

Editorial Opinion

Where Are They Now?

Ever since the fall semester began a constant clamor over downtown housing problems has filled the atmosphere.

The State College Chamber of Commerce took an interest in the situation and decided to look into it further.

They asked the most qualified man they knew—Dr. William G. Mather, head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology—to draw up a housing survey.

This is a concrete step to analyze the downtown housing situation. But now where are the students who were raising the clamor?

Last week a call was issued for all interested students to work as interviewers. Only 31 signed up. At least 250 are needed to conduct the survey efficiently.

A final plea has been made for student workers to attend a meeting at 7 tonight in 121 Sparks.

If there are 250 students on this campus interested in the downtown housing situation, they should be in that meeting.

'Honor' Residence Halls

Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp's plan to initiate "honor" dormitories for women is perhaps idealistic but certainly workable and we hope she has the opportunity to carry it out.

When Penn State's women graduate and go out into the world to work, there will be no senior resident around to make sure they meet that 11:30 deadline.

For women who have demonstrated their responsibility such dormitories would be both a reward for achievement and a place in which to develop even more responsibility. It will give them a chance to function as adults.

Women are scheduled to be moved into Runkle Hall next fall and this dormitory has no facilities for hostesses or senior residents.

If the honor plan were to go into effect then, the women living in Runkle would have their own keys and would not sign in or out. These women would staff and organize activities in the residence hall themselves.

We hope some of the problems connected with the plan can be worked out in time for it to be instituted on a small scale next fall and eventually to be expanded.

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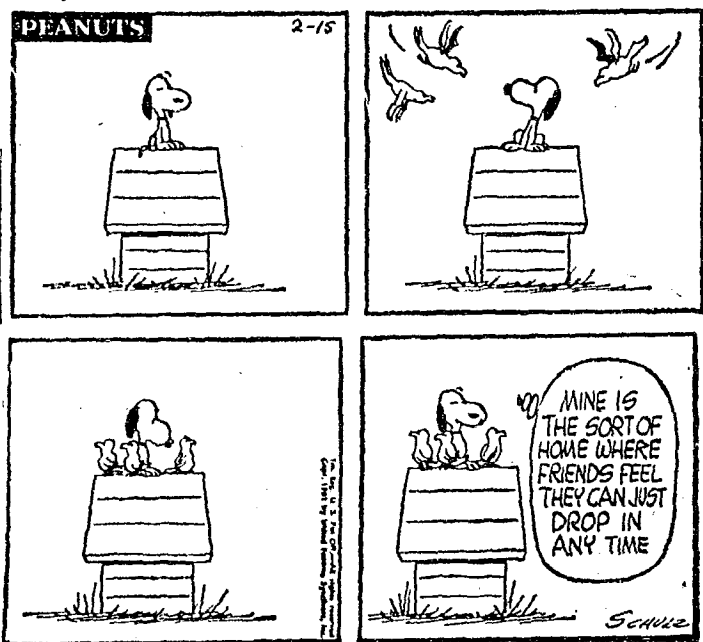
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Letters

Frosh Find 'Negotiations' Undesirable

TO THE EDITOR: After reading your editorial of Jan. 12, 1961 concerning Laos, we find that we cannot agree with your solution of the problem — that of settling it by negotiation for a coalition government in Laos.

We also disagree with your contention that negotiation with the Communists is the way to settle disputes.

Such negotiation can only bring eventual disaster to the free world; for in every negotiation with the Reds since FDR recognized them, they have gained and we have lost.

We agree that if Laos falls to the Communists, it would be a stepping stone for them to conquer the rest of Southeast Asia, and that the West cannot tolerate this; but we feel that a "Coalition Government," such as the one that was recently in power in Laos (and packed with Reds), would be merely a halfway step in the Communists' attempt to take it over.

Let us demonstrate just how the Communists conquer through negotiation. You have a pie. A bully wants it. In order to avoid a fight, you give him half. You lose, he gains. The same bully then demands the rest of the pie. Again, to prevent a fight, you give him half of the rest, leaving you with one fourth of the pie. Again you lose and he gains. That is exactly the method used by the Communists to get territory throughout the world, and it is the exact method and pattern occurring in Southeast Asia today.

Before 1954, all of Southeast Asia was solidly pro-Western. The Reds started a war in Indochina with nothing to lose and all to gain. So, to stop violence, we negotiated.

The Communists gained North Viet-Nam; the West lost it, and now has but two-thirds of the territory it had before the negotiation. Should we negotiate again and lose more? Is that the solution?

Negotiate for a compromise, and eventually all the SE Asia will go Red. Withdrawal from Laos would only speed up the Reds. The only solution is for the West to put enough force into Laos to scare the Reds out of the place and fast. A bully will always retreat when his challenge is met.

—Carl Thormeyer '64  
—George Kelchner '64

Snowed  
Missile Lag Exists

by joel myers

A few weeks ago a statement slipped out of the State Department which carried the claim that the missile lag had gone up in a puff of smoke.

This statement proved rather embarrassing to the new chief executive, since much of his victorious campaign for the presidency was constructed on the declining strength of the United States.

Just a few days before the statement slipped out, Kennedy had told the nation "the tide of events has been running out and time has not been our friend." This further implied that a time lag existed between our military capabilities and those of the Soviet Union.



MYERS

The recent launching of the Venus Space Station by the Russians served to again warn the people of the United States and the rest of the world that Russian space gains continue to surpass ours.

This demonstration of space leadership is probably well correlated with military rocket leadership.

If so, this would nullify the

unfounded claims that the missile lag had vaporized.

This will be of great value to the Soviets in furthering their policy of intimidating the smaller nations of the world. It puts the United States on the diplomatic as well as the military defensive.

However, it does again demonstrate that we are not in a position of command. We continue to slip behind a national power whose ultimate goal is to "bury us."

The precision of the Venus shot, if successful, may be shown by reducing its scale to something that we are all capable of visualizing. It is quite similar to a man firing a gun from the Kremlin in Moscow and hitting the American flag atop the Capitol Building in Washington.

The tide of events has not yet completely deserted our shorelines, it can still be diked. Time is a flexible dimension, it can again be transformed into our friend.

Gazette

TODAY

- Accounting Club, 7:15 p.m., 209 Home
- Er. South
- AIM, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
- ASAF, 7 p.m., 205 Agricultural Engineering
- AWS Atherton Council, 8 p.m., Mrs. Duzger's office
- Chees Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
- Circa Literary staff, 7 p.m., 304 Boucke
- Collegian News Candidates, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie
- Engineering Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
- Fencing Club, 7 p.m., 8 White Hall
- Freshman Class Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m., 215 HUB
- Gamma Gamma Sigma, pledges and

- officers, 6:15 p.m., 205 Boucke
- Infirmary Committee, 7:15 p.m., 212 HUB
- IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
- Lutheran Students Holy Communion, 6:30 a.m., Grace Lutheran Church
- Lutheran Students Breakfast, 7:15 a.m., Lutheran Student Center
- Men's Residence Council, 8 p.m., 217 HUB
- Phi Epsilon Kappa, 9 p.m., 214 HUB
- Placement Service, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
- Riding Club, 7 p.m., 105 Armist
- Sports Car Club, 8 p.m., 212-213 HUB
- Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Women's Chorus LaVie Photo, 9:30 p.m., Penn State Photo
- WSPA, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB

WDFM Schedule

WEDNESDAY

- 3:30 Stock Market Report
- 3:50 News and Weather
- 4:00 Critic's Choice
- 5:00 Three at Five
- 6:00 Studio X
- 6:55 Weatherscope
- 7:00 Marquee Memories
- 7:55 News Roundup
- 8:00 Jazz Panorama
- 9:00 Forum of the Air
- 9:30 Artist Series Preview
- 9:45 News, Sports, Weather
- 10:00 Virtuoso
- 12:00 Sign Off

THURSDAY

- 3:30 Stock Market Report
- 3:50 News and Weather
- 4:00 Critic's Choice
- 5:00 Three at Five
- 6:00 Studio X
- 6:55 Weatherscope
- 7:00 Obelisk
- 7:30 The Jazz Sound
- 7:55 News Roundup
- 8:00 This Is The Subject
- 9:00 Folk Music
- 9:30 Opinion 15
- 9:45 News, Sports, Weather
- 10:00 Chamber Concert
- 12:00 Sign Off

Interpreting

UN to Pay for Mistakes in Congo

By J. M. ROBERTS

The United Nations is now about to reap the harvest of its own mistakes — or perhaps it would be better to say its own disabilities — in the Congo.

It was fairly clear at the beginning of the crisis that by attempting to police the situation, and to help the Congolese establish a stable government in the meantime, the United Nations was attempting to give help where there was no one to help. Trying to establish a stable government quickly was hopeless.

So was trying to establish a long-term trusteeship, under which the United Nations would have taken over lock, stock and barrel for perhaps 20 years until a government cadre could be established. Too members lacked either the money or the will.

In this situation a police action was tried, in which the police were not authorized to act, as though they were deal-

ing with a civilized country where the mere presence of world public opinion could have some effect. It did not.

Different factions constantly challenged U.N. authority from the first, even when every effort was made to stand clear of Congolese politics. Then Rajeshwar Dayal, of India, was sent to head the operation.

Soon there developed a feeling in the West, and there were concrete reports from observers in the Congo, that Dayal was pursuing the Indian type of neutralism which played in the hands of the Lumumba group.

In the last of many arrests, deposed Premier Patrice Lumumba was physically mistreated and finally killed.

The international police had not kept order, and such attempts as they had made gave the neutrals an impression that they were working for the Western powers and for Belgium, the ousted landlord. This feeling grew despite the submerged feeling in the West about Dayal.

Now the Soviet Union has broken relations with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, bringing the situation

back to where it was in 1950 when the Soviets also broke with a former secretary-general Trygve Lie, over U.N. action against the North Korean Communists.

The bridge between the free world and the Communists in the United Nations was broken. Lie eventually removed himself in order that it might be re-established.

U.N. observers are betting Hammarskjold will serve out his term on the ground that retirement of the secretary-general under such pressure would be bad for the United Nations, despite the fact it will mean three years of non-communication between his office and the Soviet Union. Routine will go through the secretariat.

At the end of three years the Communists will veto his reappointment, and refuse to agree on a new secretary-general while promoting their proposal for a three-man top secretariat which would give them a virtual veto on implementation of General Assembly decisions.

The United Nations, having refused in the beginning to pick up the hot coals left by Belgium in the Congo, now faces nothing but trouble.



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