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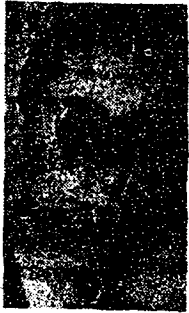
Nixon Loses Again

by joel myers

The post-election fear that President Kennedy would have a difficult time getting along with Congress because of his small margin of victory seems to have been unjustified.

Despite the one-vote defeat of the Kennedy-sponsored minimum wage bill last Thursday, prospects appear bright for much of Kennedy's legislative program.

The young President virtually unknown in national politics just one year ago, is now more popular than ex-President Eisenhower was at a comparable time in his administration according to the latest Gallup poll.



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This survey, which was conducted early this month, showed 73 per cent of those questioned agreed with the way Kennedy was handling his job. In March 1953, 67 per cent of those questioned agreed with the manner in which Ike was handling the presidency.

The difference is even more dramatic than the statistics indicate, because Eisenhower had been in the public limelight as a national hero for many years prior to his election as president.

Kennedy, on the other hand,

began his national political career just slightly more than a year ago.

Kennedy has made excellent use of publicity and communications media to project a favorable image to the electorate.

He has generated confidence in his administration by the nature of his appointments and has secured backing by his support of popular programs, such as the Peace Corps.

His firm position on federal-aid to private schools, a stand which is against his own church but in line with pre-election promises also seems to be politically sound.

It seems ironical that the first man to bow to President Kennedy's political power was the man who lost the Presidential election to him last November. But, when Vice President Nixon announced recently that he would not enter the 1962 California gubernatorial race he, in effect, conceded the 1964 presidential race to Kennedy.

A victory in this race had been considered a necessity for Nixon, if he hopes to capture the GOP Presidential nomination in 1964.

Letters

Junior Discusses Objectives of SANE

TO THE EDITOR: I have recently attended a meeting on this campus of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, commonly known as SANE. The objects of this organization, complete world disarmament of nuclear weapons and an effective controls system must be attained for they are requisite to our national and international security.

National security no longer relies on an adequate defense system, as propounded by our press. The more that nuclear weapons are distributed in America and in numerous small countries, the greater the chances of an accidental nuclear war.

People may be skeptical and say that it is impossible for our defense system to react to false signals, for someone behind a radar screen to mistake an innocent blip for an enemy weapon. Incredible as it may seem, a few months ago, there were radar signals on one of the American bases in Alaska that were interpreted as enemy aircraft — coming from the direction of the Soviet Union.

Men in charge were just about to push that fatal button when news was received that the signals were due to some interference by the moon. If you haven't heard about this

shocking episode, it is probably because the news was not printed in your hometown paper.

Why, it was only given about ten lines in a God-forsaken page of the New York Times. That is how unimportant nuclear arms and their dangers are rated by our government, our press, and our people.

If our own government does not take seriously enough the problem of nuclear disarmament, by showing an honest effort in Geneva and by printing in our press the vital facts — undistorted — then it is up to the American citizens to do something about it. "War is inevitable," say those proponents of the "patterns of history" theory. But the qualifying statement needed today is "... only if the arms race continues." If disarmament is effected, war is certainly not inevitable.

This is where we students come in. SANE is beginning on this campus with a small group of supporters, but it needs the overwhelming support of the student body. This support, in turn, backs the National Committee of SANE, which is a powerful organization today. It represents the people for peace on an international level.

Sooner or later, our government will have to yield to this pressure and agree to disarmament and controls with the international powers, regardless of the effect on the American economy. Security for the world is foremost, private interest in arms' profits is of least concern.

Contrary to popular belief, SANE is not a political organization. The House Un-American Activities Committee's attack on this point shows the hostility of some factions in our government toward any peace movements. SANE's only object is peace through disarmament.

Penn State is an institution for education and just as important, perhaps more important, than a formal education is being in the know about the horrors of a nuclear war, the existing defense system which will lead to it, if not stopped, and the method of disarmament.

What good will your formal education be for you if you are annihilated in nuclear war? The threat of a war must be eliminated to insure our security.

We must fight for peace and SANE is the organization that unites our efforts. Attend the next meeting of SANE. Don't let apathy be your guide.

—Arlene Shupak, '62

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University's Status Quo

TO THE EDITOR: I hope Mr. Levanduski, upon graduation, finds the grey blissful world he seeks. I fear, however, that once beyond the confines of the Park, Burrowes, College, Shortlidge Avenues quadrangle, he will find other "disturbances." I would further hope that as a representative of Penn State, he will not hesitate (four years) to address himself to the problems he finds. These problems will upset the "status quo," whatever that is, but the other alternative is a sort of "peace," at any price.

If this was not obvious at Mr. Levanduski's arrival four long years ago, I believe it was because it was being "swept under the rug" so as not to hurt anyone's feelings or sensibilities—especially Mr. L's.

As I eavesdrop on campus, and I do whenever I can, I am rather baffled by this lack of attention to the issues of

our day. Given that boy-girl relations are more stimulating, the college student is still our one great leadership source.

If he hesitates to speak for the issues, denying himself a go at the great forum offered at school, I am rather disturbed, and this upsets my status quo!

—David Bengelsdorf
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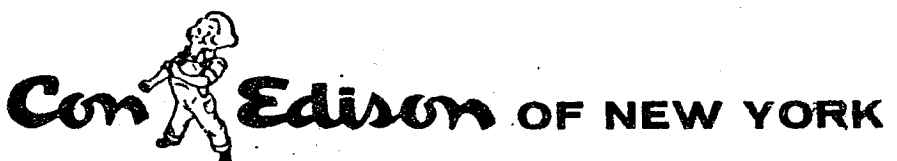
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