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News Roundup: From the State, Nation & World

The World

Communist Troops Attack Supply Column

VIETNAM — Communist troops ambushed a U.S. supply column yesterday, leaving 24 enemy dead, while U.S. casualties were listed as 3 killed and 13 wounded.

Communist troops opened up with bazooka-type rockets and machine guns on three armored personnel carriers of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division leading a convoy of trucks on Route 14 from Kontum to Dak To and forward American outposts. American outposts.

The personnel carriers were damaged lightly but none

of the supply trucks was hit.

In the air war over North Vietnam, a Communist MIG21 shot down the 36th American warplane of the war in aerial combat. An Air Force F105 Thunderchief fighter-bomber was downed Sunday during a radar-guided strike on the Yen Bai air base and storage area 78 miles northwest of Hanoi. The pilot was reported as missing. It was the 786th U.S. plane lost in combat over North Vietnam.

Earthquakes Strike Sicily; 300 Killed

PALERMO. Sicily — A shattering succession of earth-quakes rumbled through the snowy and mountainous western tip of Sicily yesterday. Police estimated nearly 300 persons were killed.

With many of the stricken communities still out of touch, officials feared the final death toll might go to 500 country. The injuried ways expected to exceed 1,000 country.

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About 10,000 persons were left without homes and spent the night outdoors or under tents pitched by the Italian

army.
The quakes toppled houses, hospitals, medieval castles and churches in the worst disaster to hit the island since 1908. A hospital at Montevago collapsed burying 200 persons. Police said most were killed.

Spurred by police reports of almost 300 deaths in the rubble of half a dozen towns and villages, the Italian government mounted a massive rescue and relief operation. It was Italy's second successive winter tragedy. Only 14 months ago, the north and central regions were ravaged by the worst floods in the nation's history.

New Program to Stop Dollar Flow to France

PARIS-President Charles de Gaulle may have to dip into his gold hoard this year because of the Johnson administration's program to redress the American balance of pay-

This is the opinion of business and diplomatic sources trying to evaluate the consequences of President Johnson's plans to bolster the dollar.

Though financial experts emphasize the difficulty of

arriving at a precise calculation, they concur that restrictive American measures will increase the probability France will run a balance of payments deficit in 1968. Another measure likely to hurt France will be the effect of the U.S. proposal to cut its losses from tourism by

one quarter. If the administration succeeds, this could mean a further loss to France of perhaps \$25 million this year.

Also to be accounted for, though it is not related to
the recent U.S. measures, is the loss to France this year of the \$200 million once spent annually by the American military establishment. The effect of last year's U.S. troop departure will be felt in 1968 for the first full year.

The Nation

Powell Proposes That Negro Leaders Meet MIAMI, Fla. — Adam Clayton Powell yesterday pro-posed a meeting with militant Negro leaders on his Bimini

island retreat to "sweat out" a position paper on Black "Black Power depends on how you define it," Powell said. "It's fragmented. One group says 'No whites.' Another group says 'Kill 'em,' and some just want equality and

dignity."

Powell said he would like to meet with Floyd McKissiek, head of the Congress of Racial Equality, (CORE);
H. Rap Brown, leader of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, (SNCC), and Stokley Carmichael, who
preceded Brown in the SNCC leadership.

"What we'll probably do is take Rap, Stokley and
McKissick and spend a few days in Bimini and sit down
and talk and compose a synthesis. We need to get together
and sweat this thing out and do a position paper." he said.

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Aid For Alaskan Flood Damage Partisan?

WASHINGTON — The government lent a prominent Alaska Democrat \$894,000—nearly all he asked for—and cut in half the request of the state's Republican governor after the Fairbanks flood damaged their rival motels last

A low-level Budget Bureau lawyer, Robert M. Weinberg, 28, spotted the case in a routine check of the Small

Business Administration's books.

Although the \$894,000 loan for Pruhs's Golden Nugget motel needed no higher approval than that of the SBA's San Francisco office, a government source said Pruhs retined a Wellington

tained a Washington lawyer to help him get it.

Just across the street from Pruhs's Golden Nugget is
Republican Gov. Walter J. Hickel's Travelers Inn, much larger, built on lower ground, and—by Pruhs's own estimate—harder hit by the flood.

Hickel asked the SBA for \$1.2 million; he got \$623,400.

The SBA refinanced an earlier loan to the Golden Nugget, Pruhs said. It would not refinance the Travelers Inn's two mortages, said Hickel's brother, Vernon, who manages the inn.

The State

Rules Committee to Investigate Absenteeism

HARRISBURG - A Western Pennsylvania delegate gate why many of the 13 ex-officio legislative leaders have gate why many of the 13 ex officio legislative ueaders have

failed to attend more than one session.

The delegate, Charles P. Henderson of Beaver County, said the legislative leaders have ignored a convention rule that requires any delegate to request a leave of absence if

he cannot attend a session.

'I am at a loss to see why the elected delegates must petition for leaves of absence," Henderson said, "while some legislators attend at will, and, in some instances, have not attended any of the sessions—with the exception of the

first_session." Lt. Gov. Raymond J. Broderick, convention president and an ex officio delegate, said Henderson's proposal that the matter be investigated would be turned over to the convention's Rules Committee.

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Prexy Denies Charge

LSD Blindness at Edinboro?

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A 1966 incident in which six college students were permanently blinded by the sun while under the influences of the drug LSD occurred at Edinboro State College in Western Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported last night.

The Inquirer story, appearing in editions this morning attributed the information to extremely reliable sources in Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

Dr. Chester T. McNerney, Edinboro president, denied the charge when asked, the Inquirer said

"To the best of our knowledge, this is not true . . . To the best of my knowledge we have had no drug problems here. We haven't even had a case of marijuana," the Inquirer quoted McNerney.

Dr. McNerney came to Edinboro, whose campus of some 4,000 students is located about 15 miles south of Erie, in September, 1966, several months after the blind-

ing incident reportedly occurred.

In Harrisburg, Gov. Shafer's office confirmed yesterday that the six students were in fact blinded staring at the sun while in a psychedelic trance, at the same time defonding their properties. fending their anonymity.
In a separate statement, Dr. Thomas W. Georges Jr.,

secretary of public welfare said: "Revealing the name of the institution where the incident occurred would be tantamount to naming the stu-

dents.
"These college students have already paid a terrible of their vision—for price—the total and permanent loss of their vision—for experimenting with LSD. Neither Dr. Yoder nor I can see any reason to harass them or their families any

The reference was to Dr. Norman Yoder, state commissioner for the blind, who first reported the incident to Washington authorities. Yoder said that about 18 months ago six Western Pennsylvania college students were blinded while staring at the sun after using the drug, LSD.

During the scramble to establish identities of the students, two college officials questioned whether the incident actually had occurred.

Their premise was lack of official reports to other agencies such as the division of drug control in the state Health Department. Both state and federal drug control agents have denied

Pennsylvania drug authorities contend that sale of LSD comes within the scope of a state law which regulates narcotic and hallucinatory drugs.

A spokesman for Gov. Shafer's office said:

"The incident did take place. Six students did and are

any knowledge of the case.

receiving services from the Office of the Blind. This office is backing Dr. Georges and Dr. Yoder in their refusal to name either the school or the students."

In a related development, Sen. Benjamin R. Donolow, D-Philadelphia, who headed a drug investigation in 1965, called a news conference for this afternoon in Philadelphia on the case. Donolow has demanded that state officials dis-

close at least the identity of the school, In a related development, Sen. Clarence D. Bell, R-Delaware, said he would ask his Judiciary Committee whether it wanted to investigate the effectiveness of state criminal law regarding the sale of LSD, marijuana, or other dan-

"Something is radically wrong in Pennsylvania when six college students are blinded for life and no criminal investigation is undertaken," Bell said.

Georges declined to comment any further on either the Bell statement or the case as a whole.
While Yoder's original report identified the students as

merely juniors at a Western Pennsylvania college. Georges said "federal law clearly prohibits the release of the names of those persons without their written consent." He added:

"The six college students are undergoing rehabilitation and receiving other services from the Office for the Blind, an agency of this department. Our concern is centered on rebuilding their lives."



THE REV. ALAN R. CLEETON, director of the Wesley Foundation and secretary of the Centre County chapter of the American Civil Liberiles Union, discussed freedom of speech with international students at the year's first Advanced Seminar of American Language and Culture.

Interfraternity Council Holds Winter Workshops

By MARGE COHEN

Collegian IFC Reporter

The Interfraternity Council held its first workshop program of the year last week. Other workshops are planned for the spring.

Intended for the exchange of ideas within the fraternity system at the University, the workshops are attended by officers of individual fraternity houses. Each is devoted to the discussion of one phase of fraternity life with the hope that new ideas and improvements will be introduced. Problems encountered by individual fraternities are also discussed, and solutions for these problems are considered.

Winter Term IFC Workshop was headed by Ted Brown, of Theta Delta Chi. He said that he was satisfied with the results of the workshop and hoped that the ideas resulting from discussion at the winter workshops will be put into effect before the workshops in spring.

Workshop Chairmen

Brown was assisted by the nine men who were selected as chairmen of the individual workshops. They included Glen Pitman, of Chi Phi, in charge of the Presidents' Workshop; Chuck Pearce, of Alpha Tau Omega, heading the Scholarship Workshop, and Jim Moser, of Acacia, in charge of the House Managers' Workshop.

The Caterer's Workshop was headed by

Sol Weiss, a member of Zeta Beta Tau, and the Pledge Masters' Workshop by John Van Buren, of Delta Sigma Phi.

Mike Erdman, of Theta Delta Chi, led the Workshop for Corresponding Secretary-Alumni Relations, while Jerry North, also of Theta Delta Chi, was in charge of the Social

Chairman Workshop.

The Rush Workshop was directed by Dave Cronrath of Alpha Sigma Phi, and Van Quereau of Sigma Alpha Epsilon headed the Treasurers' Workshop. At the Presidents' Workshop Pitman and

attending fraternity presidents discussed a president's chief problems: maintaining discipline and controlling factions within the individual fraternities. The men concluded that maintaining discipline was usually carried out through talks with brothers within the foretenities. in the fraternity and, if that failed, imposition of a fine for rule violations.

Fine Collection Difficult

The collection of that fine is a different matter, they agreed. Some of the presidents supported the idea of each brother's paying a deposit at the beginning of the year, similar to the University's General Deposit. The amount of a brother's fine would be deducted from his deposit. Otherwise, the violator must be asked for the sum at the time of the

The rise of factions within a fraternity aroused much discussion among the frater-nity presidents. They agreed to have talks with the leaders of both parties. Through conferences of this nature, with the president as the neutral factor, most fraternities solve

this problem.

The scholarship chairmen heard Steve
Hinytzke, a speech instructor at the University, give his opinions on good fraterhity scholarship. Afterwards they discussed having a scholarship committee within each fra-

ternity to instill the ideals of good scholar-ship in the brotherhood, placing more stress on the big and little brother system, enforcing quiet hours and using the bluebook files in each fraternity more effectively.

Participants in the Scholarship Work-

shop also considered what can be done when brothers do receive poor grades. They were in accord with imposing either a loss of vote or the loss of pin number-seniority-on a brother whose average does not meet with house approval. The action would depend on the individual fraternity.

Managers and Caterers

The workshops for house managers and caterers combined to discuss these phases of the fraternity set-up. Wilbur Alwine, the manager of the new Fraternity Purchasing Association (FPA), met with these groups to discuss the role of the FPA.

The Pledge Masters' Workshop was primarily concerned with fraternity pledging programs. A report of the IFC pledging committee, headed by Eric Prystowsky, was read to the participants, who then discussed the report and different pledging programs of the fraternities in the council. Complaints of pledges and brothers in regard to pledging pledges and brothers in regard to pledging were brought out by the report and then discussed. Three major points evolved from that

discussion.

The three points which will be incorporated into the pledging programs of fraternities, were to have express goals of pledging, a distinct line between brothers and pledges, and the elimination of apathy of many brothers toward pledges, i.e., pledges are not to be considered servants. The pledging period is to be given more meaning for the pledges as well as the brotherhood of a fraternity.

Welcome Alumni

The workshop for corresponding secretary-alumni relations featured Ross Lehman, the assistant executive secretary of the University's Alumni Association. Lehman spoke of the feelings held by most alumni when they return to their respective fraternities for Homecoming Weekend especially. He said that most of the alumni did not feel a part of the fraternity and that, in the fu-ture, they should be made to feel more welcome in their former college residences. He also said that alumni should be encouraged to return to the University for weekends. The workshop participants agreed completely with their guest speaker and said that they could only hope that this area of fraternity life would receive more attention within every house.

The topics of discussion for the social

chairmen attending their workshop ranged from socials with sororities to enforcement of IFC regulations concerning fraternity parties. The social chairmen discussed the possibilities of having other social functions, such as Wednesday night socials, with sororities in addition to the standard Friday night socials. Homecoming and Spring Week bids were also discussed. It was announced that fraternity bids to sororities for Spring Week will be issued the third week of this term.

Spring Week Bids Each fraternity is to submit a list of five sororities with whom they would like to (Continued on page six)

International Students Study **American Civil Liberties**

By KITTY PHILBIN and BILL STREIN Collegian Staff Writers

The slim edge between free speech and slander may be quite clear to an American, but it is not as obvious to an international student, as the Rev. Alan R. Cleeton discovered last night at an Advanced Seminar in American Language and Culture,

The seminars meet at 7:30 p.m. every Monday night in 173 Willard for the benefit of those international students who wish to gain additional insight into American cul-

Cleeton, Director of the Wesleyan Foundation proposal that students who interrupt official and secretary of the Centre Country of the American Civil Liberties Union, presented a discussion of American freedom of

Bill of Rights. He cited many examples to show modern applications of these laws: the late George Lincoln Rockwell's right to advocate even Nazism in this country, or, at controversial areas as the flag desecration. the other extreme, H. Rap Brown's right to case involving two University students. advocate Negro militancy.

Cleeton stressed that while citizens may vocally support certain causes, they may not always have the right to carry them out. who are in In connection with the ideal of free the series.

speech and peaceful assembly, Cleeton explained the purpose of the American Civil Liberties Union; namely, the protection of the citizen's right to freedom of belief and expression.

The questioning period revealed that what may be so apparent to the average American is often quite puzzling to those who are unfamiliar with our judicial system.

A German student posed a legal question involving liability in a defamation of character case, illustrating the problem of the ambiguity of American slander law.

An inquiry about the legality of Uni-Last night's guest speaker, the Rev. Mr. versity professor Ernest C. Pollard's recent

versity affairs. Commenting on a question posed by the Cleeton took the 16 students on a short moderator, John Spielmann (graduate-discussion of the American constitution, speech-Bellefonte), Cleeton said, "The American constitution, speechfocusing on the freedoms guaranteed by the ican Civil Liberties Union is a pressure group

> Future seminars will cover topics ranging from the Civil War to the hippie culture. All international students and others who are interested are encouraged to attend

Job Corps Leader

Kelly to Get Award

The national director of the Job Corps, William P. Kelly, will arrive on campus to-day to receive the first annual "Distinguished sentatives from Job Corps centers in Drums

The award will be presented to Kelly of all Pennsylvania youth who have beneat a convocation of the college at 8 p.m. in the Hetzel Union ballroom. The public is inwill present Kelly will a citation on behalf of all Pennsylvania youth who have beneated from Job Corps programs.

Kelly will then speak on "College Stuvited to attend. Kelly has been director of the Job Corps

since December 1966, winning praise from Congressional and business sources for his efforts in administering the program. Regarding Kelly, Sen. Charles E. Goodell

has said, "Since you took over as Job Corps director, you have done a magnificent job in moving this program toward what many of us felt it should have been in the first

Council of the College of Human Develop- industrialists, Penn State administrators, and ment has chosen Kelly as the recipient of its student representatives from the college will award, "occasioned by his outstanding ac- be guests.

Service to Youth Award" from the College and Marienville, Pa. The girls from Drums of Human Development. will present Kelly with a citation on behalf

Kelly will then speak on "College Students and the Other War," namely that on poverty. The theme of the speech will be "Man, Help Me To Be Square." This idea is taken from the plea of a 17-year-old, slums-reared, unemployed school drop-out during his first. Leb Corne, interview. The Youth his firsts Job Corps interview. The youth begged the interviewer to help him "be square," in other words, learn how to make his way in a world that demands a skill of some sort from everyone.

The director is also expected to discuss other experiences with disadvantaged youth, During Congressional hearings, Sen.

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Prior to the convocation, Kelly will be In Oct. 1967, Business Week magazine honored at a dinner given by executives ported: "Corps Director Kelly, who has from some of the nation's private industry. reported: "Corps Director Kelly, who has from some of the nation's private industry. been on the job 11 months, is given credit by many for putting spine and direction into the organization."

Echoing similar sentiments, the Student Echoing of the College of Human Develop-

U.S. Told To Avoid Peace Efforts Without Saigon's Full Consent

SAIGON (AP) - President Nguyen Van Thieu indirectly told the United States yesterday to avoid peace efforts in a peace settlement and sugwhich it did not have the full gested that Secretary-General consent of the South Vietnam. It is south Vietnam. It is south Vietnam. A wide-ranging speech by and to the United Nations, to

Thieu amounted to a major have more complete informa-hardening of South Vietnam's tion on this subject," Thieu position on negotiations and a halt to the bombing of North Vietnam in the face of pressure for an easing of the air raids to test Hanoi's intentions.

"The Republic of Vietnam most naturally should have the central role in any developments relating to the events in Vietnam," Thieu said. "To overlook or to disregard this normal setup is to give leeway to the Communist tendentious propaganda, and damage the success of the common cause.

"I regret to say that in the past our allies sometimes have not avoided these pitfalls, by placing themselves at the cen-ter of peace efforts on Vietnam, for instance by asking the United Nations or other governments to help solve the Vietnamese problems, while such a move should be made by the government of Viet-nam, as the principal party, with the support of all allied and friendly countries."

However, he scored the

NGUYEN YAN THIEU

U.S. officials in Saigon had only a "no comment" on Thieu's remarks.

The speech coincided with the disclosure that a group of 20 Vietnamese, many of them former government officials, is circulating a peace proposal which goes directly against the policies of the South Vietna-

mese government.

The detailed proposal calls for an end to the bombing of North Vietnam, among other things, to bring about a negotiated settlement of the war. The purpose of negotiations under the plan would be to set

up a coalition of the present government and the Commu-nist National Liberation Front

The authors of the proposal remained anonymous, expressing fear of government re-

In his speech to the Society of Vietnamese Newspaper Editors, Thieu spelled out his government's reasons for opposing a bombing pause and peace negotiations without some definite sign of de-escalation from

Hanoi.

He noted that the bombing of North Vietnam did not begin until February, 1965, more than three years after "Communist aggression had started."