

Editorial Opinion

An Unhonorable Death In House Committee

It was with expected dismay that we viewed the report from our Washington correspondent that the bill to eliminate the loyalty oath for student loans under the National Defense Education Act of 1958 will probably die an unnoticed death in a House committee.

And after it had appeared to be well on its way. It passed the Senate in mid-June but failed to make it through the convention-minded House before the Western rush began.

With returning Democrats determined to make an impressive last ditch effort to push through as many of their platform paving measures as possible and the Republicans just as determined to prevent the Democrats from storing up campaign fodder, the loyalty oath bill will probably meet an unhonorable fate in the cylindrical file.

It appears that its only slim hope might be if Jack Kennedy who co-sponsored the bill along with Joseph Clark in the Senate might remember how strongly he was backed by the "college crowd" during his recent campaign to the presidential nomination and might take time to ask his boys to see that it gets through the Democratic-controlled House.

Maybe the American students should react as Japanese, Korean, Turkish and others around the world have and exert a little visible pressure in Washington.

It is disappointing, for the superfluous oath which degrades the integrity of the American student had brought clamors for action from insulted campuses across the nation, presenting one of the few united fronts for student action.

But the bill will die and the United States, the supposed showcase of democracy, will only show to the world how deep and lasting are the scars of McCarthyism.

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Interpreting

UN Straddles Taut Katanga Tightrope

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst The United Nations, trying to provide a security force to replace Belgian soldiers in the Congo without getting involved in the new country's political affairs, is walking a tightrope in Katanga.

The provincial premier is threatening to fight rather than let UN occupation produce a de-facto reunion with the Leopoldville faction. Observers discount this threat, but he is making a show of mobilizing.

The Katanga armed forces are Belgian-officered. Belgians are against UN entry and won't promise to get out in a hurry. Belgians fear the Leopoldville government threatens their interests through Communist leanings. They are trying to preserve large business interests in Katanga.

Katanga could make it, economically, as a separate state. The rest of Congo would be unstable.

UN accepted Congo membership as a single state. In 1950 the UN took up arms to defend South Korea against aggression.

The organization also has used troops to enforce peace in the Middle East.

This time aggression is not involved. The UN troops, regardless of intent, have provided time for the Leopoldville faction to organize. The Belgians have provided time for the Katanga faction to organize.

The Security Council ordered what is being done in the Leopoldville area with the idea that it would apply nationwide. Since then the situation has changed. Now its order involves a civil dispute which had not taken clear form at the time. And it also involves the Belgian business interests.

At the worst, this means an international army fighting to enforce a Security Council concept. At the best, it means freezing the ball until Congolese factions can be brought together and a constitutional government formed to protect all political factions and foreign business interests, which are also essential to a stable Congolese state.

Dateline Washington

Loyalty Oath Repeal Lost in Committee

By KAY MILLS

Collegian Washington Correspondent

The controversial non-Communist affidavit seems destined to remain in the National Defense Education Act of 1958 for at least another year, according to reports from the offices of two Pennsylvania legislators.

Under the existing law, students applying for government loans for education must sign these affidavits.

A bill to repeal the oath requirement passed the Senate June 15.

It was sponsored by Democratic Senators Joseph S. Clark (Pa.) and John F. Kennedy (Mass.).

Mr. Benjamin Read, legislative assistant to Sen. Clark, said that the bill is "almost certain to die in committee."

James E. Van Zandt, a Republican and the congressman from the 20th Pennsylvania district, reported by letter that the bill is now before the House Armed Services Committee. It has also had hearings before the House Subcommittee on Special Education.

Van Zandt, whose constituents include residents of Centre County, added that hearings were started in the Armed Services Committee but "were postponed indefinitely."

"It is hard to tell," he said, "what action will be taken after Congress reconvenes as efforts will be made to adjourn as quickly as possible." He also said that he did not think the legislation would "be considered by the House during this Congress."

The House of Representatives reconvenes for its post-convention session Aug. 15; the Senate, a week earlier on Aug. 8.

GAZETTE

TODAY

Concert by chorus from Band, Orchestra and Chorus School, no admission charge, 8 p.m., Schwab Auditorium. Swimming for men and women, admission by matriculation card, 4 and 8 p.m., Glennland Pool.

TOMORROW

Square Dance, music by Nittany Mountaineers, Dick Waite caller, no admission charge, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom.

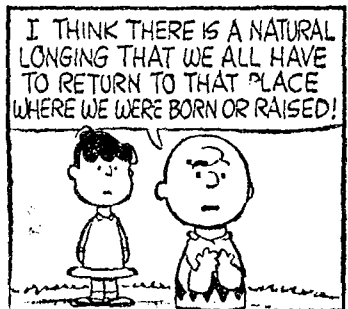
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Recital by Band, Orchestra, and Chorus School students, no admission charge, 8 p.m., Schwab Auditorium.

MONDAY

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m., HUB Cardroom. Golf for women, 5 p.m., Holmes Field. Swimming for women, 4 p.m., White Hall Pool.

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