

Editorial Opinion

At Least 14 Reasons

For every three things we can find to complain about this November 24 there are probably about 14 reasons to be thankful.

However, just as the figures 14 and 3 evoke different feelings from Pitt and Penn State rooters, so the reasons to be thankful will vary from person to person. But a pause in the midst of tension or turmoil to give thanks is characteristic of our American way of life.

Some will disagree saying that there exists no "American way of life," and that our people have no common cultural heritage because of the diversity of our backgrounds.

But we prefer to believe that our nation has become rich through this diversity, rich with the cultures of many lands and with the ideas of many people.

Today, most of these differences have been accepted and fused into the "American way."

Curiously enough, the first Thanksgiving Day was officially proclaimed when the nation was divided and in the midst of a civil war.

American was fighting American, yet President Lincoln found reasons to be thankful and time to give thanks saying in 1863, "The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies."

Today, our nation is one but our world moves into the future divided into armed camps with tension rising and falling like ocean waves on a stormy day.

Our country moves forward on an uncharted course facing internal problems of integration, overcrowded schools, unemployment and defense.

Our people move amidst the tension on the national and international scene and must face their individual problems and disappointments.

But on November 24, we hope our characteristic optimism creeps through and each U.S. citizen pauses to count his reasons to be thankful.

On the Exodus

We hope all Penn Staters leaving the campus today and tomorrow will drive carefully. We do not like to come back from vacation and have to write gruesome accident stories. There are other ways to get your name in the paper.

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Collegiate Press Reports

From the Intercollegiate Press KENT, Ohio — More colleges and universities are instituting four-year honors programs for "superior" students, according to a Kent State University faculty study. The survey of honors work at 75 colleges and universities shows that nearly half of the institutions have four-year programs.

A trend, according to the study, is the increasing reliance on course work and independent study for the honors program. Course work is used at 95 per cent of the institutions, independent study at 70 per cent, acceleration of work at 18 per cent, while 11 per cent give advanced standing for freshmen.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Women's Panhellenic Association at Ohio State University has announced that full support has been received from the administration on their anti-discrimination resolution.

A file of national constitutions of sororities has been collected and, in accordance with the resolution, no new groups with discriminatory clauses will be recognized on campus.

Any sorority that has discriminatory clauses in its constitution will be required to report the positive action that they are taking to eliminate them.

The administration is also gathering the constitutions of all other campus organizations. Those with discriminatory clauses will be required to report in the same manner as the sororities.

U.S. Air Force Grants \$120,000 for Study

The University has acquired a one-year grant of \$120,000 from the United States Air Force.

The grant will be used to conduct experiments analyzing materials suitable for application in supersonic aircraft, missiles and space-craft.

Interpreting

Economic Fireworks Seen In Bonn Talks

By JACK KOEHLER

BONN, Germany (AP)—This week's economic talks in Bonn between West Germany and the United States may produce some spectacular fireworks—about \$479 million worth.

This sum—about two million marks, is included in a four-billion-mark program—mapped out by the Bonn government to aid needy nations.

The United States, which has been pressing prosperous West Germany to contribute more money to underdeveloped nations, apparently wants the entire amount spent next year.

But the West Germans want to spread the \$479 million over a period of several years, informed sources say.

This point is likely to produce stormy sessions at the talks, which begin today. Informants said the Bonn government looks toward the meetings with mixed feelings.

Another point of possible conflict is the cost of maintaining U.S. troops in West Germany, the cause of a considerable drain on the U.S. dollar and gold reserves. The Germans fear the Americans will press Bonn for a direct contribution toward these costs.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government knows that Washington is looking for a genuine German foreign aid contribution.

President Eisenhower has made it clear he expects the wealthy West German government to help stop the outflow of U.S. gold by picking up some of the financial burden of helping area nations.

Heading the talks for the U.S. side are secretary of the Treasury Robert B. Anderson and Undersecretary of State C. Douglas Dillon.

Adenauer's Cabinet approved

the foreign aid program for 1961 but the exact amount of money involved has been a closely guarded secret.

Informants said the total will vary between \$852 and \$909 million. Of this amount, German industry has agreed to make available \$360 million. About \$119 million would be raised through the sale of shares of the state-owned Volkswagen company.

The remainder of foreign aid would come from federal and state budgets and the use of U.S. aid counterpart funds.

Informants said it is the \$479 man industry has agreed to wagen money that the government hopes to spread over several years. So that the total amount planned for spending in 1961 actually is well below the level Washington apparently considers adequate.

The Bonn government has repeatedly said the center of the discussions will be foreign aid. Anderson has said the talks also will include the cost of maintaining U.S. troops in West Germany.

The Adenauer government does not want to make direct contributions to subsidize U.S. troop maintenance costs for psychological reasons.

Officials said such a contribution could awaken bad memories about past occupation costs. And it also could prompt other nations with troops stationed here to make similar demands.

However, some Bonn officials have said West Germany may be willing to give more money to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a whole.

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Ag Economics, 8 p.m., 214, 215, 216, HUB
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Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
College of Education faculty, 4:15 p.m., HUB assembly room
Faculty Luncheon Club, 12 noon, dining room "A" HUB
Materials Science Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 105 Mechanical Engineering
State College Color Slide Club, 7:30 p.m., MI auditorium

WDFM Schedule

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9:45 News, Sports, Weather
10:00 Symphonic Notebook
12:00 Sign Off

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler

