

Editorial Opinion

An Arm of Hope for Students

The devastating riots in Algeria this week are further evidence that within a few years this country is going to be independent.

Who are going to be its leaders when this country, whose native Moslem population has an illiteracy rate of over 80 per cent, begins self-rule?

Very likely many of them may come from among Algerian Moslem students now refugees in Morocco and Tunisia.

According to the latest census by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, there are approximately 1100 refugee Algeria students in Tunisia and 600 in Morocco.

These students had no opportunity to study in their strife-torn homeland. Many were told to leave the country and stay away from the fighting because they were more valuable to the future of their country as students.

These students are not revolutionaries, but are involved in a revolutionary situation and will help build the foundation of the government when this nation emerges.

In America where it may soon be necessary to have a college degree to drive a milk truck, the vital importance to Algeria of this elite minority of persons with any education may not be grasped. But as has happened in the already independent

states in Africa and Southeast Asia this small educated core, so recently just students, will man most of the governmental posts.

In Tunisia and Morocco the Algerian refugee students live in squalor, survive on marginal starchy foodstuffs that do more to fill the belly than strengthen the limbs, and fight for the few ragged texts available on any subject.

The Soviet Union, East Germany and Red China try to woo them with scholarships to study behind the Iron Curtain. Some go. But more refuse, though they may be giving up the only chance they'll ever get for education.

But there is an arm of help for them in organizations like World University Service, the international student agency to which the students of any country can turn in time of crisis.

WUS maintains hostels for housing and feeding these refugee students. It maintains health clinics and centers where classes are taught. It furnishes books and supplies. It gives as many scholarships as possible.

The Algerian case is only one example of WUS's actions supplying individual and emergency aid to students throughout the world who are caught in the race between education and catastrophe.

Will the Trend Turn Upward?

Tonight's SGA meeting may well set the tone for the crucial weeks coming up for student government at this University.

In contrast to many previous weeks there will be several important issues to be considered. The thing to watch is how these issues are handled and the discussion and interest they evoke.

There will be three important committee reports — commonwealth campus integration, inter-racial problems and rules committee — plus the internal business of president pro tempore and rules committee elections, to say nothing of resolving the dilemma posed by six extra Assemblymen.

But even more important is what action will be taken after Ted Simon's report on a university bookstore—an issue which has served as fuel for political campaigns for years.

And what will be the reaction to a startling but intriguing proposal by John Brandt that SGA hire a full-time executive secretary?

And what will happen to Walter Darran's frank challenge to student government members to change their attitude, awaken to vaster responsibilities to the student body, and come out of their hiber-

nation to take stands on issues of larger scope whether they have worked out detailed solutions or not?

For the first time this year a report may be coaxed out of the executive as to the status of certain issues and the committee work already done or now underway, when Wayne Ulsh raises his questions.

While cries about breakdowns in communications have arisen from all sides, the most devastating break exists between the SGA executive and the SGA legislative.

The University Board of Trustees has its semi-annual meeting in January. Has anyone thought that tonight's meeting will probably be the last chance SGA has to take action on any issue it would want brought before the Trustees?

And who will speak at Assembly? The same three or four that have been carrying the load all semester? Will new life be evident? As of 10 o'clock last night only half of the SGA members had picked up their agenda which have been ready since 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Wheels have started rolling and tonight SGA can prove it is on the way to redeeming itself through action—action that must be (1) positive and (2) dynamic.

Letters

Darran Resolution Backed

TO THE EDITOR: I agree with the editorial in Wednesday's Collegian. I too feel that not only should SGA take stands on on-campus issues, but also it should concern itself with issues that directly affect the rights of all students everywhere — for instance the segregation problem in the South with its student sit-in strikes.

You mentioned in your editorial the student committees at the University of California at Berkeley which concern themselves with the Cuba problem and the House of Un-American Activities Committee.

As a point of information, I would like to note that last year the President of that University, Clark Kerr, came forth with three propositions which came to be known as Kerr's Directives. These soon to be hated directives rejected the rights of all student councils or any other student group to take a stand on off-campus issues.

Through the combined efforts of the student leaders of all seven campuses, they were able to put enough pressure on President Kerr and his colleagues to modify these directives so that groups such as the above could function. At

Penn State we have this privilege handed to us on a silver platter, and what do we do? We ignore its existence.

Hats off to Mr. Darran. Let's hope his proposal goes through and SGA, by acting accordingly, will then be able to stimulate the interest of more than a mere 17 per cent of the student body.

—Joan Brass, '62

Color Change

TO THE EDITOR: Have you noticed the color of the bulbs in the Christmas "Greetings" decoration hanging in front of the West Halls Quadrangle? The color is a dull blue and doesn't brighten the display as well as it should.

Christmas is the time for bright feelings and cheerfulness. How is one supposed to get Christmas cheer by looking at a row of nine blue blurs in the night?

If these blue bulbs were taken out and replaced by some red, yellow, green, or other colored bulbs, the display would be brightened up and be easily read, thus giving a bright, warm "Greetings" to all who may look at it.

—Ronald Sebosky, '64

World at a Glance

Kennedy May Tap Poage For Ag Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. W. R. Poage, a Texan with nearly a quarter of a century of experience in farm legislation, is being considered by President-elect John F. Kennedy for secretary of agriculture, a Kennedy caller said yesterday.

One of Poage's fellow Texans, Rep. Albert Thomas, told newsmen that Kennedy likes Poage "very much and he is giving the matter consideration."

It was obvious that Thomas brought up Poage's name, which has figured with many others in speculation about whom Kennedy finally will tap to head the Agriculture Department. It's a job which has been something of a hot-spot.

Thomas was at least the second Democratic House member to recommend Poage, who hails from Waco. Also a Democrat, Poage, 60, was elected to the House in 1936 and has risen to second place on the Democratic side of the House Agriculture Committee.

Five Cabinet posts remain: secretaries of the Agriculture, Treasury and Labor Departments, attorney general and postmaster general.

Battle Continues For Laos Capital

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP)—The seesaw battle for this Laotian capital focused yesterday on the center of the city, where anti-Communist forces tried to dislodge a mixed pro-Communist force.

Troops loyal to Gen. Phoumi Nosavan advanced from the northern section of the city against stiff resistance put up by paratroops and pro-Communist Pathet Lao guerrillas commanded by Capt. Kong Le.

One of the focal points of the fighting was the area around army headquarters and the Ministry of Defense. Kong Le's men, identified by their red armbands, put up heavy mortar and machine gun fire against armored cars and infantry wearing white arm bands.

It was the second day of battle that followed a night of confusion and scattered gunfire during which Kong Le's pro-Communist forces retook the center of the city. They had lost it Tuesday afternoon.

8-Jet Bomber Breaks Record

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "We have just proved that American bombers can hit Russia with nuclear payloads and either fly home or go on to safe territory."

This statement was made yesterday by Lt. Col. Thomas R. Grissom shortly after his B52G Stratofortress set a world record of 10,000 miles without refueling.

Grissom, 36, of Cory, Ind., flew here after landing early yesterday at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., following a 19-hour, 45-minute flight over American territory.

The eight-jet B52G, advanced version of the B52 that serves as a mother ship for the drop-launched X16 rocket plane, can carry a nuclear bomb and two Hound Dog missiles.

Support Secured For Housing Bill

HARRISBURG (AP) — A fair housing law will be passed by the 1961 legislature under bipartisan sponsorship, the chairman of the Pennsylvania Equal Rights Council predicted yesterday.

Walter Gay Jr. of Philadelphia said that the council had secured sponsorship commitments for the controversial legislation from Republicans and Democrats in both houses.

A fair housing law passed the House in the 1959 legislature but was killed by a Republican-controlled Senate committee.

Gay said the 1961 bill will be the same, with minor language changes, as the 1959 measure.

The 1959 fair housing law would have prohibited discrimination in the lease or sale of housing on grounds of race, color or creed. The only exception was in the case of owner-occupied single homes and owner-occupied duplexes.

UN Downs Colonialism

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) —The United Nations called yesterday for an end to colonialism.

The United States abstained on the vote but its only Negro delegate, Zelma Watson George, stood and joined in applause at the General Assembly's action.

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Alpha Phi Men, 6 p.m., 214 HUB
AWS Judicial Pollock, 3:30 p.m., 217 HUB
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