

Editorial Opinion

Press in Jeopardy.

If the press can be said to have one function in a democracy beyond informing the people, that function is the critical examination of the governing processes and powers.

When the press finds those processes or powers abused or functioning poorly, it has another function—printing what it has found to be true, and editorializing critically, with the intent of informing the people so they may alter their government.

But at the University of Pennsylvania, things have not worked that way. Perhaps the Men's Student Government and the Penn administration are omnipotent within the university. They are not, however, omniscient. But both have this week acted to cease the publication of the Daily Pennsylvanian, Penn's student newspaper.

Definite reasons, although stated, have been primarily vague attempts at begging the question and unsupported by specifics. Those wonderfully inclusive phrases such as "good name of the University," "irresponsible journalism" et al, could always circumvent the fact that both the Penn student government and the Penn administrators might not agree with the editorial policy of the Daily Pennsylvanian.

We do not think, these two groups should necessarily agree with the newspaper's policy, just as much larger governments may be in disharmony with press opinion. The opinion of a government is totally irrelevant to the newspaper's policy or function.

With regard to policy and function, however, the Daily Pennsylvanian differs from professional newspapers and from some collegiate newspapers (including this one) in that it comes under the jurisdiction of a student government and administration which have the right to suspend its publication.

The newspaper clearly should make itself a separate entity—by incorporating itself under the laws of the state—so that its existence could not be terminated at will or whim.

This procedure has been followed by The Daily Collegian, which has a corporate Board of Directors and, in addition, a charter from the University.

Under such organization any individual or group disagreeing with editorial policy has the right to bring suit against the newspaper in the courts, and expect equitable judicial treatment. In addition, should the university withdraw the charter, the newspaper can remove itself from campus and continue publication under the laws of the state.

In conclusion, the functions of government and the press are similar only to the extent that they should be working to insure democracy. In placing one under the other—this function is nullified.

If the editors of the Daily Pennsylvanian would continue to uphold their freedom of the press, it would seem that they would insure that freedom by severing themselves from paternal governmental overseers.

Interpreting

Meaningful Algerian Peace?

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst France is now approaching an independence arrangement with Algeria which might have been arrived at thousands of lives ago.

The postoperational pains promise to be just as bad as they might have been then.

The war has lasted for more than seven years, but the scorn which produced it goes back to the early postwar French belief that Algeria could be made an integral part of France just like her metropolitan departments or states.

In 1947 three departments were established, but none of them had autonomy, and none of them was granted authority in the so-called Southern Territories which later proved to contain the oil wealth.

That such an arrangement would last in an area overwhelmingly populated by non-Frenchmen—regardless of the fact that the country's economic development was almost entirely in the hands of the French—was hardly credible.

The other former French colonies were caught up in the worldwide independence movement and gradually were lost or changed their status from realistic adherents of the French Union into something more like the relationship which exists in the Commonwealth between Britain and her former colonies.

But a rapid succession of weak French governments declined to face the Algerian problem squarely.

A million European colonizers who considered themselves Frenchmen—joined by other Europeans—flatly refused to submit to any change which would take them out from under direct French rule, and this attitude continues, violently.

It must be remembered, however, that for these people of European extraction, Algeria is home. The business interests for which they fight are not, in the ordinary sense of the term, international business interests such as have caused so much trouble in the Congo.

The Europeans in Algeria fight for home and social status

as well as for business. They have not done for the Moslems—and some of them realize it—what they should, and now they have no hope that the Moslems will be other than revengeful.

Only slow social change, not formal agreements and safeguards set up by fiat, will compose such a situation.

But French strength was being sapped, and her standing among the nations which are directing their whole energies against Soviet expansion in Europe was being undermined. She had become a nation confused between pride, ancient loyalties, and a democratic tradition to which she knew she was not living up.

It produced a canker which had to be cut out. President Charles de Gaulle resolved to do it. By loss of a member, the remainder of the body may be preserved.

But the operation has only begun, with a new and long-term pain being substituted for the old. The war is not likely to be over, only changed.

Peace agreements do not make peace.

Letters

3 Proposals To Expand 'Den' Culture

TO THE EDITOR: We realize that we probably aren't half as cultured as Miss Kountz, but we have some good cultural ideas for the Lion's Den which could no longer be bottled up within us.

First, we think that it is an excellent idea to put classical music in the juke box. That will permit the altruistic person with a taste for classical music and a hand full of nickles to educate the thousand or so clods who frequent the place, even if they are bored to death during their education.

Secondly, we feel that it would be both proper and fitting if the University would purchase a few paintings to hang on the walls and pillars.

Thirdly, we feel that a small lending library of cultural books could be set up in the rear of the Den. These books would raise the cultural level of the HUB rats.

Think of the joy the average student would feel, if after a philosophy class, he could come into the Den and listen to Bach, look at the paintings of the great masters, and read the works of Milton! Oh, joy supreme!!

—James A. Heisey '62

—Henry W. Zug '62

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Pondering 'Problems'

TO THE EDITOR: Thinking seriously the other day, we came to the conclusion that Penn State needs some improvements.

How about having the Nit-tany Lion moved to a less conspicuous place?

Why shouldn't housing pay the students to eat the food?

Have North Halls mail addressed to "Park Avenue."

Take the urinals out of Runkle Hall.

Put lights in Hort Woods.

Have organized potato sack races from Wagner to Rec Hall between classes.

Get the health center authorized by the AMA.

Hold classes during our Easter Sunday "Vacation."

Have travel allowances for football games.

Put wood on the bowling alleys in Rec Hall.

Install a cuckoo clock in Old Main.

And finally, make East Halls a Commonwealth Campus.

—Ken Friedman '64

—Bob Edmonds '63

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Candidates Chosen

by john beauge

Two weeks ago the state Republicans and Democrats appeared to be heading for a "rip snorting" primary fight over candidates for governor and senator.

Then almost as fast as the battle began, both organizations worked themselves down to one strong candidate

for each office. Once again the people of the state won't be able to pick their candidates because the state leaders have already decided for them.

I admit that the official slates have not been announced yet, but with the turn of events this past week, they could have been.

On the Democratic scene it now looks as if former Philadelphia mayor Richardson Dilworth will get the nod for the nomination for governor.

Governor David L. Lawrence has to throw his support behind Dilworth if he wants to regain control of the state Democratic organization.

If the governor lets Congressman William Green, also of Philadelphia, have his way in selecting a candidate other than Dilworth, Green would be in a good position to take over the state leadership.

The state organization has already given incumbent senator Joseph Clark the endorse-

ment for reelection.

The GOP battle between Sen. Hugh Scott and Superior Court Judge Robert Woodside, which both men said would be a fight to the end, has simmered down to a decision of which office Rep. James E. Van Zandt or Rep. William Scranton should be picked for.

Van Zandt had been an earlier candidate for governor but switched to the senate seat as a running mate of Woodside. Scranton has said for the past several weeks that he would be a compromise candidate for governor. He has Scott's backing.

It appears now that the majority of the Republican county committees favor Scranton for Governor and Van Zandt for the Senate.

Unless there is a sudden change of events, it looks like Clark will battle Van Zandt for the senate and Dilworth will fight it out with Scranton for the governor's chair in the November general election.

As in most years, the primary election in May will just be a waste of time and money as far as the two most important state-wide contests are concerned.



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