

Editorial Opinion

Khrushchev May Have Overacted Summit Role

As if he were starring in a Hollywood stereophonic, Todd-A-O super colossus, Nikita Khrushchev pushed his summit performance to the limit yesterday in an attempt to bring down the curtain at the beginning of the first act and expecting a thunderous ovation for his Soviet stage crew

The portly, bald-headed thespian changed the script, however, from the usual "cast of thousands" to a cast of one with an audience of millions.

Chmaxing his soliloquy in appropriate fashion, Khrushchev made the most natural exhortation expected of an avowed atheist. With outstretched hands he whimpered. "As God is my witness, my hands are clean and my soul is pure."

The communist chief took full advantage of inept U.S. blunders of the past week to influence his captive audience that the full blame for current international tensions rests with the U. S.

Not allowing even the Big Four meeting to remain sacrosanct, the master strategist played it to the hilt with but one aim in mind—to pile up as great a propaganda advantage as possible.

Often portrayed in the American press as a buffoon or clown, Khrushchev donned the high hat and tails of the ringmaster and literally turned the meeting into a farcical three-ring circus.

And in the eyes of uneasy millions who awaited the results of this summit conference with bated breath, the Russians' top box office attraction may be guilty of overacting.

For it was he that clamored for the summit meeting all last year while the U. S. remained cool to the idea. He was the one who was not satisfied with lower level conferences but maintained that the only way any meaningful agreements could be reached would be at a council of the Big Four chiefs.

And then when the fateful day arrived he proved that his primary interests were not in reaching or even attempting to reach solutions to any of the critical issues that face the divided world today but only to squeeze out every drop of anti-U. S. sentiment.

He betrayed the professed goal of his own long-sought summit conference and subverted it to a base propoganda source.

It hardly appears that the U. S. or any other nation for that matter, will be receptive to his pleas for a delayed conference some six or eight months hence or place much faith in his acting in the interests of peace then.

As for Eisenhower's canceled trip to the Soviet Union, the President will probably use the time to extend his visits to Asian countries. Khrushchev succeeded in cutting off one of the U.S.'s best offensives—the popular appeal of Eisenhower—to the USSR. But in this age of globe-trotting diplomacy it will be just as important to utilize that appeal in Asia.

Khrushchev is not as dedicated to the Communist theory that communism can be built upon the ruins of capitalism as Stalin or Mao Tse-tung. He does not want war. But the U. S. diplomatic corps from lowest to highest echelon must sharpen its tactics for it is dealing with one of the most cunning minds seen in modern history.

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Gazette

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Grad Protests Cutting of Plank On Prejudice

TO THE EDITOR: Thursday's Collegian reported the Campus party has dropped the anti-discrimination plank from its platform. The reason stated was that the issue is "personal, rather than one on which SGA could express the opinion of the entire student body."

Of course this reason is a legitimate one: certain issues are personal, and are not ones on which any government may give a proper opinion.

The merits of the Pittsburgh Pirates, the appeal of Picasso's art, the desirability of Marilyn Monroe, whether or not Bermuda shorts look good on knobby knees, my mother's cooking — all are subjects dear to my heart — I would rise in revolt against any government purporting to represent me in these matters.

But these are matters of taste and inclination — they are certainly not within the realm of governmental activity. The realm of government is to express and enforce those ideas which would be ineffectual if left to individual action.

And the issue of discrimination in the nation, and in State College, Pa, does fall within this realm. Discrimination and prejudice are particularly ugly forms of stupidity, having painful repercussions upon a large segment of the American population. Such stupidity exists, unfortunately, in State College; any SGA assembly which fails to recognize its existence is merely sticking its head in the sand.

When a political party has its members elected upon the strength of a given platform, and then proceeds to rescind portions of that platform, it is exhibiting embarrassing immaturity. The time to amend platforms is before elections, not after.

To claim that the anti-discrimination plank does not represent the entire student is false logic carried to its most expedient end. Representatives were elected on their platforms — their platforms obviously expressed the opinion of the voters. Shouldn't SGA enforce those opinions?

—Stanley Jernow, Graduate Student

Interpreting

U.S. to Be Blamed For Paris Crisis

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

The world is going to blame the United States for the Paris crisis despite the appearance that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev is merely seeking more time to exploit the propaganda weapon handed him through the U2 American spy plane incident.

Indeed, there was some reason for believing all along that

Khrushchev, faced by an unyielding Allied position on Berlin, would aim primarily at putting the blame for continued world tension on the West. Hope for any meaningful easement had dwindled long before the May Day flight.

Then Khrushchev was given the opportunity to take a position against the United States which any country would have taken under similar circumstances. But he did have a choice.

He could have passed up the U2 opportunity if his interest in lessening tensions at the summit — and ending the flights that way — had been transcendent.

It was becoming obvious by the end of last week that the United States would have to drop the flights because of the attitude of her Allies if for no other reason. To have continued them in the face of the Soviet ultimatum



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would have been provocation beyond the realm of calculated risk, and would have created a world storm.

If President Eisenhower had announced discontinuance of the flights before reaching Paris, Khrushchev might have been thrown off balance and the world would have accepted it as a gesture to save the conference. As it is, it appears to have come too late to prevent a break between Khrushchev and Eisenhower.

Khrushchev, as late as last week, was talking about bypassing the U2 incident at the summit and promising to negotiate there in good faith. But that would have stopped the tide of Allied and neutral criticism of the United States, something that finally proved too good for him to give up.

HOSPITAL

Edward Allen, Lester Amann, Judith Everett, Marcia Hartick, Robin Krause, Goldie Laris, Joseph Lawrence, Anne Mahoney, John McCollough, Carol Oswald, Vincent Salico, Carmen Santinoceto, Mary Schmitt, Keith Straley, Carole Sweeney, Howard Warren, Evelyn Wilson.

Letters

Frosh Speaks on Apathy

TO THE EDITOR: Dear Mr. Lewis (re letter, Saturday's Collegian), thank you so very much for replying to the letter which I wrote and was presented on Friday. However, I do feel that the sarcasm and barbs which were prevalent in your answer were uncalled for. You seem to take my original contention of general apathy as personal insult, or as an insult to the men in the Nittany dorms. How very wrong you are.

Speaking of the only dorm with which I am relatively familiar (Nittany 29), I can say that I have never seen such comradeship among an independent group of men. It is because I admit to this that I feel that these men deserve much more than what they are getting.

While again misinterpreting my original thesis, you seem to think that a good average equals an intellectual. Of course, a good average can indicate intelligence,

but, actually, what is intelligence? If you consider a man an intellectual merely because his average is good, you are greatly mistaken.

To memorize facts and figures doesn't require a vast amount of physical and mental exertion, but, however, to be able to adjudicate on these facts, to interpret clearly, to read widely, to converse intelligently, and to broaden oneself through contact with life and people does.

This is the principal core of my argument. For I believe that, in general, the student becomes so engrossed in his required books that he forgets the world about him.

This is why I have taken the time to answer your letter. I'm glad to see you angry, since it illustrates that, unlike many, you are more than a mere mass of protoplasm. Whether we agree or disagree is irrelevant. We are thinking — that is enough.

—Regina Vassalotti, '63

Jr. Residence Plan Backed

TO THE EDITOR: I was one of those so-called "leaders" who heard Dean Lipp speak last Tuesday evening about her new policy at Penn State. Since I am a freshman, I am not familiar with the old regulations of women, but I think most of us will agree that the changes being made are almost worth a note in the Penn State history books.

It occurred to me as Dean Lipp spoke that the women on this campus who protest the most against her policies are so ambivalent in their thinking it is a wonder they can remain here at all.

Are we so weak that we cannot accept our situation and adjust to it? We are supposed to be women,

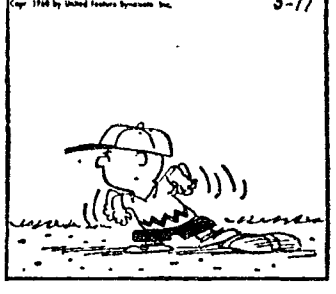
not blubbering children who protest just for exercise.

Let's give our dean a chance. She is human and might make a few small mistakes, but let us all learn together; this is what college is for.

The new resident counselor plan is a good one. It probably will take time to get started and working efficiently but as long as there are people willing to work on it, it will succeed.

Too often we criticize the work of other people without the slightest notion of helping out. If we want to be treated like adults then let's act maturely. Basically this mature attitude is all we need for effective communication.

—Lillian Dawson, '63



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