



Townpeople visit

J. DOYLE CORMAN, county commissioner was escorted around campus yesterday by Jef Wall, former president of ARHS. Corman was one of the townspeople on campus as part of Town Days.

Photo by Ira Joffe

## Town Day: interaction

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More than 50 townspeople and their escorts braved the snow and cold yesterday during Town Day. The Organization of Town Independent Students sponsored the event which brought guests to campus from a variety of professions in State College.

According to Rich Glazier, Town Day co-chairman, the program was a success. "Townspeople are beginning to take a second look at students," he said. "Talking with students and learning their points of view and becoming friendly on a personal level" was a statement echoed by many of the Town Day guests.

Guests and escorts spent most of the day touring different parts of the campus. Local dorm area student governments provided lunch for the guests in the dining halls, after which they toured various buildings, including dormitories, in each area.

Town Day activities were concluded last night with a banquet in the HUB Terrace Room. Town Day Co-chairman Vince Cianni said, "The purpose of the dinner was to thank townspeople for

what they have done in the past to help students and the University."

OTIS presented State College Mayor Jo Hays with a tree from the students as a gesture of friendship to the town. Accepting the tree, Hays said, "College Avenue is one street that should be made narrower," and added that Town Day had made a step in the right direction.

"I hope Town Day will be one of many similar events in the future," Hays said.

University President John W. Oswald, speaking at the banquet, said, "It is important that this community and University work closely together. The future of both are tightly woven, and when we talk of progress, we talk of common problems whose solutions we must work together to solve."

Charles Lupton of the Penn State Foundation was guest speaker at the banquet. Speaking to the townspeople University administration and the students, he said, "Each of us should try to remember how we got where we are."

"We have to keep our differences in mind when relating to those around us," Lupton said. He said members of the University community and the town should use their "mutual respect

quotient in dealing with each other."

"I would like to think that Town Day has caused each of us to ask ourselves, 'how am I doing, how am I relating, how am I making College Avenue a little easier to cross,'" Lupton said.

According to Glazier, "We had a few minor problems, but generally the day was a fantastic success. A lot of good will came from the program. We made some friends and opened some avenues of communication that weren't there before."

"Our major problem came from some students not knowing what was going on," Glazier said.

Acting Chief of Police Elwood Williams, one of the guests, said, "Town Day is a very big step forward by young people in bringing about better town-University relationships."

OTIS President Thomas Sweitzer presented the idea for a "thank you and awareness day" to the administration last fall. Sweitzer said he considered Town Day a success and said, "We are hopeful that every day becomes a 'Town Day' in State College."

## White House to delay on tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House informed the House Judiciary Committee yesterday it wants to wait until after the Easter recess of Congress before deciding how to respond to a committee request for tapes of 42 presidential conversations.

James D. St. Clair, President Nixon's defense counsel in the impeachment inquiry being conducted by the committee, indicated in a letter that additional materials would be furnished after Congress returns from its Easter holiday on April 22 that "will permit the committee to complete its inquiry promptly."

The committee had set a yesterday as deadline for a reply to its request for the tapes. But a White House official, who declined to be quoted, insisted the only thing expected of St. Clair was to go about considering the request.

In a letter to committee special counsel John M. Doar, St. Clair said Nixon "has directed me to advise you that a review of the materials in question is under way." The letter continued:

"We expect that the review can be completed by the end of the Easter recess, and that the additional materials furnished at that time will permit the committee to complete its inquiry promptly."

St. Clair's letter fell far short of promising to furnish all the materials sought by the committee.

Chairman Peter W. Rodino, D-N.J.,

plans a committee meeting for today or tomorrow to deal with the possible issuance of a subpoena for the materials if St. Clair's response is deemed unsatisfactory.

Earlier yesterday, Judiciary Committee Democrats supported a proposal to let President Nixon's lawyer attend closed sessions of the committee during the impeachment inquiry.

Republican members have been insisting St. Clair, Nixon's chief impeachment lawyer, be allowed to participate in the committee's activities, while Democrats generally have said that would turn what is essentially an investigation into a trial.

It has been suggested by Rodino, D-N.J., that the question of St. Clair's participation be dealt with after the committee receives a presentation of the facts developed by the committee staff.

But at an informal meeting of committee Democrats, there was widespread agreement to let St. Clair be present when John Doar, chief committee counsel, starts laying out the case.

In another apparent concession to Republican critics, Doar said he would be able to present an overview of the case in about seven days, rather than take five to six weeks in a detailed presentation, as he had proposed earlier.

The Democrats are still proposing to delay any decisions on whether to call witnesses or receive additional evidence until the initial presentation is completed.

That is another area of disagreement with at least some Republican members, who want assurances that important witnesses will be brought before the committee for cross-examination by St. Clair.

The main Republican goal, however, is to establish at the outset the right of St. Clair to be present when evidence is put before the committee. With that apparently attained, they would probably be willing to wait until Doar presents his facts before pressing the issue of calling witnesses.

## One dead after tanker explosion

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — One person was killed and more than 20 more were missing last night when an 800-foot oil tanker exploded at its mooring at the docks of the Atlantic Richfield Co. refinery, police said.

Officials said most of the 35-member crew jumped into the water when the explosion occurred shortly before 10 p.m.

Rescuers said they could account for only 10 of the crew of the Greek-registry tanker Elias.

"We have one dead and at least 15 injured," said Philadelphia Police Sgt. Philip Kalman.

Officials refused to allow newsmen close to the burning vessel because they feared a second explosion.

"Anyone on that ship is dead," said Fire Commissioner Joseph Rizzo to a briefing several hundred yards from

where more than 200 firemen battled the blaze.

"I couldn't see anything but flames," said Frank Kelly, 52, a guard who witnessed the explosion.

Witnesses said flames were shooting several hundred feet into the air.

The force of the blast split the ship in

half with burning oil seeping into the water.

"You could smell that oil for miles," said the witness.

Kelly was inside a guard post several hundred yards from where the Elias erupted. He said a car parked nearby was demolished by flying chunks of steel

from the ship.

"It looks pretty bad right now. We have various reports that there are crewmen still aboard and that some crewmen are in the water," said a guard at the riverside plant of the Atlantic Richfield Co.

## Oil arrives, shortage nears end

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first big tanker-load of Arab oil to reach the United States in five months arrived yesterday at Norfolk, Va., the Federal Energy Office announced.

The shipment marks the beginning of the end of the U.S. oil shortage that began when imports of Arab oil dried up last November; federal officials now

expect the imports to increase over the next month or two until they match the levels of last September.

But the Arab nations have not made it clear whether they would increase the production beyond that level, and the Federal Energy Office has forecast small but chronic petroleum shortages for the rest of the year.

An FEO spokesman said U.S. Customs officials reported the arrival yesterday in Norfolk of the first major tankerload of Arab oil: A hefty 344,000 barrels of crude oil from Algeria, carried in the Italian tanker Elba Lolligeti.

The FEO said it did not know the identity of the importer or the eventual destination of the oil.

## Pa. ends voluntary gas rationing

HARRISBURG (AP)—Pennsylvania ended its voluntary odd-even system of gasoline rationing yesterday, and Gov. Shapp said the state has been promised a "fairer shake" in gas allocation for the rest of the year.

By executive order, Shapp rescinded, effective immediately, the two-month-old system which allocated gas on odd-even days according to inspection sticker numbers. It first was based on license plate numbers but this was later changed to the stickers.

The system was voluntary and compliance by drivers and service station dealers was believed to be spotty. The Pennsylvania Turnpike also said it would drop the odd-even system on its

26 gas stations. Shapp lifted the voluntary Sunday gas station closings on March 22 following President Nixon's request.

Shapp said his decision to drop the odd-even system was prompted by Federal Energy Office and oil company decisions which will give the state more gas than expected for both this month and the rest of the year.

The FEO, Shapp said, has agreed to accept the state's figures as a benchmark for gas allocation, thus freeing up to 286 million gallons, or about five per cent more than the FEO was to provide.

The governor also said the oil companies will provide the state 10 million more gallons than expected for April. "This means we can expect a fairer

shake in gasoline allocation for the rest of the year than we have received up to now," Shapp said.

While calling the gas supply adequate, he said it is not plentiful and called on Pennsylvanians to continue to conserve fuel.

"We may still, in fact, continue to experience spot gasoline shortages in some areas of the state. If so, we will use our state gasoline set-aside through the Fuel Users Emergency Line to provide as much relief as possible, although the amount is limited," Shapp said in a statement.

The governor's executive order also rescinded a voluntary provision that a motorists' gas tank had to be less than half full to obtain a purchase.

Shapp thanked motorists and service station dealers "whose voluntary

cooperation during the past two months helped reduce long lines and conserved gasoline in a time of uncertain supply."

Shapp's order was applauded by the Pennsylvania Service Station Dealers Association, which said the system was unnecessary now since stations have plenty of gas.

"The lines disappeared and now it isn't beneficial to the customer or the dealer to use the system, and the governor realized that," said John O'Donnell, the group's controller.

He credited the system with cutting down the car lines in February when gas was scarce.

O'Donnell estimated 90 per cent of the dealers complied with the system initially, falling to perhaps 20 per cent or lower at the end.

## Testimony casts doubts over government claims

NEW YORK (AP)—Insurance tycoon W. Clement Stone cast doubt yesterday on government claims that former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell warned a Republican presidential campaign aide to "stay away" from financier Robert L. Vesco and his \$200,000 campaign contribution.

Vesco's secret cash contribution, the government charges, was the reason for the charges of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury of which Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans are accused.

The testimony about the warning had come earlier in the trial from Daniel Hofgren, a government witness at the criminal conspiracy trial of Mitchell and Stans.

Hofgren testified he talked to Mitchell at a reception that preceded a March 8, 1972, fund-raising dinner at the Washington Hilton hotel, and that Mitchell made the "stay away" remark on that occasion.

Stone, however, testified for the defense that Mitchell was his guest at the \$1,000-a-plate dinner; didn't make the reception, and arrived late for the dinner itself.

That left it up to the jury to decide whether Mitchell had the opportunity to talk with Hofgren that night.

In an attempt to counter the testimony, the government, on cross-examination, drew from Stone testimony that there were a number of other receptions at the hotel that night at which Hofgren might have encountered Mitchell.

Stone, 71, a Chicago multimillionaire, was the largest single contributor to President Nixon's 1972 campaign,

donating more than \$2 million. He picked up a \$10,000 tab for a table for 10 at the dinner.

Stans and Mitchell are accused of obstructing a massive Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of Vesco's financial empire, in return for Vesco's \$200,000 contribution to the Nixon re-election campaign.

Robert Finch, Nixon's secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and later counselor to the President also testified for the defense yesterday.

Finch, who now practices law in California, told about a campaign finance meeting he attended on March 13, 1972.

"The subject of the meeting," Finch testified, "was to discuss and decide whether or not contributions made up to that time were to be made public, since the law didn't require it." Sen. George McGovern, who was to become the Democratic presidential candidate, had already released a list of his contributors.

Finch said the consensus was that names of Republican contributors prior to April 7, 1972 would not be revealed. A new law mandating public listing of campaign contributors took effect April 7.

The government has contended that Stans and Mitchell ignored the April 7 deadline and kept Vesco's contribution secret for fear it might harm Nixon's re-election prospects because of the financier's SEC problems.

The defense contends the only reason for the secrecy was that Stans and Mitchell were honoring a promise to Vesco of anonymity.

To advance that defense claim, there was testimony, also from DeVan Shumway, who attended the meeting with Finch and Stans and a number of other GOP policy makers. He was public relations director at the time for Stans' Finance Committee to Re-elect the President. For the last three months he has been editor of the Illinois State Journal of Springfield, Ill.

"Mr. Stans was concerned that he had promised contributors anonymity," Shumway testified. "He was concerned about the contributors getting that. He had made his promise to them that their names would not be disclosed under the law as it was then. He did indicate he had taken contributions on that basis—that they would not be made public."

"I was asked whether I felt there would be any adverse press reaction if we did not release the names. My reaction was that there would be adverse press reaction for a time...but then it would die down."

"Mr. Stans didn't mention Robert Vesco at that meeting, did he?" Shumway was asked on cross-examination.

"No," the witness replied. "I must say he didn't mention any contributors specifically."

## Weather

Mostly sunny and milder today, high 47. Tonight fair and cool, low 34. Tomorrow increasing cloudiness and warmer, high 59.

## ARHS appeals order despite student vote

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With hopes of postponing popular elections until next Spring Term, the Association of Residence Hall Students will appeal a March 17th court decision to hold its elections by the eighth week of this term.

ARHS unanimously voted at last night's meeting to appeal the Undergraduate Student Government Supreme Court's order to hold popular elections for ARHS executive officers if students voted in favor of open elections.

Residence hall students voted 4,553 to 965 in favor of the elections on a referendum in last week's USG elections.

The court order resulted from an ARHS constitutional review by the court in which ARHS agreed to hold a referendum asking for student opinion, but did not agree to hold elections pending a favorable vote.

ARHS Vice President Joe Davidson said, "We do not feel ARHS must have elections by the eighth week of this term. I don't think so, and the council's opinion is that they don't either."

"We feel that we have several cases for appealing the decision," he said.

Davidson said the appeal will go to the Student Organizational Appeals Board.

"We can appeal any decision the appeal board makes. We can go to Dr. Oswald if we want to," he added.

According to ARHS President Wendy Morris, "There was a question about whether the rule in the student handbook, saying we have five days to appeal this, pertains to March 17th."

According to the student handbook, a written request for an appeal must be submitted within five class days after a decision has been conveyed to the organization."

The court claims the appeals board received notification of the decision immediately after its decision.

Davidson said he feels that the appeal is valid because the decision is not pending until election results were made public.

If this is true, ARHS will meet the five-day deadline by submitting its appeal tomorrow.

"I talked to the supreme court today, and they said we can appeal. However, if the appeal is declined and we do not have elections, our charter will be revoked," Morris said.

West Halls President Jamie Cowen said, "We have no other choice than to hold elections. We must prevent student antagonism against this organization."

"Administration members are opposed to us opening elections, and they are disappointed with the whole USG approach," Morris said.

Bill Grand, West Halls representative to ARHS, said, "Opening elections will bring this organization down to the level of USG."

"We are representing the students, not the administration," Cowen responded.

Bruce Lazarus, North Halls representative to ARHS, said, "We should protect this organization from going downhill, by discussing elections and deciding on election procedures."

Mike Christopher, North Halls president, said, "If we go to the USG court for constitutional amendments on elections, then there goes the supreme court telling us what to do."

"I don't want to see elections by the eighth week, I want to see it next year," Lazarus added.

East Halls President David Brumbaugh said, "We got what was coming to us from walking out on the SRP (Students Rights Party) case. The case could have ended differently if we hadn't walked out, now I think we should open up elections."