

Double talk

While professing to be strong on law and order Mayor Frank Rizzo allowed lawlessness and mobs to reign in Philadelphia for eight hours on Friday.

He remained in conference and out of touch while 250 of his supporters in the Building and Construction Trade Council sang "God Bless America" and beat up two newsmen.

He neglected to order his police commissioner to break up the picket lines around The Philadelphia Inquirer building even though the labor council had no contracts with The Inquirer which could justify demonstrations.

He allowed the city solicitor to refuse to deal with the violent and unlawful demonstrators without a court order. After an injunction was received from a federal judge and served by federal marshals he

allowed his lackeys to continue picketing The Inquirer.

During the entire eight-hour episode, Rizzo's law and order police force sent only a handful of plainclothesmen to the demon — stration. They made no attempt to keep order. The mob beat one of The Inquirer's staff at the feet of a plainclothesman. Another officer told an Inquirer editor that if he attempted to cross the picket line he would be arrested for assault.

But more than this, the council and Rizzo kept The Inquirer from publishing for several hours. Their brute force negated the public's right to know and twisted the First Amendment into an unrecognizable distortion.

Obviously, neither Rizzo nor the trade council is living up to its professed flag-waving ideals. Rizzo is two-faced on law and order;

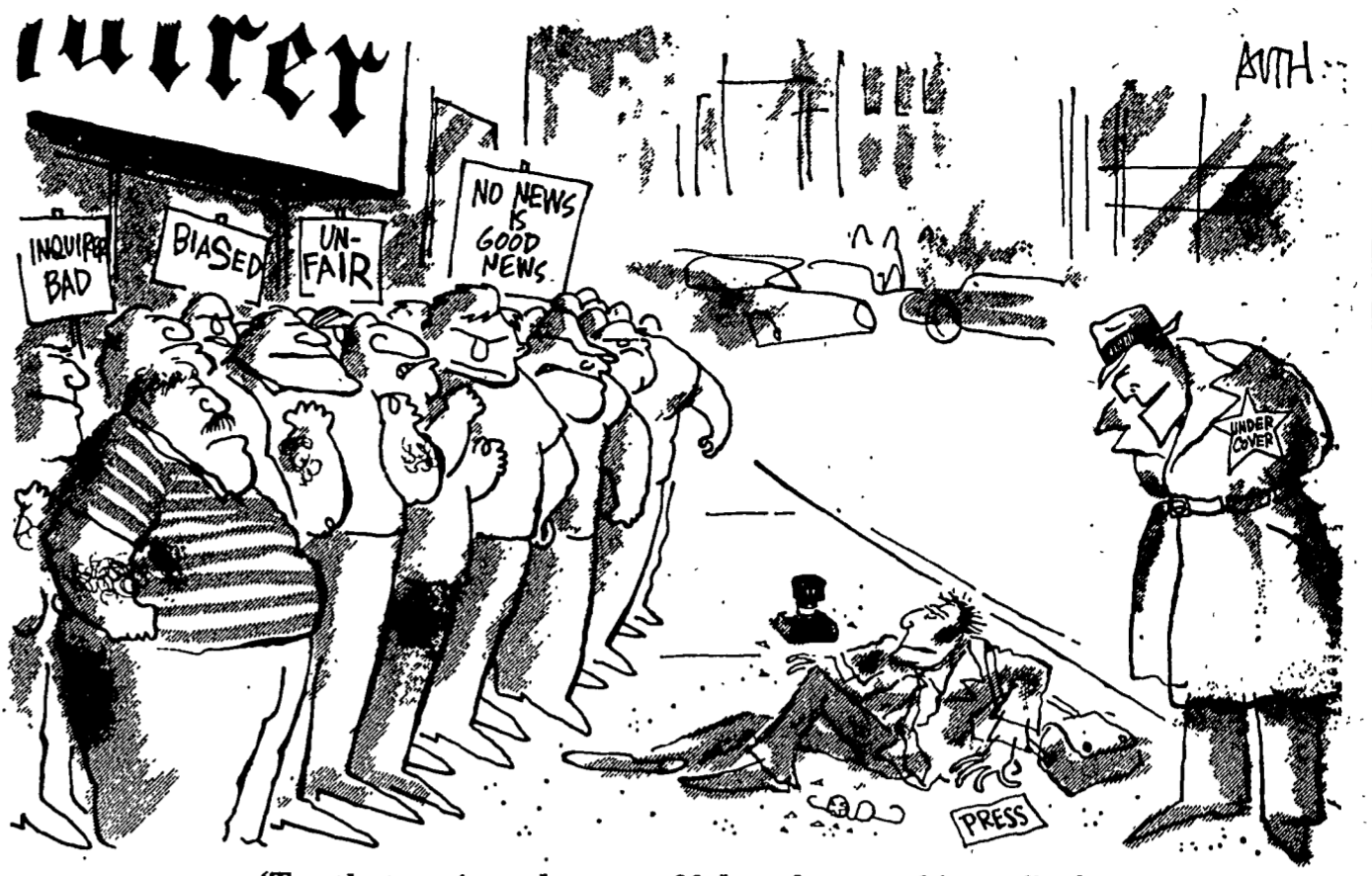
his fervor sways when personally involved in an illegal event. This persecution of The Inquirer is tied to Rizzo's \$6 million libel suit for a satirical column on him published this past Sunday.

The trade union is smearing the image of all unions with its tactics. Its super-Americanism is revolting when coupled with bombings of non-union construction sites and beery mob tactics.

Anarchy, not democracy, is the result of the trade union's antics. Anarchy, not law and order, is the result of Rizzo's spiteful gestures against The Inquirer.

It's time that a law and order mayor and a law and order union stop saying one thing and doing another.

That's hypocrisy. It's also dangerous.



"Try that again and you get 30 days for attacking a fist."

Tony Auth Philadelphia Inquirer

From the editor

Neither rain nor sleet...

I used to think the arts beat coordinator got all the good mail that came into the Collegian office. But now I get letters from maniacs.

There's a 33-year-old bachelor not too far from here who wrote to the Collegian asking for funds. He wanted to have plastic surgery, he said, to correct his circumcision. Circumcision was more dangerous than drug addiction, he said and he traced the horrors of circumcision in his three-page plea: "fastidiousness, neuroses of left-sided injuries in men, fear of hard work, allergies, ulcers, and crime in general."

We never printed the man's plea. I don't know if he was serious or not but just to be sure it didn't find its way onto the editorial page, I buried it in the bottom of the dead letters file.

The circumcision letter now rests comfortably with a sheaf of papers called "Veritas." This mimeographed scandal sheet claimed Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was responsible for President Kennedy's death. It alleged that the First Lady, in climbing onto the trunk of their limousine, kicked the President's head with her left foot, thereby leaving him in his assassin's firing line.

Also included in "Veritas," as if mere facts weren't enough, was a photograph of Mrs. Onassis walking down a New York Street. Plainly labelled for all of us to see, was the clinching evidence — "left foot that kicked the President's

head," "right arm that could have cradled the President's head and kept him out of range."

So far I've discovered from the pile of letters I read everyday, useless facts about poultry production in the state, hog diseases and egg quality.

I also know that the Allegheny Portage Railroad is 142 years old. I know of an organization in Black Hawk, Colorado called **Biological Resistance Against Institution Nuts [BRAIN]**. The Collegian gets about one news release a week from BRAIN, but none of them are decipherable.



Sheila McCauley

I quote: "From cave man to feudal serf to model-T Ford democrat, the new survival discovery on planet Earth is brain self-control ... Brain self-control causes backward self-therapy to total self-cure of neurosis as pre-requisite to automatic dormant tissue release."

Sometimes our political mail gives us insights into ambition. Soon after

Joseph Ammerman declared his candidacy for U.S. Congress, the Collegian received his campaign literature. Pasted over Ammerman for Senate, was Ammerman for Congress in red.

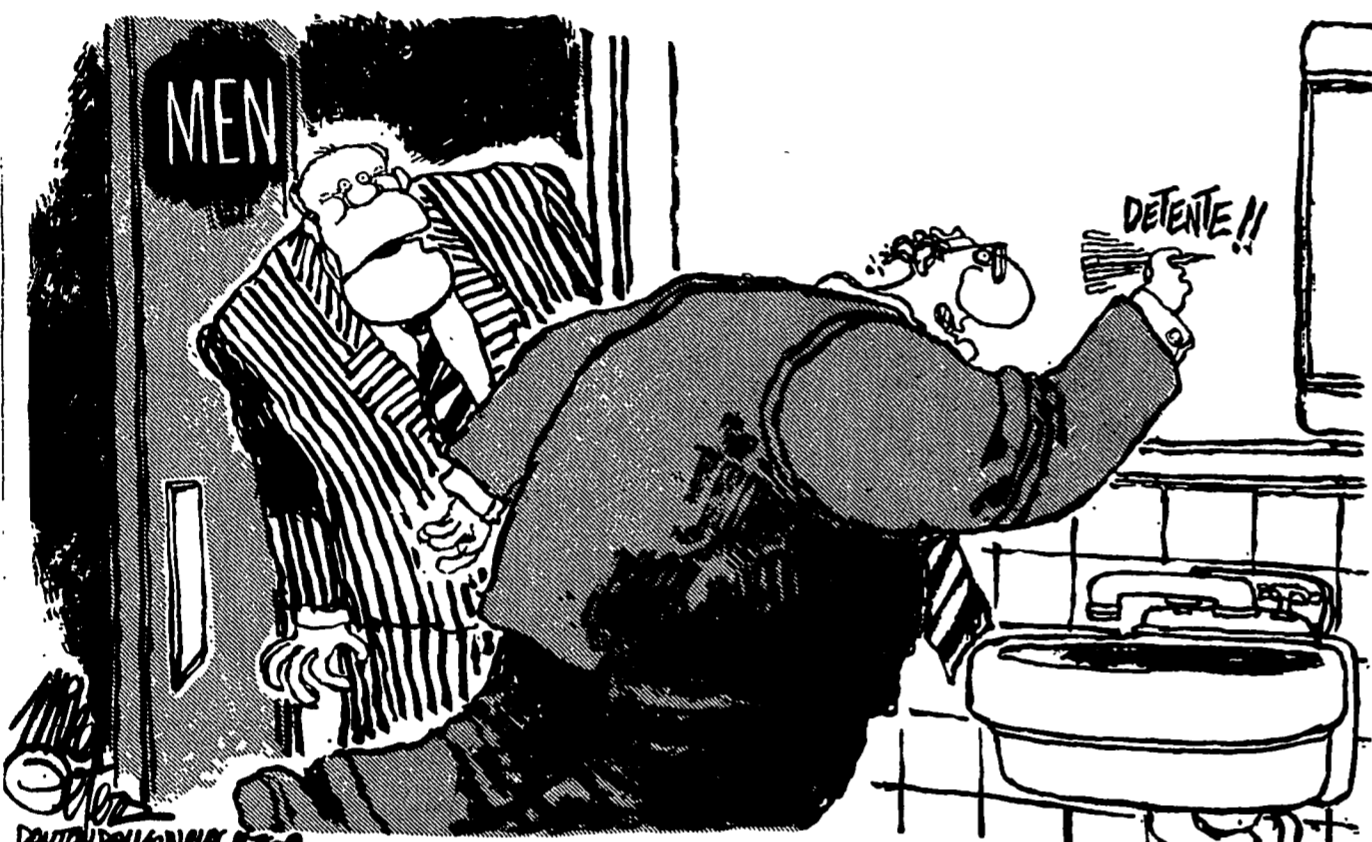
A few words about letters to the editor. I spent a whole year soothing feelings of letterwriters whose letters were not printed. We just don't have enough space to print every letter to the editor we receive.

You can find our general policy about letter length and writer identification on the editorial page next to the headline "Letters to the Editor."

We average about 50 letters a week and have room to print about 25 letters a week.

If we get 20 letters about an issue, such as "PSU females try love," we print a representative sample. Perhaps ten letters in all will see print — the five best-written from each side.

But please try to understand, no matter how valid or justified your anger is, no matter how well you argue your point, your letter may not run. Some people erroneously think we favor opinions that agree with our editorial policy. If your letter doesn't run, it's either because we didn't have room or else the letter was libelous. But check with the editorial editor to make sure. She may be able to ease your writer's cramp.



"HENRY...!"

Housekeeping: A world problem

By BARRY BOYCE
6th-bachelor of philosophy

There are genuine reasons why waste is not considered a virtue among men. However, in the last few decades in this country, where men have been isolated from the basic resources which maintain their life, they have ignored a lot of waste. It's gotten to the point where it can no longer be ignored. The garbage is piling up at the back door. I am convinced that if we were aware of our wastefulness we wouldn't do it, but the hustle and bustle of modern society has anesthetized our common sense. Join me, if you will, in some second thoughts, with the help of statistics from biologist Barry Commoner.

If someone asks you where you live, you are not likely to tell them "the earth." Perhaps this is half our problem. We don't realize that our house is, in some sense, actually the earth itself. This fact is reflected in the origins of two very important words, economy and ecology. The "eco" in both of these words comes from the Greek word for "house." Clearly, the house that is implied for our times is a large one — the earth itself. So economy and ecology both come down to a sort of housekeeping. Just as you try to keep your house running efficiently and in order, so the nation and the world try, on a much larger scale, to tend to their house.

If you will accept this simplistic but generally accurate description of our situation, I will now ask you to imagine yourself as housekeeper of just the United States, no less the world, for a day. You would doubtless be so disappointed and overwhelmed by the shape of your house that you wouldn't know where to begin. This is in fact the state of society today. Why?

Being a \$64,000 question, there is no pat answer. But, I think some very reasonable suggestions can be made.

Collegian forum

Until very recently, economists and ecologists have been unwilling to get together and admit that it is the same house each of them are trying to keep clean. But even worse, now that they have reached this realization, they are arguing about who can do the better job of cleaning house. One can envision T.V.'s Hazel (noted economist) and Mr. Baxter (noted ecologist) arguing over who can clean up little Harold's mess better.

This is lamentable. Common sense seems to have been lost within the bureaucratic structure; therefore we are being prevented from seeing that the economy and the ecosystem (including

energy resources) are inextricably tied together. In the past, it might have been fine and convenient to talk of stimulating the economy without having any concern about the physical environment. But now, as problems of pollution, energy conservation, unemployment and a weak economy converge, we must realize that the economic environment is still part of the physical environment. In short, what we need is a more ecological economics. Who will give a damn about stimulating the economy when he has to wear an oxygen mask, anti-radioactive clothing and wading boots to work?

It has, in fact, been quite reasonably suggested that the roots of the energy crisis, eco-crisis and economic crisis all lie in large scale corporate mistakes in the post-war era. The city of Los Angeles, for instance, possessed in the beginning of this century what could now be the most efficient and least polluting mass transit system possible: trolley cars. The smog-coughing energy-hog, the bus, replaced it long ago with encouragement from General Motors and the oil companies.

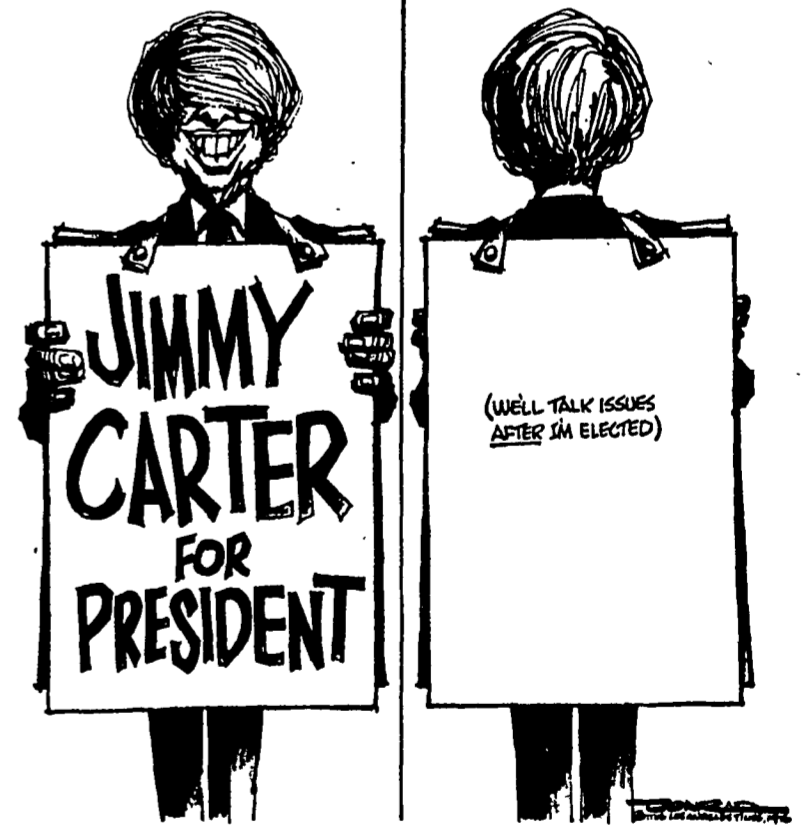
In large scale, petrochemical products (products which use oil as the raw material: plastics, styrofoam, detergents, synthetics) have replaced many more natural, often more durable, products of which there really is no shortage. The tragedy is that in the long run, the petrochemical industry makes a

more inefficient use of invested funds, an equally inefficient use of energy and a more efficient use of labor (resulting in fewer jobs to produce the same public needs). As biologist Barry Commoner has said of the petrochemical industry, "The amounts of energy and capital needed to accomplish the same tasks have increased; the amount of labor used to achieve the same output has decreased; the impact on the environment has worsened."

These are only a few major examples where a concern with the environment and efficient use of energy were ignored in the face of more "pressing" corporate economic interests, a smaller work force, immediate maximization of profit and faster production. By and large, however, this has been the cause of many of our energy, ecological and unemployment problems today. We cannot turn back the hands of time, but perhaps we can learn from our mistakes.

Well, maybe our society is destined to go to work in a two-year-old Chevy, with our lunches in plastic bags, throwing away our soda bottles and the cans which held our pudding. I think, however, that we must begin to see that a good economy does not necessarily mean a good life. Economists traditionally call things like pollution and energy resource depletion and waste "externalities." These men must begin to see that this is just bad housekeeping.

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY SANDWICH



Letters to the Editor

The Daily Collegian encourages comments on news coverage, editorial policy and campus and off-campus affairs. Letters should be typewritten, double spaced, signed by no more than two persons and no longer than 30 lines. Students' letters should include the name, term and major of the writer.

Letters should be brought to the Collegian office, 126 Carnegie, in person so proper identification of the writer can be made, although names can be withheld on request. If letters are received by mail, the Collegian will contact the signer for verification before publication. Letters cannot be returned.

Listen in

TO THE EDITOR: It is most heartening to find that the University's radio station WDFM is this term enlarging its "Third Program" of classical music to run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Mondays through Fridays for seven hours uninterrupted by commercials you may tune in to a full range of the finest in music, presented by student announcers who themselves seem to appreciate what they are offering. (Add to this the Metropolitan Opera matinees on Saturdays and the midday Philadelphia Orchestra programs on Sundays.)

In this welcome move, station WDFM takes an important step toward fulfilling its cultural function as a University enterprise. There is a long-standing community need for it, too, and since the new arrangement is presently being announced as "temporary," interested individuals might well express their support of it in writing to WDFM, 304 Sparks

Building, University Park.

From this frequent listener, compliments and thanks!
Harold E. Dickson
Professor Emeritus of Art History

Bi-buy

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing this letter in response to any of a number of anti-Bicentennial articles I've been reading lately. The last one was a column in Tuesday's Collegian.

The word that bothers me enough to write this is "buy-centennial." I have been bombarded by this word more often than any advertising for Bicentennial items. Every writer of an anti-Bicentennial article thinks this is the wildest pun they've come across in years. It is so hip to be anti-Bicentennial because a lot of sales pitch is America-oriented this year. To me, it seems that the anti-advertising propaganda is worse than the ads in question. If Bicentennial items bother you,

simply do not buy them. Treat them the same way you treated the Evel-Kneivel nonsense. The fact remains that someone will always be trying to sell you something for any reason possible, and the Bicentennial is no exception.

Don't let the hard times keep you from celebrating the Bicentennial. If you miss it, there's another hundred year wait.
Joseph F. Betz
6th-engineering

The Rape Crisis Center would like to restate its function as a service organization. We are a non-political volunteer center with two main purposes: 1) to maintain a hot-line (234-5050) for rape-assault victims and those concerned with the victim's emotional welfare and 2) to provide primary prevention education to the public.

The Rape Crisis Center of State College

Rape crisis

TO THE EDITORS: It has come to our attention that a considerable number of people have associated the Rape Crisis Center with the demonstration against Frederick Storkaska's lecture concerning rape. The Rape Crisis Center is an autonomous organization and is not affiliated with any specific groups or views. Hence, the Rape Crisis Center did not plan nor participate in the demonstration.

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