

Editorial Opinion

A Report, But No Backing

Penn State's budget has triple billing in the State Legislature right now, something Governor David L. Lawrence wants to correct before he gets to the main feature.

This main feature is the report of his special committee on education which recommends the revamping of the state's education system and which was presented to the legislature last Wednesday.

However, the Governor feels that all pending business should be cleaned up before the report's problems and recommendations are discussed.

Part of this pending business is Penn State's appropriation.

The education committee's report gave much support to Penn State's plea for more money.

But if Penn State's appropriation is determined before any action is taken on the education report, the University will lose the benefit of any moral suasion which the report might have instilled in the legislators to favor the increased appropriation.

Postponement of action on the education report means that Penn State's budget for next year will be decided long before the legislators ever get to discuss the needs of the University and the job it wants to do in expanding Pennsylvania's educational potential.

And what, then, is to be the fate of the three bills concerning the University appropriation which are now on the floor?

One of these bills is the Governor's own recommendation that the University get \$17.1 million for the next fiscal year. The Governor has not increased it since receiving his committee's report.

The other two back President Walker's request for \$23.1 million. One is in the House, the other in the Senate.

If Lawrence's professed concern for education is sincere, we fail to see how he can refuse to back the University's \$23.1 million request.

Without Lawrence's backing it is extremely doubtful that the full appropriation will be passed. And this would mean the inevitable tuition hike.

Though the Governor's press secretary has insisted that the Governor's mind is not closed to any increase for Penn State and that he would probably not cut an increase if passed by legislature, the full appropriation is still doomed unless it receives his support.

This crucial backing he has not given in spite of the results of his education committee's report.

By not openly supporting Penn State's request, Lawrence is shirking his leadership in a field where he has loudly been pledging leadership for the last week.

Letters

Supervisor Accused Of Hitting Student

TO THE EDITOR: At the evening meal in Simmons Dining Hall on April 11 some men went to refill their glasses with milk whereupon the waiters, who had been rudely trying to rush the students through their meals because they had been unable to reach the dining hall until shortly before closing time, cleared the table seizing the remaining parts of the students' meals.

The following evening a number of sympathetic fellow students who were outraged at this rash action arrived at the dining hall just before closing time and got their meals.

Eventually, when the waiters realized that they might have to remain a few minutes longer because the students did not intend to be rushed and wanted to enjoy their meals, they resorted to their usual discourteous hecklings.

The diners, unpreturbed, continued eating.

At this time the supervisor of the dining hall came to the tables. He pounded one student on the back while the student tried to drink his coffee. This failing, he roughly pulled his chair back while the student still tried to drink his coffee.

A threat was also uttered that if he did not leave he would "get the coffee in his face." The student left.

Similar discourteous actions followed. Students' desserts were seized from them. More abusive language was used. All the students left.

Is this the proper way for a university employee to act?

—Mark Dance, '63
—Chuck Reilly, '64

'Call to Arms' Not for Grad

TO THE EDITOR: Heaven forbid that anyone with any sense should listen to Joel Myers' "Call to Arms" in his snowy column.

If Mr. Myers had been of age in 1950 he would have seen the "most powerful nation on earth" get rolled up like a carpet by a bunch of rubber-shoed, rice-eating creeps using Russian weapons and equipment.

The "time to fight" was 1951 in Korea and 1954 in Indo-China, not now. Let's leave decisions like this in the able hands of our leader, "Good old Jack S." However, if we do have to fight, I nominate the indomitable snowman, Mr. Myers, to go in my place.

—Edward S. Evers,
Denver University, '52

Letters

Soph Attacks 'Call to Arms'

TO THE EDITOR: It is regrettable that Joel Myers has to descend to vague generalities in attempting to prove that the United States is being restrained by her allies in the cold war against communism. There are a number of inaccuracies in Mr. Myers feature that should be corrected.

He accuses Britain and France of becoming increasingly squeamish since World War II. I would recommend that Mr. Myers read some of the editorials and reports in American newspapers on the Suez intervention in 1956.

He will find his "squeamish" allies accused of imperialism and vicious aggression. Whatever else may be said about Suez, it put a stop to communist infiltration in that area.

To be quite logical in the proposed elimination of all undesirable threats to Democracy, the potential danger of Cuba should be pointed out. Here, lying 90 miles from the American shore, the possibility of Fidel Castro being supplied with nuclear weapons by Khrushchev is very great. I am sure Britain and France could be persuaded of Mr. Myer's logic regarding the desirability of Cuba's extermination.

If Mr. Myers is advocating armed intervention in Laos, I hope, true to his ideals, he will be one of the first to volunteer

to go. Mr. Myers seems to be incapable of reading between the lines on the allied position in this situation. The United States, the self-appointed champion of freedom and democracy, as was well proved in 1939, is being presented as the bold rugged protector of the faith to the communist bloc.

It is the role of the allies to be classified as the restrainers in the situation to prevent what could easily erupt into a third world war. If the United States wants a "show down" in Laos, as Mr. Myers professes, nothing could be more easily arranged. But it takes a lot more guts to prevent it.

With regard to taking the initiative in the fight against communism, the United States is a little late in Africa and Asia. The colonies nursed to independence by Britain have shown themselves to be staunchly pro-western, and India, too, in spite of being an obvious breeding ground for communism has shown herself to be averse to the system.

As regards the sun having set on the British Empire, this is entirely by choice. According to the Myers philosophy, the role of "Imperialistic aggressor" should be assumed by the United States. I hope the United States succeeds as well and accomplishes as much.

●Letter cut
—Gerald Norman '63

World at a Glance

Pilots Finish 'Space Trip'

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — An Air Force jet pilot declared "our hats are off to the Russians" for their successful space flight after he and another officer completed a month-long simulated space trip yesterday.

"I hope one of these days we'll be there," Lt. Eugene Carlson declared after he and Capt. Ramon C. Horinek stepped from an 8x12 foot steel tank at the end of the test of man's ability to endure some of the stresses he will encounter in space.

Carlson said he wouldn't care to undertake a real space flight "without the proper kind of indoctrination — my fears would probably get the best of me."

Horinek, 28, and Carlson, 27, said they were surprised when word of the Soviet orbital flight came over the loud-speaker about an hour before the 29-day, 22½-hour test ended at 6:30 a.m.

Officials at the School of Aviation Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base suspended the practice of keeping the occupants ignorant of outside happenings so the men would have time to recover from the surprise.

Both men's wives and Horinek's father, Alton, of Atwood, Kan., were on hand when the pilots emerged from the cabin. Each pilot was pale and about 10 pounds lighter than when he entered.

Kennedy Asks Agency Changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy asked Congress yesterday to whip the federal regulatory agencies into streamlined shape. He singled out the Federal Power Commission for the biggest overhaul.

Except for the FPC, Kennedy's proposals were broad and general in dealing with the agencies that, as he described them, "permeate every sphere and almost every activity of our national life."

In the case of the FPC, Kennedy asked Congress to increase the number of commissioners from five to seven. He also suggested breaking up a logjam of cases by exempting small natural gas producers and some pipeline construction from jurisdiction.

'Spaceman' Tells Story

MOSCOW (AP) — When you go orbiting around the earth, says Yuri A. Gagarin, you float above your chair in the space ship. The sun blazes "tens of times brighter than here on earth."

The earth's sunny face is separated from the black void by a band of delicate blue color.

On the descent into the earth's atmosphere "one's legs and arms feel as before during weightlessness," and "I am no longer hovering over the chair."

The 27-year-old pilot gave this account to the Soviet news agency Tass somewhere in the Soviet interior yesterday as Premier Khrushchev prepared a tremendous welcome for him today in this excited capital.

Gagarin said he found it easier to do everything when the tug of gravitation ceased on the second stage of his flight, Tass said.

JFK, Adenauer Agree on NATO

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer agreed yesterday the North Atlantic alliance should prepare to defend the West by "all military means," including nuclear weapons.

At the same time they challenged the Soviet Union to join in disarmament and other negotiations to lessen the danger of war and work toward a "general and total peace."

These purposes were set forth in a joint communique issued by the two leaders upon the conclusion of two days of talks at the White House.

Minimum Wage Law

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy's minimum wage measure moved to the Senate floor yesterday and promptly ran into a brisk cross-fire from Southern Democrats and conservative Republicans.

Administration leaders remained confident they have the votes to put over their proposal to boost the minimum wage from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour and extend coverage to about four million workers.

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7:00 Marquee Memories
8:00 Starlight Review
9:00 Light Classical Jukebox
9:45 News, Weather, Sports
10:00 Ballet Theatre
12:00 Midnight Mood
1:00 Sign Off