

Variable cloudiness and continued mild today with showers and possibly thundershowers likely this afternoon or tonight. High 65, low tonight 55. Cloudy and somewhat cooler tomorrow with occasional rain. High 58. Saturday: Partly sunny and cool.

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The World

Allied Troops Push Toward Khe Sanh

SAIGON — A push by 20,000 allied troops to shatter the enemy siege of Khe Sanh was disclosed yesterday. With the relief column last reported eight miles away, hopes ran high that the hard-hit Marine base would be reached soon.

Field reports said the drive had met little resistance since it kicked off Monday from Ca Lu, 12 miles east of Khe Sanh. But blown bridges and landslides on National Route 9 slowed the advance.

U.S. 1st Cavalry Division troopers, Marines and South Vietnamese were taking part in this biggest offensive in the far north in nearly a year.

For more than two months the base in the northwest corner of South Vietnam has been besieged by 16,000 to 20,000 North Vietnamese troops. Only by perilous plane and helicopter flights have the 6,000 Marines and 1,000 South Vietnamese there been supplied and casualties removed.

Czechoslovak Authorities Investigate Suicide

PRAGUE — Twenty years after the fact, Czechoslovak authorities announced yesterday they will investigate the 1948 "suicide" of Jan Masaryk, the national leader whose death symbolizes the brutality of Stalin era rule for millions of his countrymen.

The acting attorney general, Frantisek Zabransky, confirmed his office is investigating charges Masaryk was murdered. The announcement came amid open skepticism about the police contention that the death this week of Jozef Brestansky, an investigator of Stalinist era crimes, was a suicide.

An announcement said an autopsy showed that Brestansky "died as a result of suffocation due to hanging," and that the approximate time of death coincided with that of his disappearance.

In another development, Deputy Premier Olakar Simnek and Defense Minister Bohumir Lomsky resigned Wednesday. The two formerly were supporters of the ousted president and Communist party chief, Antonin Novotny.

Red China Detains Soviet Tanker

MOSCOW — Red China is illegally detaining a Soviet tanker loaded with cargo for Vietnam, the Soviet government reported yesterday.

A statement said the Chinese are "attempting to damage the cause of aid of the Socialist countries to the Vietnamese people."

Tass said Chinese soldiers have "broken down doors and burst into the tanker's inner premises and are using force against the captain and other crew members."

It did not explain why the ship, the Komsomolovs, was being held or why violence broke out.

"These actions of the Chinese authorities are a premeditated, provocative nature and are a rude violation of international law," Tass quoted a government statement as saying.

Tass said the Soviet government "demanded the adoption of measures to ensure the safety of the tanker's crew and the lifting of the ban on the ship's departure with all its crew."

The Nation

Peace Talk Offer May Affect Campaign

WASHINGTON — Hanoi's offer to talk about an end to bombing that could bring peace talks may force Democratic and Republican presidential candidates to shift their tactics rapidly in campaigning for their party's nomination.

Even if the North Vietnamese proposition turns out to be a demand for an unconditional halt in the air attacks without reciprocal Communist military declaration, President Johnson has at least provoked a response other than the usual flat rejection of peace offers.

Thus far Sens. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., and Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., have focused their attacks on Johnson's policies. Even after he renounced renomination, they have complained that his bombing reduction was not enough to bring results.

Stock Exchange Soars To An All-Time High

NEW YORK — Trading on the New York Stock Exchange exploded to an all-time record yesterday in a burst of investors' enthusiasm over Vietnam peace possibilities.

A total of 19,290,000 shares changed hands and swamped the exchange's ticker tape. The volume spurred well above the record of 17.73 million shares traded Monday, which topped the previous mark of 16.41 million shares set Oct. 29, 1929, the day of the historic market crash.

Hanoi's broadcast of its willingness to talk with the United States about a complete halt of the bombing of North Vietnam triggered the powerful reaction.

As trading volume set a first-hour record, prices jumped. However, profit taking and a closer examination of Hanoi's intent later resulted in a substantial whittling of the early gain.

The State

Republicans Lead In Primary Registration

HARRISBURG — Republicans instead of Democrats will carry a hefty registration margin into the April 23 primary election according to official figures tabulated yesterday by the State Elections Bureau.

The final bureau count read: Republicans—2,595,079 Democrats—2,550,295.

The Republican margin represented a 35,484 boost in the 9,500 advantage the party held for last November's Municipal elections. It also was the third straight election that the GOP had outregistered the Democrats.

Gov. Shafer said he was gratified to learn the official count. He said one of his primary goals since he assumed office a year ago was to increase the GOP's voting strength in Pennsylvania.

State House Trims Teacher Salary Increase

HARRISBURG — The House voted yesterday to non-concur in Senate amendments that trimmed a proposed salary increase for school teachers from \$53 million to \$35 million.

The action, coming on voice vote, sent the bill to a joint conference committee which will utilize a 26-day legislative recess to seek a compromise agreeable to both chambers.

The Senate passed its version of the salary proposal Tuesday after being warned by Gov. Shafer that he "could not approve a bill that came to my desk which was drafted along the lines of the House bill."

The House version, approved March 13, would give teachers a \$500 across-the-board raise in the 1968-69 school year and increase the starting minimum from \$4,500 to \$6,000 in three annual steps.

Schools Could Not Hold Nonpublic Pupils

HARRISBURG — A Philadelphia school district official said yesterday a "grave condition" would exist if 10 per cent of the city's nonpublic pupils were admitted next year to public schools.

David Horowitz, deputy superintendent of instruction for the School District of Philadelphia, made the comment in response to a hypothetical question by a member of the House Basic Education Committee. The committee held the first of a series of public hearings on state aid to nonpublic schools.

Asked what the Philadelphia school board would do if 10 per cent of the nonpublic students asked to enter next year, Horowitz said:

"We would admit them. Depending on where these pupils would be enrolled, there would be serious problems. A number of schools would have to go on a half-day basis."

Horowitz said the school district's current building program would make it possible to absorb considerably more pupils and nonpublic—but this would not be for several years.

Legislature Split on Tuition

By DENNIS STIMELING
Collegian USG Reporter

State legislators are beginning to express their opinions openly on the possibility of a University tuition hike.

Democratic legislative members are lining up solidly opposed to a tuition increase as suggested by Gov. Raymond P. Shafer, while their Republican cohorts are either dodging the issue or actively supporting such a proposal.

Over the last term break, James Kefford, special assistant to Undergraduate Student Government President Jeffrey Long, in charge of the tuition fight, traveled to all state-related schools to present his program of opposition to Shafer's proposal.

In addition, Kefford received about 25 to 30 letters during the last two weeks from state legislators. These were in response to an earlier letter by USG expressing the student government's concern over the prospect of an increase.

The letters Kefford received were divided about evenly pro and con over the possibility of a tuition hike.

According to Kefford, the Democrats agreed with USG that "University students should not have to bear the burden of solving the state's financial problems."

Republicans Back Hike, Most Democrats Opposed

In opposition to this, the replies from Republicans indicated that they felt "because students and universities are responsible for a large percentage of state spending they should share the responsibility of balancing the state budget."

In addition the Republicans feel that there are more pressing problems than education which should receive additional state funds, such as the mental health problem.

Kefford admitted that a tuition increase is more likely now than ever before because of the recent increased state expenditures for higher salaries for state educators. Kefford maintained, however, that his program of resisting this increase will be successful and tuition at the University will remain at \$150 per term.

Concerning his visits to all the state colleges and the three other state related universities, Kefford said, "We encountered

a great deal of support and were pleased with our reception."

Kefford explained USG's plan to student government leaders at each institution he visited and received pledges of support from every one.

At California State College he addressed a meeting of the student government and received a resolution of support immediately. At most of the other colleges he received pledges of support and promises of letters when the student governments at those colleges take official action.

At Temple University, a protest program was already underway when Kefford arrived there. Petitions were being circulated against the tuition increase, similar to the one at Penn State during registration, and were receiving thousands of signatures.

In addition, students there were being urged to write to their legislators as students here were over the term break. Also on this

subject, Kefford urged continuation of student letters, telephone calls and personal visits to state legislators, saying, "These are beginning to have their effect on the people in Harrisburg."

Program 'Progressing'
Kefford said that his program is progressing here and at other schools "much better than I expected."

He admitted that "everything is at a standstill in Harrisburg right now because of the budget hearings," but added, "things should begin to happen again anytime."

For the future Kefford plans rallies to be held on individual campuses but has cancelled any plans for a massive rally in Harrisburg. "After the teachers' demonstration and the legislators' reactions I think a rally could do more harm than good," he explained. "It would be very hard to maintain an orderly, dignified crowd."

"The legislators are becoming aware that students are concerned about this through student letters and our contacts. If this continues there should be no tuition increase."

Because of the upcoming USG elections there was some speculation that the tuition fight would lose its impetus. Kefford denied this and said, "I am looking forward to working with the new USG executives. With their help our plan will continue and succeed."

USG Untangles Bookstore Issue

By KITTY PHILBIN

Collegian USG Reporter

The head of the Undergraduate Student Government's bookstore campaign said yesterday that "it is time to set the facts straight" concerning the drive to establish a University-operated bookstore.

Steve Gerson, administrative action commissioner of USG, cited a "very popular misconception" that a campus bookstore should be established to save money for students.

In particular, Gerson referred to an editorial opinion printed in the Collegian yesterday.

"Yesterday's editorial in the Collegian completely missed USG's point about the major arguments being academics and service, and showed a lack of factual information concerning the bookstore issue," Gerson said.

Gerson said that USG never promised "tremendous savings on books" to students, and said that savings would come mainly on school supplies, accomplished through an expansion of the Book Exchange Used Book Agency in the Hetzel Union Building.

None of the campaigns for a bookstore within the last 30 years have been able to attain anything because they were all based on the price argument, and not the stronger one for service, Gerson said.

Expanding on the service and academics contentions, Gerson cited a recent magazine article dealing with a new University-operated bookstore opened by Colgate University, Hamilton, New York.

Gerson said USG is of the same opinion as the president of Colgate who said that students "ought to think of the resources of a good bookstore being at their disposal just as the college curriculum is."

The purpose of the bookstore is to perform a service."

In further reference to academic value, Gerson called a well stocked University bookstore "almost as essential as a good library to the academic environment of a college campus, necessary if the University is to raise its academic position with other large universities."

Gerson explained the situation involving Harold Herman, owner of the Whitman Book Shop of Philadelphia, who withdrew his offer to supply books at an 18 per cent discount.

Herman's son, Richard Herman (3rd-business administration-Narberth) reportedly said that Gerson failed to notify his father that he was coming to Philadelphia to discuss the offer at the end of last term, and insulted the elder Herman when he refused to talk to Gerson.

Gerson denied speaking with Herman, and said that when another USG member called the Whitman shop, he was informed that the manager was "extremely busy" and could not see Gerson.

"Herman should have had enough conviction to let us know why he was no longer interested instead of just saying he was too busy to see us," Gerson said. It should be remembered that he approached us, not the other way around."

Gerson said Whitman's offer was accepted in the first place in order to establish initial relations with publishers and a line of credit.

He pointed out that in "a relatively short time USG was able to get another middleman to assume the same position."

USG will continue to sell books at a 15 per cent reduction in price today beginning at 9 a.m. on the ground floor of the HUB.

Books are available in Accounting 101, Art History 110, Biological Science 2, Chemistry 11, 31 and 34, Marketing 122, Math 17, Political Science

3 and 20, Anthropology 1, and History 170.

Gerson urged students and faculty members to fill out forms available at the HUB desk determining the availability of books on campus.

Returns from faculty members indicate a lack of books for several courses. In one men's physical education class, 60 men out of a class of 60 were unable to obtain the required text by the first day of class.

In a labor and management relations course, the entire class of 35 could not obtain one book, and only 10 students could locate the other.

The member filling out the latter form said in the comments space that "It's damn disgusting."

A physics instructor noted that one required textbook for his course was out of print.

"Only the Student Book Store made any effort to find copies in other cities. They reported the difficulty before Keeler's even order the book," the professor reported.

McCarthy's Bid Gains Support

By DAVE NESTOR
Collegian Staff Writer

"The cause is greater than the individuals concerned," was Alfred DiBernardo's explanation of the support Eugene McCarthy is receiving in the State College area.

"Hippies come to our office and work side by side with housewives and sorority girls."

DiBernardo, head of the McCarthy forces in this area, stated that hippies want to give the establishment one more chance and the housewives want to see a change in U.S. policy. "This fact molds these two groups into one cause."

Wisconsin's primary on Tuesday saw McCarthy receive 57 per cent of the Democratic vote. Lyndon Johnson received 35 per cent, and Robert Kennedy 6 per cent. "This figure does not count the 25 per cent cross-over vote that McCarthy received on the Republican ballots," DiBernardo said.

A Decisive Victory
The McCarthy forces consider these figures a decisive victory. Even though Robert Kennedy's name did not appear on the ballot in Wisconsin, experts predicted that he would receive between 16 and 20 per cent of the vote.

DiBernardo said that McCarthy is picking up steam in Centre County. "We have so many volunteers that we have to turn some of them away. Many people thought that the McCarthy movement would die out after Johnson bowed out of the race, but the affect has been just the opposite. We have had more people stop in our office since Sunday night than before the announcement."

McCarthy has been attacked as being a one issue candidate. "This is not true," said DiBernardo. McCarthy has been speaking on race problems, education, urban problems and economics since last November, according to DiBernardo.

Vietnam is the subject on which McCarthy differs most widely from the President, and his opinions on the war have received the most publicity.

McCarthy will start campaigning in Pennsylvania very soon. The Senator has speeches planned for Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, and DiBernardo said that the chances are very good that Senator McCarthy will come to State College in appreciation of the vast number of supporters that he has here.

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CHARLES LLOYD, saxophonist and flutist, who will perform at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in Schwab. Lloyd will be sponsored by the Jazz Club. Tickets will be available until sixth period tomorrow on the ground floor of the Hetzel Union Building.

USG Conventions Begin Tonight; Womer Enters Race

Nominating conventions for the Undergraduate Student Government spring elections will begin at seven tonight amid rumors and speculation concerning the nominations for USG president.

The Student and Lion Parties, who this week announced a merger, will convene in the Hetzel Union Building Ballroom. Doors will open at 6:30 and close at 7 p.m.

The announced merger has not received approval from the USG Elections Commission and will not for several weeks. In order to overcome this barrier, the two parties will meet together tonight and, in effect, nominate the same candidates.

The Student Party now contains 1,040 students registered as voters for tonight and the Lion Party has 200 voters.

Fox Heads Parties
The Student and Lion Parties will be headed by Jon Fox, current vice president of USG and the only announced candidate for either party's nomination.

The New Party will meet in 105 Forum. The time is the same as for the other convention. 891 students registered with the New Party during the last three days of registration in the HUB.

Thus far, the campaign manager of the New Party, Richard Mowry, has said that it

is likely that no one would be nominated by his party to oppose Fox in the election.

Last night James Womer, chairman of USG's Legal Awareness Committee, announced that he would oppose Fox's election by running as an independent candidate for the presidency.

Womer has circulated a petition to enable him to be declared a candidate. After the 500 necessary signatures were obtained, the petition was given to Edward Dench, USG Elections Commissioner.

Dench has not yet ruled on Womer's candidacy, but Womer said he expected no difficulties to arise.

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Hanoi Agrees To Negotiate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson said yesterday he plans to establish consultations with representatives of the North Vietnamese government to seek to establish a basis for peace talks.

He said consultations are now under way with the South Vietnamese and other U.S. allies.

Johnson told a nationwide television audience he would fly to Hawaii today to meet with U.S. officials based in Saigon.

The President's statement: "Today the government of North Vietnam made a statement which included the following paragraphs:

"However, for its part, the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam declares its readiness to appoint its representative to contact the United States representative with a view to determining with the American side the unconditional cessation of the United States bombing raids and all other acts of war against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam so that talks may start."

Johnson's Position
"Last Sunday I expressed the position of the United States with respect to peace in Vietnam and Southeast Asia. In that statement I said:

"Now, as in the past, the United States is ready to send its representatives to any forum, at any time, to discuss the means of bringing this war to an end."

"Accordingly we will establish contact with the representatives of North Vietnam. Consultations with the government of South Vietnam and our other allies are now taking place."

North Vietnam has responded to past U.S. peace probes, which have been accompanied on a number of occasions by bombing pauses or cutbacks, with no reply, harshly worded rejections, or refusal to enter into talks except on condition that the United States first permanently halt the air attacks on the North or an interest in talking only about getting the United States out of Vietnam.

Johnson remarked Wednesday that "We went just as far as we could go without yielding the lives of our boys and our security there around Khe Sanh."

The President said the North Vietnamese have poured several thousand men into this area and were moving trucks and supplies there.

In its broadcast, Hanoi still called for an unconditional end to the bombing before a

start of peace talks. And it surrounded its offer to send envoys with invective against "U.S. imperialism."

The Vietnamese broadcast also declared that "U.S. defeat is obvious" from the new phase of the war in South Vietnam, and it repeated demands for an end to America's "aggressive war against Vietnam" and withdrawal of all U.S. troops.

Hanoi's agreement to at least talk about halting the bombing of the North seemed to catch its Communist supporters by surprise.

The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia had just finished accusing Johnson of "carrying on a hypocritical game" with his Sunday offer.

Cautiously favorable responses to the latest developments came from elsewhere abroad.

French President Charles de Gaulle, long a critic of U.S. policy towards Vietnam, praised Johnson's offer as "an act of reason and political courage."

The British government, in a statement approved by Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart, said of the North Vietnamese announcement: "We welcome this decision by Hanoi which ex-

courages our hope of progress toward a just and lasting settlement."

At the United Nations a spokesman for Secretary-General U Thant welcomed the Hanoi willingness to dispatch envoys and voiced hope that "such talks will constitute a positive first step" toward ending the war.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said Hanoi's statement sounded encouraging. He hoped it would be "the move that will break" the long stalemate over negotiations.

Sen. Vance Hartke, D-Ind., who has been calling for a bombing halt to bring Hanoi to the conference table, saw the North Vietnamese statement as "concrete evidence that the beginning of peace talks and a cease-fire are definitely within the realm of possibility."

Church Hopeful
Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, a critic of the administration's Vietnam policy, regarded Hanoi's response as "the first hopeful development to come out of Vietnam in years."

New York Republican Senator Jacob K. Javits said Hanoi's offer should be accepted. "The important thing is to get talks started to begin a momentum for substantial negotiations," Javits said.