

South Africa Breaks With Commonwealth Over Racial Issue

LONDON (AP) — With a stern warning, South Africa decided last night to quit the British Commonwealth.

The rupture, threatening economic repercussions in the multi-racial group of nations, came over South Africa's racial segregation policies.

The nation's white supremacist prime minister, Henrik Verwoerd, was quoted as telling a Commonwealth conference: "The proceedings at today's meeting which have obligated me to take this regrettable step, in my opinion, mark the beginning of the disintegration of the Commonwealth."

Blaming Asian-African members of the Commonwealth for raising the apartheid issue, Verwoerd mentioned India, Ghana, Malaya and Ceylon.

Verwoerd took the step when the other members insisted on their right to denounce South Africa's apartheid policy.

The decision came after three days of argument by the 11 prime ministers and presidents behind locked doors.

It was a bitter blow to Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. Aware of the consequences of South Africa's withdrawal, Macmillan had toiled in and out of the conference to get a formula acceptable to everyone.

But three leaders of the opposition stood firm — Prime Ministers Nehru of India, John Diefenbaker of Canada and Tonku Abdul Rahman of Malaya.

Verwoerd, a mild-mannered man of 60, made the announcement in a quiet way and no voices were raised from any side at the closed meeting.

Informants quoted Verwoerd as saying: "This free association of states cannot hope to survive if instead of devoting itself to cooperation on matters of common concern, Commonwealth prime ministers are going to continue the practice of interfering in each other's domestic affairs, and if their meetings are to be made the occasion for attacks on fellow members."

South Africa's withdrawal means the end of its 30-year membership in the Commonwealth.

Only once before has a nation quit this steadily growing international association. Ireland left in 1949 because of bitterness engendered by its struggle for independence.

Steinhauer Gets Large Response To Questionnaire

The SGA Bookstore Committee has "a laundry bag full" of responses to the 1000 questionnaires which were sent out last week.

Philip Steinhauer, chairman of the committee, said last night that he could not estimate the number of returns on the questionnaire, but the ones that have come in fill a large laundry bag.

The committee will begin tabulating the results of approximately 1000 questionnaires sent out last week as soon as all of them have been returned, Steinhauer said.

"I urge all students who received the forms to return them by the end of this week, so that our committee can go ahead with its research," Steinhauer said.

After the results are tabulated, he said, they will be incorporated into the committee's final report for the Board of Trustees. The board at its December meeting asked that SGA prove the need for a bookstore before approval would be given for the establishment of one.

The results will be recorded and research continued whether or not need is proven by the survey returns, Steinhauer said.

Working with committee members in tabulating the results is Leslie P. Greenhill, associate director of academic research and services.

Thespian Rehearsal Meets Delay

The dress rehearsal for the Penn State Thespians' production of Leonard Bernstein's "Wonderful Town," which will open at 8 tonight in Schwab, was delayed last night because of a missing cornet score.

The disappearance was discovered Tuesday night when two cornet players could not find the music which had been placed in a bin with their instruments in Carnegie.

The panic was resolved when a businessman agreed to pick up a new score in New York City and bring it to campus for dress rehearsal last night.

At the time the dress rehearsal was scheduled to begin, the music was still on a train between here and New York. After some delay, the show began without it. "Wonderful Town" opened in February 1953 at the Winter Garden Theater in New York and starred Rosalind Russell and Edie Adams.

It is the story of two sisters from Columbus, Ohio, who come to New York, planning to take it by storm, but find themselves mixed up in many exasperating adventures including the rental of a weird Greenwich Village apartment which opens onto a main street of the town.

"Wonderful Town" will star Anne Grant and Susan Brown as the sisters from Ohio; Vince Landro as Baker, a hard-boiled magazine editor; and Walter Glickman as Wreck, an ex-football hero.

Besides tonight's performance, shows are scheduled for 8 p.m. tomorrow and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets for all performances of "Wonderful Town" can be purchased at the Hetzel Union desk.

Film Will Depict 'Ivan's' Daily Life

A candid look at "Ivan Ivanovich" in his daily round of work and play as seen by a Russian-speaking journalist from Minneapolis will be presented in a color film and lecture scheduled for 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday in the Hetzel Union ball room.

The program, sponsored by the Slavic Club, is open to the public.

Scientists Collect Data on Local Blast

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Fire went shooting across the top of a cliff as a dynamite explosion brought approximately 200,000 tons of limestone tumbling down at noon yesterday in a quarry five miles southeast of Tyrone.

Similar explosions are set off each year by the Warner Company of Union Furnace in order to get its annual supply of limestone. The company used 61,000 pounds of dynamite in this explosion.

This year, scientists from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Penn State used the explosion to gather data on seismic waves (shock waves which travel through the

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VOL. 61, No. 102 STATE COLLEGE, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1961 FIVE CENTS

2 Frosh Arrested; Released by Police

Students Caught Taking Articles At McLanahan's

State College police arrested two freshmen Tuesday on charges of pilfering approximately \$825 in clothing and other goods from 21 downtown stores and several fraternities.

The two students were apprehended in McLanahan's Drug Store on S. Allen St. Tuesday, according to John R. Snedden, arresting officer. The pair was caught, he continued, when store officials saw the two slipping several items into their coat pockets.

Store officials detained the students until police arrived, he added.

The freshmen have been released in the custody of the University, Sgt. Matthew A. Seckinger of the State College police said last night.

The two students, whose names are being withheld by police until their hearing this morning, admitted shoplifting since the middle of the fall semester, Snedden said.

Snedden said that 189 stolen items worth an estimated \$825 were found in the boys' Runkle Hall room Tuesday afternoon.

The articles range from beer mugs and shot glasses to Bermuda shorts and sweaters. Other stolen items include: records, books, a radio, a camera and a typewriter.

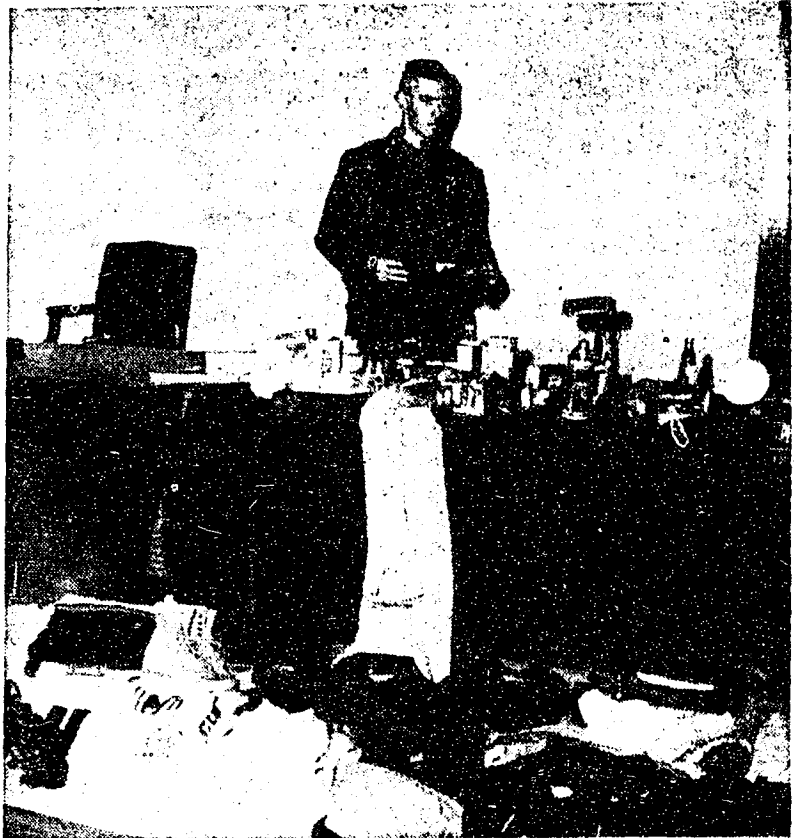
All of the recovered stolen articles were spread out on the council table in the borough building yesterday so that the victimized stores and fraternities could identify stolen items.

Leroy S. Austin, associate dean of men, reported last night that the students would be handled through the normal disciplinary channels of the University after police action had been taken.

Students May Order Caps and Gowns Now

All seniors and graduate students who will receive degrees at commencement on June 10, may now order their caps and gowns at the Athletic Store. The deadline is May 15.

Students will be measured for cap and gown sizes and must place a \$10.14 deposit. A total of \$6.50 will be refunded when the cap and gown are returned.



RECOVERED ITEMS: Patrolman John R. Snedden of the State College police force examines two of the 189 stolen items found in the residence hall room of two University students. The students have been arrested for stealing articles worth \$825 from downtown stores and fraternity houses.

SGA to Hear Plans For Reorganization

Plans for a complete reorganization of the Student Government Association will be presented to the Assembly tonight by Duane Alexander, chairman of the SGA Reorganization Committee, in his first report on the concepts of a revised student government.

Alexander will present a new constitution embodying concepts of student government totally different from the present SGA. He has reported that preliminary provisions under consideration for change are the basis of representation, the size of Assembly, the role of Cabinet and changes in the executive and legislative powers.

It will be up to the Assembly to approve or disapprove the plans, which will then be submitted in final form to the University Senate Committee on Organizational Control for approval.

Alexander said Tuesday it will take at least three meetings for the constitutional changes to be approved by SGA. He said this process should be completed by the second week of April.

To date, none of the plans which Alexander's committee has been working on have been made public, although he says the committee has been working on the proposed changes since late last fall.

According to a procedural rule passed by Assembly last fall, all Assembly committees must submit a report to Rules Committee within one week of their committee meetings. Joan Cavanagh, chairman of the rules committee, said yesterday that the committee has made "no report so far" to Rules Committee.

Alexander's committee met yesterday with the Senate Sub-committee on Organization Control for preliminary discussion of proposed plans.

The success of the investigation could not be determined until the collected data had been interpreted, Nakamura said. He explained that this investigation was only a "practice" session to prepare for experiments to be continued over the summer.

The University group set up their equipment in a railroad bed west of Pine Grove Mills and 15 miles away from the explosion.

Colder Weather

Today should be partly cloudy, windy and colder with a high temperature of 40 degrees. There may be a few brief snow flurries, particularly during the morning hours.

Partly cloudy and colder temperatures are predicted for tonight and the low will be about 24 degrees.

Tomorrow should be cloudy and cold with a chance of snow beginning late in the day or at night.

earth's crust after an explosion or earthquake).

In addition to the scientists, about 30 people traveled, via an old hay wagon, to the top of a ridge running parallel to the quarry and watched the explosion. It resembled a very miniature version of those which took place at Yucca Flats.

James Prout, a research associate in the University of Michigan's Institute for Science and Technology, said his group set up equipment in three different places in Pennsylvania in order to record the vibrations after the explosion.

The Michigan group is measuring the vibrations of explosions and earthquakes in an attempt to learn the differences between a large explosion and an earthquake, Prout said.

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