

Editorial Opinion

Bus Service Asked For Easter Holidays

By passing a transportation bill, the Undergraduate Student Government has taken a concrete step toward providing a long-needed service to students—cheaper, direct transportation to the largest cities in the Commonwealth.

The sponsor of the bill has estimated that USG-sponsored buses will cut two hours from the travel time and \$2 from the cost of commercial buses between here and Philadelphia.

Time and money savings for other parts of the state will be somewhat less, depending on the distance to be traveled.

Although the services proposed in the transportation bill will greatly aid many students, USG doesn't expect to provide it until the end of the term.

Bus companies have indicated that many students have already inquired about transportation for the Easter holidays. This is just one indication that many students will be leaving campus for the religious holidays next week.

Therefore, we suggest that USG investigate the possibility of providing bus service to, and from Pennsylvania's major cities next weekend.

USG President Dennis Folanini should appoint a person to head the bus service at tonight's USG meeting, and this appointee and his committee should begin work at once to set up this bus service.

Such a limited service during the unofficial vacation would not only serve students, but would also provide student government with an excellent opportunity to test student response and evaluate the program before the mass exodus at the end of the term.

Letters

Grad Student Questions Aid to Spain

TO THE EDITOR: Recent happenings in Spain have brought up the question once again concerning the wisdom of financial assistance offered that nation by the United States.

According to an article in the April 8 issue of *Awake*, official government decrees in Spain have mobilized the police of the nation to hunt down those who read the Bible and to put an end to any free discussion of it with others. Long-time residents have been forced to leave their homes; workers have been denied employment; private homes have been raided by the police; citizens have been kidnapped, held incommunicado and brutally man-handled because of their religion.

Even tourists and residents from America, England, Argentina and Germany have been expelled from the country because they did not embrace the religion of the State.

While others are being affected, a totalitarian crusade reminiscent of the inquisition seems to have as its particular target the religious group known as Jehovah's Witnesses.

For example, in Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands, a private home was raided where 14 persons were studying the Bible, their Bibles were confiscated and the owner of the home was formally charged with holding "illicit associations." One man was imprisoned for his belief and denied a copy of the Catholic Bible by prison authorities who rejected it as "unsuitable reading material."

These are not happenings inside atheistic Russia or Red China but are recent events in a nation professing to be part of the Western bloc of "free" nations.

American taxpayers who highly cherish the basic right of freedom of worship certainly do not approve of such action by the Spanish government.

—Edgar Cusard, Grad Student

Letters

Shupak Letter Answered

TO THE EDITOR: By way of reply to Arlene Shupak's letter concerning the supposed suspension of civil liberties in the United States, here is a pertinent quotation of Communist Party policy with regard to governmental institutions in democratic countries. It may be found in *Blue Print for World Conquest*, (Human Events Publishers, Washington, 1946, pp. 90-92)

"Communism rejects parliamentarianism as the form of the future; it rejects it as a form of the class dictatorship of the proletariat; it rejects the possibility of winning over the

parliaments; its fixed aim is to destroy parliamentarianism.

"Therefore, there can be a question only of utilizing bourgeois state institutions with the object of destroying them . . .

"The Communist Party enters such institutions not in order to do constructive work but in order to direct the masses to destroy from within the the whole bourgeois state machine and parliament itself."

The angry young sheep of this country are slowly being led to the wolf's lair, bleating loudly as they go in protest against the shearers.

—Michael Tyler '63

Communist Challenge Series Lauded

TO THE EDITOR: Congratulations and thanks to the University Christian Association for providing alternative products to the usual fun factory fare at this school.

The association's Communist challenge series, Friday evening's performance of "Boy with a Cart" and the showing of "Operation Abolition" and

"Operation Correction" last week have all helped to strike a balance between frivolity—which admittedly has its place—and intellectual stimulation.

Thanks also to USG for helping to foot the Communist challenge bill. Could this be a new era for the Farmer's (Engineer's) High School?

—Lawrence Cameron '64

World At A Glance

Russia to Reply To West's Plea For Test Treaty

Douglas Says Senate Erred On Nike Profit

GENEVA (AP) — An appeal by the United States and Britain to the Soviet Union to accept an internationally enforced nuclear test ban treaty may produce any one of three possible responses from Moscow, diplomats said last night.

Premier Khrushchev may seize on the U.S.-British warning that American tests will resume unless the Russians accept international controls as an instrument to press for a prompt summit conference.

The Russians may flatly reject the call by the two Western powers and accompany this by a massive propaganda campaign designed to blame Washington for reviving the testing race.

Or, finally, the Soviet delegation may give a surface appearance of modifying the Soviet line on international inspection. This would aim at getting the eight middle-of-the-road nations at the conference to pressure Washington to call off the atmospheric test series scheduled for late this month in the Pacific.

The statement that the U.S. and British governments delivered to Moscow warned that the American tests will have to go forward unless the Russians accept international controls.

Red Fighters Kill 2 U.S. Soldiers

DA NANG, South Viet Nam (AP) — Communist guerrillas killed two captured U.S. Army sergeants because they were too badly wounded to walk any farther, the survivors of a jungle ambush reported yesterday. The Americans' arms had been bound behind them.

Vietnamese patrols and air forces were still searching the jungle area 45 miles east of the Laos frontier for two other American Army sergeants captured in Sunday's guerrilla attack.

The U.S. army identified the slain soldiers as Staff Sgt. Wayne E. Marchand of Plattsmouth, Neb., and Spec. 5.C. James Gabriel of Honolulu.

The two missing men are Sgt. 1.C. Francis Quinn of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Sgt. George E. Groom of Stewartville, Mo.

All four soldiers were members of an Army special forces unit engaged in training a village self-defense group.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Donald W. Douglas Jr., president of Douglas Aircraft Co., said yesterday Senate investigators made a \$34-million mistake in figuring the profits received by his firm on government missile contracts.

Douglas told the Senate Investigations subcommittee that its accountants mistakenly included \$34.01 million of legitimate business expenses as part of the profits.

Actually, he said, the Douglas firm's profits on Nike missile contracts since 1952 were a reasonable \$29.8 million, rather than the \$63.81 million cited by subcommittee investigators at last week's hearings.

The subcommittee is in the second week of a public inquiry into what Chairman John L. McClellan, D-Ark., calls "pyramided profits." This is a practice by which some contractors allegedly obtained an excessive fee by piling a profit for themselves on top of the profits paid to subcontractors down the line.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, senior Republican on the subcommittee, commented in a radio interview that he suspects there has been some avarice and greed on the part of missile makers but they haven't broken any laws that we have come onto as yet.

Pro-West Government In Laos May Collapse

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Neutralist and pro-Communist advocates of coalition rule for Laos profess to believe Premier Prince Boun Oum's pro-Western government will collapse in two or three months.

They look for existing and future pressures from the United States to force the government into final negotiations to put Prince Souvanna Phouma, the neutralist premier-designate, in the driver's seat.

That is the general feeling at Khang Khay, Souvanna's headquarters in the rebel-held north.

Syrians Oppose Army

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syria's politicians were reportedly balking yesterday at army efforts to induce them to form a new civilian government.

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Exhibit Hit By Artist

TO THE EDITOR: May I, as a participating artist, express my indignation with the Pi Gamma Alpha honorary art fraternity's presently circulating exhibit of student work. Why those "honored" in the field should so blatantly desecrate the works which they themselves chose as worthy of representing the quality of work now being produced on the campus is beyond my level of understanding.

I refer directly to the completely inappropriate name tags which flap so despairingly from the lower edge of the paintings now on exhibit in the Pollock area.

Their organization is haphazard, their layout is ambiguous, the printing is atrocious, and their placement is such an encumbrance to the paintings that they destroy any aesthetic appeal and visual enjoyment the artist intended the work to have.

There has been some discussion about the lack of interest in the exhibit; it seems there is some difficulty in getting students to submit their works. Perhaps the members of Pi Gamma Alpha should reconsider the artist's position in relation to their respect for his work.

Much of the disinterest may be found therein.

Kenneth Morrow '63

