

Editorial Opinion

# The Quarantine of Cuba

Monday night the quiet over the Cuban situation was quickly and dramatically dissolved as President John F. Kennedy announced that this country was establishing a quarantine on the importation of offensive weapons by Cuba.

In an 18-minute message to a national radio and television audience and to the citizens of the world through the radio links of the United States Information Agency, Kennedy outlined seven steps which could produce an immediate showdown between the United States and the USSR over Cuba.

These seven points also called for an increased surveillance of Cuba and its military build-up, the establishment of a policy whereby any nuclear aggression against any Western Hemisphere nation would be considered an attack of the Soviet Union on the United States and that full retaliatory measures would be taken by this country, meetings of the OAS and the U.N. Security Council on the issue, reinforcement of the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and a plea for Chairman Khrushchev to halt the military build-up in Cuba.

The President's decision shocked the world.

The United States has reacted to a serious danger to her safety in a firm and uncompromising manner. She has come face to face with the threat of nuclear war. The backsliding position which we believe this country has taken in many world affairs situations recently has come to a halt.

We feel that had such forceful action been taken when Castro first seized the property interests of citizens of this country in 1959, the problem would never have reached such an advanced stage and that such drastic action now would not have been necessary.

We praise the President's courage to make this move. The United States had to choose between appeasement and possible submission to the point of no return or the assertion of its basic freedoms even at the risk of war.

In the recent past, we have moved along the lines of the first choice. But, now we have realized that the cold war cannot remain a cold war when it threatens the basic principles of this nation.

We praise President Kennedy's action, although it does signify a crisis for this country and indeed the whole world. We feel such a "get-tough" move was necessary for the continued existence of this nation as the leader of the free world.

We feel a policy has been made of which the entire country and free world can be proud. The President has accepted his responsibility to the citizens of the United States. It is now the responsibility of every free man to complement his courage, revitalize his convictions for freedom and the democratic principles and to work, fight and live for a strong and vital United States of America.

# Banning of Froth

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can be used against the original idea.

The distasteful methodology becomes even more appalling in the preface to specific reasons for Froth's ban. The committee states that: "The concepts used in legal determinations of what constitutes abuse of freedom of the press may guide but not limit the University in its decisions."

We are appalled that administrators of this University state as policy this convenient abrogation of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. Indeed, the University is setting itself up as a higher authority than the U.S. Constitution in determining the degree to which expression should be free.

In another portion of this preface, we find a statement equally degrading: "The University expects, however, that its members will abide by standards that require more self-restraint and consideration for others than the law requires."

We cannot accept the University as superior authority to the rights guaranteed any group or individual by the Constitution.

We cannot believe that supposed "educators" would set themselves in a position to deny students a portion of their constitutional rights, under the guise of such actions being "prejudicial to the good name of the University."

We urge that publications on this campus rebuke this evident "toe-stepping" by investigating state incorporation possibilities and thereby seeking to protect their rights of expression from the possible precedent set yesterday.

In addition we strongly urge Froth to appeal to the Administrative Committee on Student Affairs and ultimately to President Eric A. Walker in hopes that justice will prevail.



Letters

## Ravitz Satire On Froth Cites Student 'Luck'

TO THE EDITOR: Students of Penn State, we should be glad that Froth was censored. We are much luckier than the students of Colorado University. These poor students still have a paper that hurt the name of their school.

Their only compensation is that Gary Althen, who was editor of the Colorado University's daily paper, is now an ex-editor. The president of Colorado University fired Althen after the paper printed an article derogatory to Sen. Barry Goldwater and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. An editorial advocating the admission of Red China to the United Nations followed this article.

Supposedly, we are here to learn to seek knowledge. But all of us know that there are a heck-of-a-lot of ideas to learn when one is trying to find the truth—whatever it may be. It is, you must admit, much better when people who know what is RIGHT remove the WRONG ideas from our reach.

By having the span of ideas decreased in this manner, it is much easier for us to choose the true way.

Yes, students, be glad Froth is censored, be glad Gary Althen was fired. And finally, be glad that these responsible people who know what is right for us to read took these proper actions.

Now we no longer are bothered with the troublesome duty to decide for ourselves whether or not an idea is right or wrong—good or bad.

Perhaps in a few years — 22, to be exact — students will be able to seek the help of the Ministry of Truth also.

—Joyce Ravitz, '65

## Blue Band Praised

### For Homecoming Show

TO THE EDITOR: We feel that the Penn State Blue Band deserves praise for its exceptional performance at last Saturday's game. The band has done much to create and foster school spirit. Few of us realize how many hours of work the members put in during the week. The director, Mr. James Dunlop, and the members of the Blue Band deserve credit for a job well done.

—James Ruspi, '68

—James Smith, '67

—Lyle F. Bohnert, '66

—Jim O. Hara, '64

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## Planned Program Suggested To Raise USG Ballot Count

TO THE EDITOR: In the Oct. 17 issue of The Daily Collegian there appeared an article concerning the record low of votes cast in the student government elections. As a freshman, who in high school learned that student elections were an important element in the democratic processes, I was disappointed at this report.

This problem is a very real and vital one. Speaking as a Froth, I can only speak from personal experience and that of my friends. However, perhaps the solution of the problem lies in the fact that there was not enough effort made to inform those students new to Penn State (as well as the others who don't know anyway) about the various governmental organizations.

There are so many names flung around the campus: USG, TIM, AWS, etc., etc., etc. And yet no

definite planned program was devised to inform those interested about these groups and their goals.

During Orientation week, the USG officers did attempt to explain their organization. However, they failed to make a formal explanation of the system. They spoke of specific inner works instead of basic structure and information.

And so we are forced to learn about our University's government by word of mouth or casting a ballot for something we really don't understand. Wouldn't it be more efficient and democratic if everyone was familiarized with his government?

There are many students interested enough in becoming a part of the student government to inquire about it. Keeping these students informed is the best way to keep them interested.

"For a better Penn State."

—Jeffrey Moss, '68

## 'Warning' Given To Army Cadets

TO THE EDITOR: With much anticipation, I attended my first Army football game at West Point Oct. 13. It was a great game and the Cadets really earned their 9-6 victory over Penn State.

However, I am compelled to accuse the entire corps of Cadets and the Army band of unsportsmanlike conduct. I am not speaking of the bedlam that came in the closing seconds of the game, but of the entire 60 minutes of play, along with all the timeout intervals.

I admit that it was a great thrill hearing, for the first time, those healthy young voices of the Army cheering section, plus the occasional booming of the Army cannon. What got my goat—and I'm no Navy man, either—was the fact that the Cadets never knew when to keep quiet. I had always attended collegiate games where the cheering sections of the home and visiting teams took turns in shouting their athletes to victory.

Such was not the case at West Point. By sheer numbers, the Cadets and the Army band drowned out any attempt of the Penn Staters to display their loyalty. Even after the visitors had scored their two field goals, they were denied an audition of their own victory song.

Let this serve as a fair warning to the Cadets: Either learn your cheering etiquette by Nov. 17, when you meet Pitt at Yankee Stadium, or the cannon fired by Pitt cheerers might not contain blanks.

—Andrew E. Beresky  
Pitt, '49

## Williams Supports Kennedy's Action

TO THE EDITOR: President Kennedy's speech was excellent and his actions left me feeling better. Our President has at last translated his high-sounding words and resolute statements into strong, positive action. By acting firmly, the danger of war has actually been lessened.

The choice was very grave. If we ever fail to meet the Soviets at the ultimate levels of will and purpose, the danger of war will be widened and in the end we will have no choice but to meet the Soviets at the ultimate levels of force and violence: nuclear war (or submit to their will).

It is a known fact that the only thing the Soviets respect is brute strength. By not acting and by fearing the very danger which we seek to avert, we would only encourage further Soviet aggression.

Our country has set out on a difficult and trying course of action. There will be many months of tense times ahead in this war of nerves.

The present situation strangely parallels the 1930s. Apparently our President has learned a great deal from his Harvard thesis, "While England Slept."

A "pacific blockade" against armaments is less warlike than Khrushchev's massive arming of Castro. The present conflict will now remain as limited as Khrushchev desires.

Our policy can lead to some fighting. The sacrifices that are made may very well prevent a world war.

—Gromer R. Williams, '63

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