

Clark Says USA is Losing Authority

By BARB YUNK
The United States has had an increasing tendency to lose its spiritual authority as well as its economic authority in the world, according to Sen. Joseph Clark (D.-Pa.).

In a speech Wednesday afternoon, Clark said that this country cannot be strong abroad until it is strong at home. The country cannot be strong, he continued, if our actions hold it up to shame. "When we should speak softly and carry a big stick," he said, "the stick we have for our defense is getting smaller and smaller."

The Iron Curtain has not been rolled back, Clark said. On the contrary, it has rolled forward until it is in Cuba, seven minutes by jet from our shores.

Our strength has eroded abroad while problems have increased at home, he said. Things such as our educational system will not improve until we pay our teachers more — something which cannot be done without federal

aid to education. The tax system for education on the local level, Clark said, is a burden on those who can least afford to pay.

Another problem area, he said, is relief of depressed areas. To illustrate his opinion that this situation is critical, he described the town of Briarwood in Fayette County. This town, located on top of an abandoned bituminous coal mine, has 1000 inhabitants, he said, —all on relief.

When questioned about his support of the move to repeal the Disclaimer Affidavit, Clark replied that the affidavit is counter to all the civil liberties of this country.

Under the Disclaimer Affidavit, students wishing to secure a National Defense Education Act scholarship must sign a notarized statement that they never have been a member of a Communist

organization. The bill to repeal this affidavit was passed by the Senate but died in a House committee.

Clark explained that he had taken oaths to support the Constitution when he became mayor

of Philadelphia and when he became a U.S. senator and he said he felt that any attempt to ask for more was an insult to American citizens.

"The farmer can get millions of dollars in government subsidies without taking any oath," he said. "The fact that students must take an oath to get a scholarship makes me mad."

School Spirit--

(Continued from page four) as a sport, and not as a world shaking event upon the outcome of which depends all that's sacred at Penn State.

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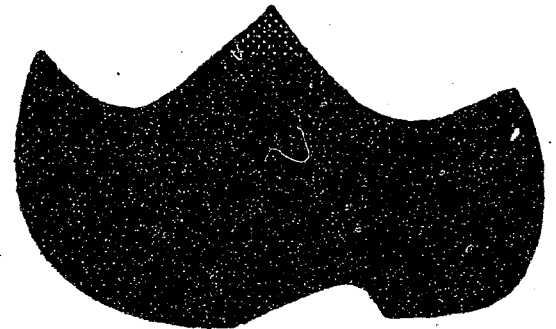
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