

# Diefenbaker Toppled

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## 'No Confidence' Vote Will Bring Elections

OTTAWA (AP)—Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's Conservative government toppled last night on a vote of no-confidence assailing his indecision over accepting U.S. nuclear warheads.

New elections for Parliament must be held within 60 days throughout Canada.

The vote was 142 to 111. A last-minute attack by Diefenbaker on so-called U.S. intrusions in Canadian affairs failed to save his minority government. The opposition Liberal, Social Credit and New Democratic parties combined forces in the House of Commons and voted the government down.

DIEFENBAKER'S government had failed to retain its parliamentary majority in elections last June, but had managed to govern with the quiet support of the right-wing Social Credit party, whose 30 seats held the balance.

But in the end it was a Social Credit motion that defeated Diefenbaker. It charged that the government had failed to give a clear statement of defense policy and had failed to live up to its budgetary responsibilities.

The political fate of Diefenbaker, 67-year-old former country lawyer, was left in doubt. Even before the vote, informed sources reported that some of Diefenbaker's Cabinet ministers were pressing for his resignation in an effort to stave off the government's fall.

However, Gov. Gen. George Vanier undoubtedly will ask Diefenbaker to remain at the head of an interim government until elections are held.



JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER ... deposed Prime Minister

Key issue in the Diefenbaker government's downfall was the delay in execution of Canada's 1959 commitments to arm with U.S. nuclear weapons as part of the U.S.-Canadian defense of North America.

THE ISSUE was brought to a crisis by a U.S. State Department statement last week criticizing the delay. Diefenbaker charged that the statement was an unwarranted intrusion in Canadian affairs. The opposition agreed, but the Liberal party especially also agreed with the U.S. government that Canada should accept the nuclear warheads without delay.

Canada has invested \$700 million in missiles, planes and artillery with nuclear capability. Liberal leader Lester B. Pearson charged that they were wasted without the warheads. But Diefenbaker insisted on further delay, citing changing defensive arrangements and what he called the threat to Canada's sovereignty posed by U.S. control of the warheads.

The dispute split Diefenbaker's own Cabinet.

## USG To Consider Bills Revising Elections System

By JOAN HARTMAN

Bills to revise several phases of the present elections system of the Undergraduate Student Government will be brought before the USG Congress tonight.

Congress will meet at 7:30 in 203 Hetzel Union Building.

A BY-LAW amendment, which did not pass the Rules Committee last week because of poor wording, requires all congressional candidates to submit a signed petition. A two-thirds vote of Congress is required for by-law amendments.

Under the present by-laws, candidates may also be nominated by political parties and, therefore, do not have to submit petitions.

Liberal Party Chairman George Gordon said last night that he is "unalterably opposed to all the proposed changes."

"The by-law amendment runs directly counter to the constitutions of the three parties," Gordon said.

"If he (Jon Geiger, sponsor of the bills) insists on pushing through these actions of abominations, Liberal party will insist on a referendum on the question of political parties and the USG constitution," he said.

He cited the referendum on political parties held last year as evidence that the student body does want political parties to nominate candidates.

In last year's referendum students voted 3,023 to 1,716 in favor of having political parties nominate candidates for Congress.

In a letter to The Daily Collegian last week, University Party Chairman Francis Conte said that his party "enthusiastically supported" this by-law amendment.

However, he added, students

should be able to sign as many petitions as there are congressional positions open in the area. At the present time, students may only sign one candidate's petition.

Campus Party Chairman Robert Perugini was unavailable for comment.

THE SECOND change that Geiger is proposing eliminates special congressional elections. This proposal requires a constitutional amendment.

The amendment states that when a congressman is disqualified from membership, the candidate who was the runner-up in the election will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the disqualified congressman had run unopposed, then the area council president will appoint, with the approval of his council, a replacement.

This amendment was referred back to Rules Committee last week, when Geiger inserted the provision concerning the runner-up. (Continued on page eight)

## Stricken Frosh Sent to Hospital For Lab Tests

Steven Edelson (2nd-arts and letters-Rockville Centre, N.Y.) was taken to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville yesterday for tests aimed at determining if he has a strain of meningitis.

The Department of Public Information, in releasing information about Edelson, stressed that it will be several days before tests confirm or disprove the suspicion of officials at Geisinger and the Ritenour Health Center that the 18-year-old student has a form of meningitis.

Students who live near Edelson in Lyons were given medication last night as a precautionary measure because some forms of the disease are contagious. Other students who may have been in close contact with him can also obtain medication at Ritenour.

Edelson was admitted to Ritenour Monday night after he was treated twice for an ear infection earlier that day. Yesterday morning he was transferred to Geisinger after officials suspected he might be suffering from a strain of the disease.

Officials at Geisinger concurred in suspecting meningitis and began confirmatory tests.

Edelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Edelson, have been notified and his father joined him at Geisinger yesterday.

## Walker Reveals 3,000 Student Deficit In University's Expansion Program

By TONY FOGGIO

The University is at least 3,000 students behind in its expansion program at this time, Eric A. Walker, president of the University, said last night at Theta Xi fraternity.

Walker said that between 25,000 and 26,000 students should now be enrolled. Instead, he said, there are only 22,000 students on this campus and the University's 13 commonwealth campuses.

TWO REASONS for falling behind in the expansion program are that the freshman class for the past three years has been small and the number of students graduated has increased from one-third to two-thirds of their class, Prexy said.

The added difficulty of obtaining more funds from the state legislature is another reason why the University has not kept pace with its expansion program, the President said.

Walker said he based his figures on the over-all expansion plans

adopted by the University in 1957. At that time, the University counted the number of possible college students living in Pennsylvania in 1980, calculated the percentage which would probably go to college and then the number of potential Penn State students, Prexy said.

In 1957, 22 per cent of the state's population was attending college. This figure is below the national figure of 28 per cent, he said.

As a result of this study, the University found that there would be 180,000 potential Pennsylvania students by 1970—provided the percentage remained stable. If the population were to increase one per cent every two years, the figure would be 240,000; if it increased by one per cent per year, 300,000 potential students would be seeking admittance to colleges and universities in 1970, Walker said.

The University's share of these students was thought to be 12 per cent, as it has been. Another survey was conducted of "inde-

pendent colleges"—those which are not state colleges or large universities such as Temple and the University of Pennsylvania—and found these colleges' expansion plans were quite limited, the President said.

THE BOARD of Trustees told the University administration to adopt two expansion plans; one for each of the projected percentage increases in population, Walker said. An expansion program with a range of from 25,000 to 35,000 students by 1970 was considered, with the 35,000 maximum implemented, he said.

## Committee May Make Decision On Froth Charter Tomorrow

A decision by the Committee on Student Organizations on whether to recommend chartering a new campus humor magazine should be reached sometime tomorrow, LeRoy S. Austin, acting chairman of the committee said yesterday.

THE LACK of a quorum prevented a definite decision from being made at yesterday's meeting. George L. Donovan, committee chairman, was absent because of jury duty in Bellefonte; Ruth Falk, student member of the committee, was ill; and Fred Waelchli, the other student member, was absent without giving an excuse. Waelchli said he could not attend the meeting because of academic reasons.

Austin said that the remaining persons on the committee discussed and reached an informal

decision on some of the issues facing the committee. He declined to give the exact nature of the discussions.

He explained that he will meet separately with Miss Falk and Waelchli today and tomorrow. After hearing their views, Austin said, the decision should be announced presuming "they haven't radically changed their mind since the last meeting."

Austin noted that he felt the "major hurdles had been conquered" in yesterday's session.

He stressed, however, that no student was present and it would not be fair to have announced a decision without first consulting them.

If the Committee on Student Organizations recommends chartering the proposed Froth, the

final decision of whether or not to grant the charter will be made by the Administrative Committee on Student Affairs.

THE CHAIRMAN of that committee, Robert G. Bernreuter, has previously declined comment on when his committee would act on the magazine's charter.

If Austin announces a negative decision by his committee, the sponsors of the new magazine must appeal to Bernreuter's committee if they want further action taken on the charter.

### Fraternity Average

Delta Chi fraternity was erroneously reported yesterday as having the third highest average for the fall term. Tri-angle fraternity was third.



—Collegian Photo by Den Coleman

PRINCE JACK SUBA holds firm in his desire to break the strings which bind him to the puppet's role in the Five O'Clock Theatre production of "The Puppet Show" yesterday. His puppet colleagues, Princess Judy Barton and Jester Fred Marcus, ask what he intends to do with the freedom.