

Editorial Opinion

Commonwealth Classroom

Penn State's action in protesting the FCC decision which halted hopes for a statewide TV network has significance for the Commonwealth and for the nation.

Educational programs emanating from University Park would bring to the Commonwealth's attention the vitality of the University's research projects, long unnoticed by the state.

The past attitude toward education, which the state has demonstrated in denying our budget increase, is archaic. Pennsylvania seems to think its University should be run just as it was decades ago when it was mainly an agricultural school.

An educational television station would graphically update this sorry picture. It would further give the citizenry an opportunity to extend their own education as the most distinguished members of the faculty lectured to them.

In the national perspective the issue gains even greater importance.

The FCC has never supported educational television. They would very much like to relegate it to the UHF channels and they tell educators that these frequencies offer them an opportunity to develop additional facets of the television industry.

There are only two things wrong with this righteous theory. First, it is unfortunate but true that most people watch TV just as they thumb through a magazine in a doctor's waiting room. There is little discrimination or selectivity and too much inertia.

It follows that only the most interested would spend the money or take the time to convert their TV sets for UHF reception.

Second, it is not the responsibility of the educator to be a TV promoter. If this field of UHF is undeveloped the problems for educational TV would be made infinitely more complex than they already are.

Syracuse University is currently contesting the same issue with the FCC. They are, however, a privately endowed institution and therefore do not have as tight a "public service" case as this, a public institution, does.

In addition, lawyers for the University have noted that should the District Court of Appeals deny Penn State's case, a further appeal could be made to the Supreme Court.

In the event that the verdict from the appeals court is negative the University should appeal to this highest body. There is more at stake here than a linking station between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and more than just reversing the educational inertia of the Commonwealth.

The FCC must be made to realize that in the national interest, educational television is infinitely more valuable and of greater importance than a Cherrios commercial, even if financially less lucrative.

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Interpreting

Battle Royal for Battling Reds

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BERLIN (AP)—Soviet explosion of a monster nuclear bomb provides another clue to a two-front battle royal inside the world Communist party.

On one front, Premier Khrushchev seems still to be struggling for a clear victory over his enemies inside the Soviet party.

On the other, Khrushchev and his supporters appear fighting to establish a policy which begins to look suspiciously like containment of Red China.

The bomb explosion hints that Khrushchev is not entirely master of the situation in Moscow. Persons who know the Soviet leader seem convinced he would have preferred to avoid actual explosion of a monster, but militarily questionable, nuclear bomb.

Khrushchev, such observers say, would have sought to reap the vast and alluring propaganda benefits of a dramatic cancellation of monster-bomb tests.

The new explosion was sufficiently big in any event to damage communism from a propaganda standpoint by arousing worldwide protest.

All this arouses speculation that in order to preserve his own position and that of his political machine, Khrushchev was obliged to give the military side a free hand.

This reasoning will be borne out if, following the party congress, there is a shakeup in the armed forces command. That now seems likely, just as a severe housecleaning seems in store for the party Central Committee and Presidium.

A lot of old-timers are likely to go — from the civilian side the deadwood holdovers from the Joseph Stalin era still in high places, and on the military side the conservative marshals and generals whose watchword for years had been caution.

Hints of Khrushchev's problems came in the address by Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky to the 22nd Soviet Communist congress.

After dwelling on the might

of the armed forces, Malinovsky shifted to the political picture. He announced that the military backed Khrushchev's policies for "building communism," meaning the premier's 20-year program for the economy, which has been the source of bitter behind-scenes debate.

The armed forces, said Malinovsky, also approved Khrushchev's rout of the so-called anti-party group. The marshal then kicked off a bitter attack on his predecessor as defense minister, war hero Georgi K. Zhukov, banished by Khrushchev late in 1957.

There is a strong suggestion that two blocs are forming within the Communist world. One gets the impression of

a second power center — Peiping — emerging for communism.

Peiping's activities could involve the Communist world in adventures in Asia, even at the risk of nuclear war. The Russians are bound by military treaty to the Red Chinese. The choice would be difficult: Either risk nuclear war or see communism ripped apart by an open Moscow-Peiping split.

Neither prospect would be pleasant for the Muscovites. Khrushchev's problem seems to be to find a way to appease the Chinese sufficiently so their ambitions can be contained and they will present less of a threat to the Soviet party program.

the megaphone

Cute Coleman

by meg teichholtz

Coleman did it again. And again.

The counterfeit sophisticate, svelte photographer of College Ave. finally let his bravado carry him to absurdity.

For years Coleman has permitted his eloquence to grace our pages in his weekly advertisement and last

Letters

Soph Suggests SGA Conduct Poll on 'Prexy'

TO THE EDITOR: When I was an incoming freshman here at Penn State, Richard Haber was the SGA President.

In his welcoming speech at the freshman convocation, Mr. Haber told us about life at a large university. One of the things he said was that President Walker was affectionately known to the students as "Prexy."

This title, he said, was an honor to which the students had elected President Walker.

If this is true, then it is conceivable that the students may want to withdraw this title from Dr. Walker.

I suggest that Student Government look into the awarding of the title to Dr. Walker, and, if necessary, conduct a referendum to see if the students still want to call Dr. Walker, "Prexy."

—Steve Monheimer '64

Saturday something meant as a spoof appeared under a photo of Gloria Barton (Miss Penn State).

In that column, Mr. Coleman tried to intrigue us with tidbits of Continental society intimating illicit affairs and foul play on the balcony of a boudoir.

Lightly tossed references here and there were supposed to tell everyone (whom Coleman had not told before) that he had jaunted off to Europe for a summer of art, but was now returned.

Coleman's creation, the "Countess Veng-a-Borghese" was the mout piece for his pulp. We noted with special interest his reference to the sorority system "where girls have graduated from togetherness to oneness or sameness."

We're not defending the system, but let Mr. Coleman not forget on which side his bread is buttered.

Now the always temperamental artist Coleman is also taking a public opinion poll to see what the coeds think of the ingratiating countess. He almost cares.

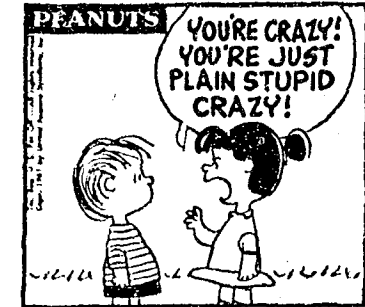
Not content to make himself the public fool but once this month, Coleman preened his feathers with a repeat in yesterday's paper (because he didn't like the reproduction of Miss Barton in Saturday's edition).

Indeed this fixture must consider himself the unexpedable artist-satirist-observer of the State College Scene.

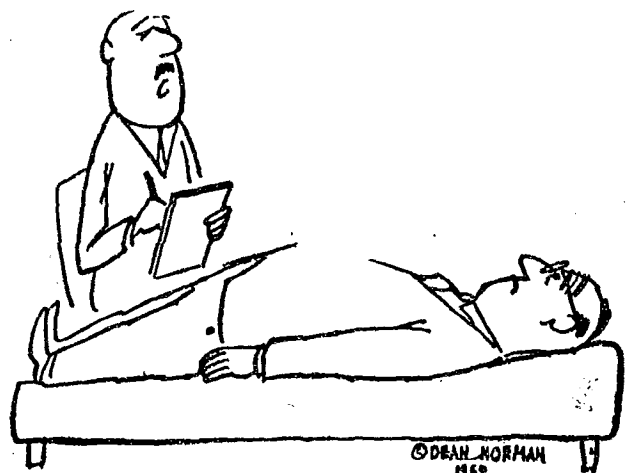
To quote Queen Victoria—"we are not amused"—at all.



Miss Teichholtz



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"BASICALLY, AT THE ROOT OF YOUR ANXIETIES, IS THE FACT THAT YOUR STUDENTS HATE YOUR GUTS."