

Editorial Opinion

A Step Backwards

In establishing a housing list which is not non-discriminatory, the State College Chamber of Commerce may feel it has made a move forward in the town housing problem, but at the same time it has taken a step backward in the fight to eliminate discrimination in town housing.

On the surface it would appear that this list should prove beneficial to both landlords in search of a tenant and to students who desire suitable living quarters.

But in actuality it may prove beneficial only to those landlords who cannot get their names on the non-discriminatory USG list and to those students who are well-scrubbed whites.

Thus, while providing a service to some students, the chamber will be doing a disservice to those students who may not be accepted as tenants by some landlords because of race, religion or creed.

More important than the service of a housing list is the principle that a student must not be subjected, to embarrassment and affront to human dignity by being refused a place to live because of his color or nationality. The list being compiled by the Chamber of Commerce can cause this kind of embarrassment and affront.

Just last year the housing list maintained by the dean of men's office, in which landlords were not questioned about any discriminatory practices, was abolished.

Student government then established a non-discriminatory list on which only those landlords who vouched that they did not engage in discriminatory practices were listed.

In an attempt to further close any avenues available for the continuation of discriminatory housing in State College, The Daily Collegian refused to accept advertising from landlords who would not subscribe to a non-discriminatory practice clause.

We can find no fault with the idea of a housing list sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. However, such a list must insure that it does not allow discrimination to be perpetuated through it. Therefore, we strongly object to this list in its present form, because in effect it condones discrimination by State College landlords.

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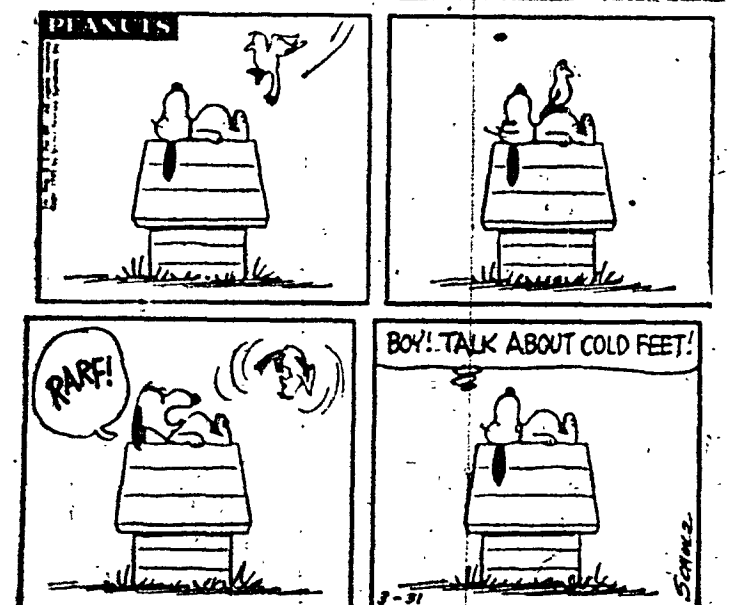
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Interpreting

Tariffs Won't Be Eliminated

By J. M. ROBERTS

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In order to win over the opponents of the wide powers President is asking for use in dealing with problems raised by the European Common Market, the administration is promising that there will never be any tariff eliminations except those which contribute to an increase in American exports.

There is a belief, however, that arrangements can be made with Europe for the eventual elimination of tariffs on perhaps 80 per cent of trade between the two areas, that being the estimated amount of products on both sides which actually complement, rather than being in competition with, the economy of the other.

The automobile industry is being cited as a case in point.

There, European tariffs on imports are three or four times as high as those imposed by the United States, yet are not a major factor in export difficulties which are more involved with styling, size and heavy gasoline consumption of American cars.

And the industry is constantly setting records despite the influx of foreign cars. This is cited as an example of how

Americans can buy abroad without hurting home industry. The European tariffs are not the main barrier to U.S. export.

But the biggest administration argument is the necessity of making arrangements now which will encourage European belief that mutuality, producing increased European prosperity and an ever-expanding two-way marketing arrangement, will be far more profitable than some of the discriminatory tariffs which the United States fears are in the making.

The United States is also insisting that this mutuality must apply in the trade between Europe, the United States, and the lesser economies of other non-European and non-Communist nations.

There is an effort to convince the neutrals, for instance, that their interests will not be subverted just because the United States supports what could be a discriminatory European trade position.

Promises are being made that the United States, in establishing her own relationship to the common market, will not separate herself from the interests of the neutrals and

the members of the Commonwealth who are losing the trade centralism which has revolved around Britain and throughout the sterling bloc.

The United States will insist that no non-Europeans shall have better access to the market than herself.

There is thus a four-fold American approach — each facet being divided into multiples of the individual industrial and agricultural problems created.

There is the creation of a strong economic front in the cold war.

There is the problem of protecting American industry and agriculture — with agriculture actually the most difficult point — and of creating a life-saving transition method at points of greatest damage.

There is the matter of protecting and, to some extent, associating ourselves with other non-European traders who themselves have interests conflicting with our own.

And there is the matter of keeping Europe convinced, despite what we consider some protectionist necessities, that a nondiscriminatory policy will eventually be most profitable for all.

Letters

Foianini's Apparel Draws Comment

TO THE EDITOR: It is definitely a shame that our student government president is unable to wear a coat and tie to the meeting of USG.

This is another precedent set by our unconventional leader. It appears that he is not trying to impress anyone or gain status for himself. He seems to be more interested in getting the job done. This is something, hitherto untried in student government.

Are we the students going to sit complacently by while some do-gooder tries to accomplish something in student government?

Perhaps he should settle back and accept the status and recognition due him in this important position, and, perhaps he should wear a coat and tie. After all, all the big men on campus wear them. It is an outward manifestation of importance.

—Susan Chubak '64

WDFM Schedule

- SATURDAY
2:00 Texaco Metropolitan Opera
2:00 News
2:05 Saturday at State
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Hi-Fi Open House
9:00 Offbeat
1:00 MTGOOB
1:15 Kink's Corner

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



The clicking shutter

Has Spring Sprung?

by John Beauge

Has spring really arrived with its warm days and periods of showers, so typical to the State College area?

As far as most of the students are concerned, spring indeed has arrived and in full force. In fact, the campus looks more like it is the middle of the summer than late March. The only things missing are the leaves on the trees.

It is really hard to believe that just before spring recess there was almost 21 inches of snow on the ground. Ten days later everyone headed back to University Park to find 60 and 70 degree weather.

The top coats and scarfs were suddenly discarded for ber-

muda shorts and short sleeve shirts. For a while even the lightest jackets seemed too heavy for the hot sun.

The library steps which had been dormant all winter sprang into life with students studying or just waiting in the warm air.

The lawns around the dormitories became sites for card games. The recreation areas were packed as were the tennis courts. In most cases, there were people waiting for others to finish.

Although the water was too cold for swimming, the beaches at Stone Valley and Whipples were used for sunbathing.

The students at nearby Lock Haven State College took advantage of the warm weather to start a demonstration for a day off from classes in honor of their national champion wrestler Gray Simons. One only has to listen to the

fire sirens to know that the fields have dried out. The Alpha Fire Co. has been called out many times in the past few days to put out carelessly-started field fires.

Another sure sign of spring was the selection by Collegian Inc. of the new editor and business manager of the paper.

Phrases like "let's climb Mt. Nittany" or "why don't we stop at the creamery" have become more common. The HUB terrace has chairs on it.

About the only thing that hasn't happened yet has been holding classes outside. But that will probably come soon if the weather stays nice.

Looking on the gloomy side, however, one must remember this is the time of year for colds and of course the age old ailment of spring fever.

It has been fun while it has lasted, but classes are starting again.