

Prof Cites Soviet Economic Challenge Berkowitz To Head Caterers

By PENNY WATSON

The main challenge to the United States in the years to come will be that of competing with the Soviet Union in economic growth, Dr. Jan S. Prybyla, assistant professor of economics, said Monday night.

Speaking on "Competitive Co-existence and Soviet Growth," Prybyla said the Soviet strategy of economic development appeals to backward countries. Soviet investment is concentrated in industry, especially in those branches which yield high rates of growth, he said.

THE SOVIET TOOLS of economic development are not so attractive to backward nations, Prybyla said. These tools consist of centralization of total planning in allocation of resources, unquestioning obedience to the Communist party, nationalization of enterprise and creation of a totalitarian form of government, he added.

The ability of the United States to compete economically with the USSR in the future depends on her ability to adopt the Soviet strategy of economic development with the tools, Prybyla said.

Dr. Marvin E. Rozen, assistant professor of economics, agreed that economic expansion is im-

portant in improving the competitive position of the United States.

He said, however, that although there is a present-day emphasis on wage-price stability and the balance of payments, technological progress and increased production and investment are more important.

DISCUSSING "Aid and the Balance of Payments," Rozen praised the 1961 Alliance for Progress. The plan combines United States aid with self-help programs for the countries being aided, Rozen said. Making reserves available to countries with deficits prevents any serious disruption of world trade, he said.

Dr. Vaclav E. Mares, associate professor of economics, said the recent agreement on agricultural policy reached by the Common Market countries will hurt the

United States in the export of agricultural products.

President Kennedy's proposed Trade Expansion Act represents an attempt to compete successfully with Common Market countries, Mares said. The act would cut tariffs on some products by 50 per cent, he said.

Tariffs would be eliminated on goods in which the United States and the Common Market countries have 80 per cent of the world trade, he said.

THE TROUBLE with the act is that it tries to negotiate on too many issues, Mares said. There is no need of a formal association to act on so wide a basis, he said.

The session was the second and final program of the Contemporary Economic Issues Lecture Series, at which "The Economics of Kennedy" were discussed.

Joint Board Tentatively Approves Record \$3 Million School Budget

By MEL AXILBUND

An expected record enrollment of 5,800 pupils in the schools administered by the College Area Joint School Board contributed to tentative adoption Monday night of a record \$3,049,325 budget for the coming year.

Other factors which boosted the current budget \$357,064 to the new high were higher basic salaries for teachers, salaries for at least 13 new teachers to instruct the 300 new pupils expected, costs of an insurance and major medical benefit plan for teachers, costs involved in running a trial summer school and payments for new schools.

THE FIVE TOWNSHIPS in the joint board—College, Ferguson, Halkmoon, Harris and Patton—and the State College Borough School Board will have to raise the funds to finance the budget from the various taxes they individually levy and from funds granted by the state.

The tentative share of the State College Board was set at \$1,482,490.78, Robert B. Weir, administrative assistant to the supervising principal, said.

To adjust board income, two

new taxes were agreed upon and a third was reduced. Each of the six component boards will assess a 10 per cent tax next year on every resident liable for the occupational assessment set up by the county commissioners.

The second new tax is a business privilege tax—a one mill, or one-tenth of a cent, levy against the gross income of professional people and service establishments.

AN EXISTING mercantile license tax was reduced, from 1 1/2 to 1 mill on retail businesses and from 1 to 1/2 mills on wholesale businesses.

In addition to these taxes, the State College Board will collect the following taxes for the coming school year: a 33 mill property tax, a \$15 per capita, or head tax, a 1/2 per cent wage and salary tax, a 10 per cent amusement tax and a 1/2 per cent real estate transfer tax.

The tentativeness of the Monday's board action leaves several matters to be finally decided at the June board meeting.

Howard Berkowitz, caterer of Beta Sigma Rho, was elected president of a cooperative organization of fraternity caterers formed Monday night.

The purpose of the organization is to buy food in quantity at lower prices than those obtainable in State College area stores, Berkowitz said.

THE ORGANIZATION is sanctioned by the Interfraternity Council although it is separate from the Council, Berkowitz said.

The caterers decided to compile lists of daily meal expenses per fraternity man so that groups with similar food budgets could join as a cooperative to obtain discount prices, he said.

If four or five fraternities would jointly purchase \$1,000 worth of meat, they could get at least a 10 per cent discount, Berkowitz said.

At the next caterers' meeting, a speaker will discuss planning, balanced and appealing meals. A booklet on planning menus will soon be published for the caterers by Berkowitz and James R. Keiser, assistant professor of hotel administration.

A meeting on better methods of food preparation is being planned for fraternity cooks, Berkowitz said.

THE CATERERS also hope to compile a list of extra waiters and cooks who are available for work on big weekends or when regular kitchen helpers are sick, he added.

Other officers elected Monday night were Barrett Silver, Phi Epsilon Pi, vice president; James Evans, Phi Kappa Theta, secretary; and Carl Riess, Phi Kappa Sigma, corresponding secretary.

Andrews Gets Appointment

Dr. Frances M. Andrews, professor of music education, has been appointed editorial associate of the Journal of Research in Music Education.

Housing--

(Continued from page one) unit Rischeberger said. If the owner alters his structure in any way, the inspector would also be required to re-check the unit.

ONLY RENTAL UNITS which house two or more persons or units which provide cooking facilities will be affected by the code, Rischeberger said. If conditions are found to be sub-standard, the landlord will not be permitted to rent the unit until he meets the borough standards. A fine would probably be imposed on the landlord by the borough solicitor, he added.

Present housing complaints concerning fire hazards should be referred to the Labor and Industry Inspector in Philipsburg, Rischeberger said. The Philipsburg inspector has the authority to inspect State College housing units which lack fire escapes and the required number of exits, he added.

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