



—Collegian Photo by John Beauge

**BIRDS TAKE OVER** or at least on the fire escape at Hunt Cottage. A robin (arrow) has made her nest half way up the stairs causing them to be closed. The sign at the bottom reads: "As a courtesy to mother robin, please do not use the fire escape until after the egg is hatched. Thank you." Added at the bottom of the sign is the sentence: "Break string in case of fire"

# Hunter Discusses USSR Railroads

By MARIE THOMAS

"Transportation has always been thought of as a prerequisite for industrialization," Dr. Holland Hunter of Haverford College said last night during a lecture sponsored by the Russian Area Committee. Soviet industrialization, however, centers on one means of transportation—railroads, he said.

# Army Grant To Provide \$3000 for Lit

A contract with the Office of Ordnance Research of the Department of the Army will provided the University with \$3000 to be used to assemble and edit a bibliography of technical literature on low temperature starting and operation of Diesel engines.

Under Wolfgang E. Meyer, professor of mechanical engineering, the department has conducted research for several years in this field for the Army, which uses diesels in remote regions and under extreme temperature conditions.

The better fuel economy of the diesel engine, Meyer explains, increases mobility since it reduces problems of fuel supply in remote areas and over areas of difficult terrain, but diesels present special problems of starting under very cold conditions.

As part of the department's research in the field and a survey recently completed by Meyer, a rather complete collection and index of pertinent publications in the field has been built up.

Speaking under the title, "Lessons of Soviet Transportation for Underdeveloped Areas," Hunter stated that although Russia has fewer miles of railroads, its railroads carry more freight for industry and are more profitable than the United States system.

The Soviet railroads carry relatively few passengers, Hunter added. He traveled in the USSR in 1957. The people use busses and trolleys.

In Russia, he said, there is no competition between railroad lines since the government controls them. Thus all the profit goes to one place—the government.

"Highways in the USSR are in the position of the United States in the early 20's," Hunter said. He attributed this to the fact the Russian consumer didn't show a desire for roads while the American wanted to move around the country in an automobile.

The Soviet Union doesn't use water transportation because its rivers are frozen 9 months of the year, in many cases, he said.

Hunter's suggestions for underdeveloped countries such as China and India centered around the efficiency of the Soviet freight transportation system. In the U.S., he said there is a lapse of 15 days between the loading of railroad cars with freight and the reloading.

In the USSR, he said, the figure is six days.

China has adopted the Soviet rapid turn about and reduced its time between loads to three days, Hunter added.

# Regional Groups Form Planning Commission

A proposal for a regional planning commission, composed of representatives of the surrounding townships, the borough of State College and the University, has been submitted to the legislators of these areas for approval.

The committee, to be known as the "Centre Regional Planning Commission," would be purely advisory in nature. It would have the function of land study and planning for the

# SGA Changes Requirements For Quorum

A constitutional amendment changing the number of Assemblymen necessary to constitute a quorum received its third and final reading and was passed by the SGA Assembly Thursday night.

The amendment provides that three-fourths of the eligible Assemblymen be present when a vote is taken instead of the original rule of three-fourths of all Assemblymen.

In other business, Carmella LaSpada, chairman of the Flight Committee, reported that reservations for the SGA sponsored flight to Europe this summer can be made until June 8. Between 68 to 70 persons have already signed for the flight, she said.

Also President Richard Haber urged Assemblymen to attend the Memorial Day service honoring the war dead. Captain John Roach of the Department of Military Science and Tactics will be the guest speaker and a wreath will be placed on President Atherton's grave. The grave is located on Pollock Road beside Schwab Auditorium and has the distinction of being the only grave on campus.

area, but would lack any legislative power.

Submitted to the College Township, Patton Township and the Borough of State College, and the University, the commission will be officially established when two of the above sign the "Articles of Agreement for Regional Planning."

The University has made no official statement as to whether they will participate in this organization.

"Patton and College townships operate with individual planning bodies," Ralph Armington, associate professor of electrical engineering and recent past chairman of the Patton Township planning commission, said yesterday.

The committee will operate as a discussion and coordination group. The representatives will report back to their individual planning group with recommendations, he added.

All representatives on the commission will have a vote. They will not be allowed to hold any municipal office except membership on their township planning boards.

The representative of the University would be subject to the same regulations as other members, but would report back to the administration.

The University's involvement in the development of this area, and the adjoining land of the towns, borough and the University was one of the considerations in forming this commission, Armington said.

# Phi Beta Kappa Plans Initiation Of 34 Seniors

Thirty-four seniors have met the requirements for Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society.

The requirements include an All-University average of 3.5 or more and at least 80 per cent of the courses required for graduation must have been in liberal arts subjects.

The new initiates will be honored on Thursday during a banquet in the Nittany Lion Inn. They include:

Ronald Althouse, Rita Anderson, Thomas Beadling, Barbara Beamer, Barbara Benner, Arleen Bickel, Bernice Bongiorno, Susan Borchers, Karin Brindley and Anne Castrodale.

Jane Crowl, Alan Elms, Elizabeth Floegel, Joan Freeman, Clair Garmann, Francis Henderson, Bradlee Karan, Roland Klemmer, John Krall and Jean Lohrovick.

Alice Mahachek, Erika Mares, Barbara Matusow, Melina Mazza, Kristin Meyer, Dorothy Newman, Charles O'Connor, Margaret Orchard, Susan Reen, Melanie Schla-pak, David Schleicher, Dorothy Smeal, Lee VanBremen and Margaret Smyers Wolf.

# India Shaken By Hostilities With China, Says Menon

By SUSIE EBERLY

India was shaken to the core by the outbreak of boundary disputes between she and China, N. D. Menon, first secretary of the Indian Embassy in Washington, said Thursday night speaking on "India: Her Outlook On Her Present Crisis."

"This crisis looms large in the eyes of the Indian people because for 300 years there was never a period of hostility until last year between India and her northern neighbor," Menon said.

Recounting the history of India's relations with China and Tibet, which was almost always under China's hand, Menon said that in 1819 the British government, which then ruled India, negotiated a treaty with Tibet.

This treaty delineated the boundaries of India and included the

province where the outbreak occurred last year, Menon said. This line was not questioned by China at that time or in another conference in 1914.

When India achieved sovereignty in 1947, she accepted the international commitments which the British had made when in power.

"Again in 1949 when the new government of China took over, there was no question as to what the territory of India included and what its boundaries were," Menon said.

The first sign that China did not accept the boundary line came in 1958 when the Tibetan hostilities began, Menon said. The differences of opinion which have been marked are to a certain extent not able to be abridged but it is hoped that they can be reconciled, he said. "We must live for many years side by side, and we cannot get up and walk out of Asia," Menon added.

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