

Pro-Nasser Coup Topples Kassem

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iraq's Premier Abdel Karim Kassem, the army officer who rose to power behind revolutionary bullets and ruled in constant fear of his fellow assassin-insurgents, was reported overthrown and destroyed by military rivals yesterday.

THE INSURGENTS ordered a crackdown on Communists and named the pro-Nasser former co-leader in Kassem's own revolution to serve as transitional president.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser's United Arab Republic and its satellite Yemeni Republic immediately announced recognition of the new regime.

However, borders were sealed amid indications that the Iraqi revolutionaries had not established supremacy throughout the oil-rich states.

REPORTS of the rebel's claim to have "destroyed the tyrant" Kassem could not be confirmed.

Abdel Salam Mohammed Aref, once Kassem's deputy premier and later his prisoner for a reported assassination attempt, was appointed transitional chief of state. However, the junta, calling itself the National Council of Revolutionary Command, announced that it will hold supreme powers.

These were said to include the command of the armed forces and all legislative powers, the right to appoint the president and prime minister.

Col. Ahmed Hassan Bakr, presumably a member of the coup,

was named to form a new Cabinet.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS indicated that Aref may be only a figurehead.

In Kassem's revolution of July 14, 1958, Aref led the troops that occupied Baghdad and gunned down King Feisal II and most others in the Iraqi royal family.

Aref became deputy premier and interior minister but soon split with Kassem. Aref wanted close cooperation with Nasser's Egypt, but Kassem, with his own dreams of Arab leadership, broke with Cairo and sought to bulwark his shaky regime with support from Moscow.

Aref was sent abroad as ambassador to West Germany, but soon

returned. In 1959, he was sentenced to death for supposedly attempting to kill Kassem, who recently boasted he had survived 38 assassination attempts in 4 1/2 years.

Kassem commuted his old friend's sentence to life imprisonment and Aref was released in 1961.

The revolt was praised in Cairo by the U.A.R. Voice of Arabs radio as "restoring Iraq to the ranks of Arab countries."

Baghdad radio assured all foreigners that their lives and properties would be safe. The communique said: "The new movement will work to increase our financial potential and guarantee that oil will continue to flow abroad."

Kenworthy Says Walker's Position On University's Status Unchanged

President Eric A. Walker has not changed his attitude that Penn State is the state university, Wilmer E. Kenworthy, executive assistant to the president, said yesterday.

Kenworthy's statement concerned an article in yesterday's issue of The Daily Collegian which stated that Walker had said a constitutional amendment was necessary to recognize Penn State

as the state university.

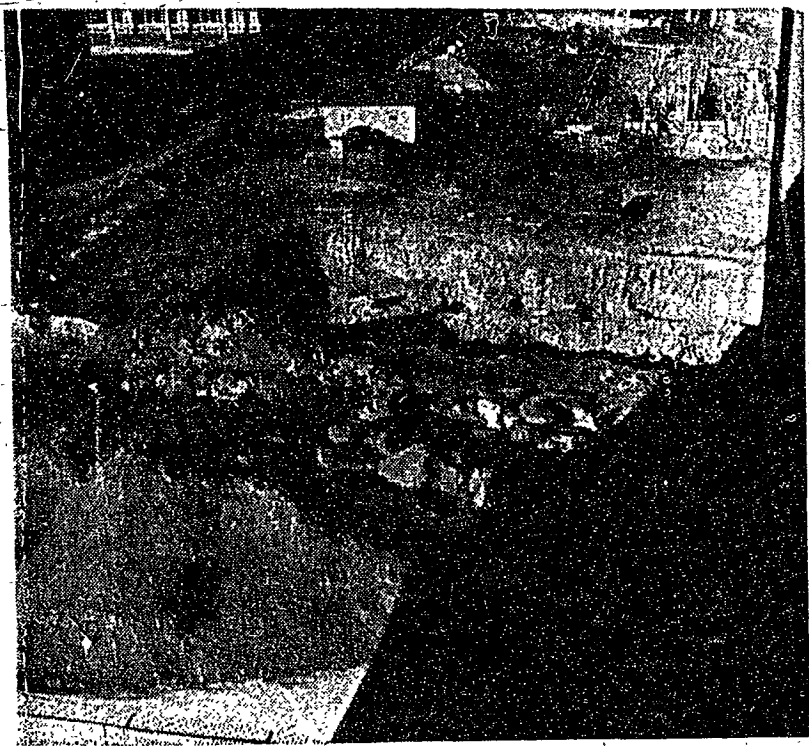
The article explained that Walker said such recognition would entail placing the University faculty, staff and administration on the state payroll, and would require state approval of all purchasing with the possibility that the state would also set tuition. Walker said he would not accept recognition on these terms.

The President said it was the administration of former Gov. David L. Lawrence which offered the University the status of the state university of the commonwealth.

WALKER'S statements came during a question and answer period following dinner and a speech at Theta Xi fraternity Tuesday night.

Kenworthy explained that someone probably asked a question such as "what is necessary for Penn State to become the state university?" to have prompted that answer by Walker.

"The President still considers the University with the same attitude as he always has and will continue to do so," Kenworthy said. "It was just an unfortunate incident that led to that type of answer."



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NEW BOULDER DAM? No, it isn't construction of a new dam but a view from the eighth floor of Pollock A of the construction site for one of four new residence halls. Begun last fall, it is scheduled for completion by September, 1964.

Students May Take Test To Exempt Basic Speech

By STEVE CIMBALA

Exemption from the University's basic speech requirement (Speech 200) is available to students who pass a test designed by the speech department, Robert T. Oliver, head of the department, said recently.

A University requirement states that each student, regardless of curriculum, take at least one basic speech course, Oliver said.

He said the exemption test was established last year to permit qualified students to either com-

pletely skip speech courses or to take an advanced course instead of a basic one.

The examination given to students desiring such an exemption includes a written communications test and a brief interview with several professors of the speech department, he said.

Oliver said two situations may result from a student's test score.

First, he said, the student may be permitted to exempt the required basic speech course if he takes an advanced course as a substitute.

SECOND, a student may, through a very high test score, exempt both basic and advanced speech courses, he said. Extremely high scores will also carry the additional bonus of three credits in speech, Oliver added.

He said the exemption plan is an experimental program and is being studied by speech department officials.

Students' grades in speech and other courses will be compared with their test results to determine whether or not the tests are too difficult, too easy, or reasonably accurate, he said.

Students desiring to take the test, which is offered each term during orientation week, may obtain application forms from the speech department, 305 Sparks, have their advisers sign them, and return them to the speech department.

Edelson Improving; Tests Completed

Laboratory tests completed yesterday on Steven Edelson, (2nd liberal arts-Rockville Centre, N.Y.) disclosed the presence of meningococcus, an organism commonly found in spinal meningitis.

Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, director of the University Health Center, said that in spite of the test results yesterday's medical report on Edelson was "encouraging."

Although Edelson remained on the critical list at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, he has regained consciousness, Glenn said.

About 150 students have already received sulfa medication. Glenn emphasized that such treatment is still available for persons who had contact with Edelson.

Suspended Suspension Penalty Given to Education Sophomore

A 4th-term student in the College of Education was placed on suspended suspension until the end of fall term 1963 by the Senate Subcommittee on Discipline at a hearing Wednesday.

This penalty gives the dean of men the authority to suspend the student without further committee action if any further misconduct occurs.

The action stemmed from an incident on Jan. 25 when the student, a minor, returned to his residence hall in an inebriated condition after a fraternity party.

Several of his friends took the student for a walk outside the residence hall in the hope that the air would "sober" him.

However, the student became uncontrollable and turned over several garbage disposal cans, destroyed a building identification sign and damaged a traffic sign before he was apprehended by the Campus Patrol.

The student was already on office probation as a result of a disturbance he had caused earlier in January in his residence hall after he had been drinking.

Torchlighting Ceremony To Open Greek Week

14 Finalists Chosen In Best Pledge Contest

Fourteen finalists from seven fraternities and seven sororities have been selected from the approximately 45 entries in the annual Greek Week Outstanding Pledge contest.

The Fraternity Affairs Office announced the names of fraternity nominees yesterday. They are James E. Ablard, Phi Kappa Psi; Calvin B. Burgart, Phi Gamma Delta; Thomas Erwin Degling, Pi Kappa Alpha; Kenneth Dries, Alpha Gamma Rho; George E. Houseweart, Triangle; Bruce Miller, Tau Kappa Epsilon; and Richard T. Swank, Alpha Zeta.

SORORITY NOMINEES announced by Panhellenic Council yesterday are Barbara Baum, Delta Zeta; Bonnie Feheley, Alpha Xi Delta; Kathy Lindenmeyer, Gamma Phi Beta; Ellen McLaughlin, Alpha Sigma Alpha; Peggy Mitchell, Delta Delta Delta; Marjorie Moran, Delta Gamma; and Emily Workman, Kappa Delta.

The names of the winners in both the fraternity and sorority categories will be announced at the Pledge Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Nittany Lion Inn, Patricia Kirsch, Panhel co-chairman of the event, said Thursday.

Wilmer E. Wise, assistant to the dean of men for fraternity affairs, will speak on the fraternity system.



OUTSTANDING PLEDGE CONTESTANTS: Seated from left, are Kathy Lindenmeyer, Bonnie Feheley, Ellen McLaughlin and Emily Workman. Standing from left, are Richard Swank, George Houseweart, James Ablard, Kenneth Dries, Thomas Degling and Calvin Burgart. Absent are Barbara Baum, Peggy Mitchell and Bruce Miller.

Lt. Gov. Will Speak After Church Services

Raymond P. Shafer, lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, will implement the theme of Greek Week, "Greeks Light The Way," tomorrow on Old Main lawn when he lights the Greek Torch after morning church services for fraternity and sorority members.

Shafer will then address the assembled Greeks on the benefits of the fraternity system.

Combined Protestant-Jewish services will be held at 10:55 a.m. tomorrow in Schwab and Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated for the Greeks at 11:15 a.m. in the Hetzel Union ballroom. Seats will be reserved until 15 minutes before the services for approximately 1,200 fraternity men and sorority women.

Today is the deadline for completion of window displays in downtown stores on College and Beaver Avenues and on S. Allen St.

Tomorrow night, the Interfraternity-Panhellenic Sing preliminary competitions will be held at 6:30 in 10 Sparks for group singing and at 6:30 in 214 Boucke for quartets.

Two additional sections of quartets and groups will compete at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the same rooms.

Contestants in the open category will compete at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in 10 Sparks.