricia LeRoy, Ronna Margolis, Arlene Maxwell, Louis Metevia, Lawrence Millet, Josepha Mochulski, Amnon Offenthaler, Carol Oswald, Goldie Paul, John Roncace, Donald Stewart, Carl Sweetman, Ansel Thompson, Donald Zehner.

