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Muskie wins Senate's OK

From our wire services
WASHINGTON — The Senate voted overwhelmingly yesterday to confirm Sen. Edmund S. Muskie as President Carter's secretary of state.

The vote was 94 to 2 to approve Carter's nomination of the Maine Democrat to head the State Department.

Only Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Sen. Gordon Humphrey, R-N.H., voted against the nomination.

"This is the moment I have dreaded for 10 days," Muskie said as the time for voting neared. "Not because of the vote but for the fact that it means saying goodbye to the Senate."

Senate approval came only hours after the Foreign Relations Committee gave its approval to Muskie and sent the nomination on to the floor. Muskie testified before the panel earlier in the day.

Muskie made clear that as secretary of state he intends to follow the basic principles of President Carter's foreign policy.

He gave a general outline of his views during a confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Soviet Union: "I believe in a firm and balanced policy toward the Soviet Union. The search for common ground has been disrupted not by American preference but by Soviet action" in Afghanistan.

Detente: He said the future of this policy depends on Russia, which carries "a heavy burden" because of Afghanistan. "While aggression continues we must not relent in imposing a heavy price. As Soviet policies allow, we must never be blind to opportunities to work for peace."

Arms control: "I believe that balanced arms control agreements fortify our security... SALT is no gift to our rivals, but it can serve our own interests." He said time is fast running out on any chance that SALT II will be ratified.

Iran: "We ought to seek a policy to build on the pressures (inside Iran) because the hostages are as much a dilemma for Iran as for the United States... and Iran cannot afford to be permanently diverted by this issue."

He added, "We need a credible and effective... package of pressures; a carrots-and-stick approach — if there are any carrots — to persuade the Iranian authorities that the situation after the release of the hostages would not be inimical to them." He did not rule out future military action against Iran.

Defense: "I believe in strong American defenses. We must maintain the military balance. We must continue to modernize elements of our defense forces."

Allies: "I believe in strong alliances — in our collective defense, in continuing to strengthen our forces, in consulting regularly and with trust."

Diplomacy: "I believe in a positive diplomacy of active engagement," including seeking peace in the Middle East, strengthening ties to China, and broadening relations with the Third World and Eastern Europe.

Human Rights: "I believe that America must stand for human progress. Our freedom and rights are more secure when freedom and human dignity are advanced around the world."



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Merry month of May

It looks like spring may finally be here to stay: Heather Beam (6th-speech communications) and Dan Marlens (9th-general arts and sciences) picnic on the HUB lawn and enjoy the recent warm weather.

Contract disagreements continue

CATA files charge against union

By CINDY COX
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The Centre Area Transportation Authority has filed an unfair labor practice charge against the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1203-B as a first step in legal action, CATA General Manager Vernon Lyght said yesterday.

"Hopefully, the unfair labor practice charge will satisfy the situation and preclude us from taking further action," he said. "It is the first in a series of legal actions that could be taken to remedy the situation."

Lyght said he and CATA Board Chairman E. Emory Ensore have signed all contractual agreements that were verified and confirmed at an April 23 meeting chaired by a state mediator.

"The union has not done the same," Lyght said. "Until all contractual agreements are signed, the labor situation will persist to fester."

CATA has received a copy of the contract sent by the local union and is proofreading it to make sure it is the original agreement, Lyght said. However, he said CATA management has not received the side letters, which

are further clarifications of articles within the contract.

"We don't have a total agreement yet," he said. "There will be no further negotiations. Everytime we negotiate further, there are more things that have to be solved."

Frank Finsinger, secretary-treasurer of the local union, said Lyght filed the unfair labor practice charge because he said the union failed to bargain in good faith and failed to sign the negotiated contracts.

"His 'unfair labor practice is garbage,'" Finsinger said. "If Vernon Lyght is parading around with a second copy of the contract signed by him and never shown to the union before as evidence, then he is abusing his public trust."

Local 1203-B President Christine Catalano signed the contract Friday in Lyght's presence, and he suggested that the side letters be straightened out at that time, Finsinger said. However, certain items had been omitted from the letters and the language in them had to be resolved, therefore, Catalano did not sign them, he said.

"The side letters were not on the agenda for the Friday meeting," Finsinger said. "They don't need to be signed to have a contract signed."

Because Catalano refused to sign the side letters, Lyght said he would not sign the contract, Finsinger said. Lyght told Catalano later Friday that he would sign the contract Monday, he said.

Catalano said she could not guarantee that District 83 representative Lee Cogan, who has to be present when the contract is signed, would be available Monday, Finsinger said. Lyght then said he would take appropriate action if the union was not present Monday, he said. Cogan was not available Monday but he sent a photocopy of the contract to Lyght, Finsinger said.

Union Steward Steve Cohen said the CATA refusal to sign the contract would constitute grounds for an unfair labor charge.

"I'm surprised because the charge is totally ridiculous," he said. "We have a copy of the contract that we have signed. He's blowing a lot of hot air. I'm surprised that he would misuse his office. However, I'm not surprised because he has been out to get us since the day he walked in."

However, Rep. Robert E. Bauman, R-Md., a leading House conservative, said a deepening economic recession had made the proposed balanced budget a "sham" and asked Republicans to oppose it.

Earlier, House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. said he still believes the recession will be mild, but conceded that a recession "of a serious nature" could throw the budget out of balance by cutting revenues and raising government costs.

Rep. Richard L. Ottinger, D-N.Y., claimed that last month's sharp increase in unemployment — from 6.2 percent in March to 7 percent in April — was proof that in projecting a balanced budget, "we're just kidding ourselves."

Some economists believe that the approaching recession could push unemployment up to 9 percent — the high-water mark of the 1974-75 recession — and turn the \$2 billion surplus in the House budget into a \$40 billion deficit.

Congress began its drive to balance the budget in March after the annual inflation rate hit 18 percent and Carter repudiated his original 1981 budget, which called for a \$16 billion deficit.

Candidates eligibility questioned

By PHILIP GUTIS
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The eligibility status of Robert C. Brazill, Democratic candidate for the state House of Representatives seat from the 77th District, is in question because he may not meet residency requirements for the office.

A University student and State College resident, Brazill (7th-division of undergraduate studies) staged a write-in campaign in the April 22 general primary and was nominated by Democratic voters to challenge republican incumbent Gregg Cunningham in the general election in November.

According to the state constitution members of the House of Representatives "... must be at least 21 years of age. They shall have been citizens and inhabitants of the state four years, inhabitants of their respective districts one year next before their election (unless absent on public business of the United States or of this state) and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service."

Brazill said he meets all the requirements. But because he voted in New Jersey in 1977, his status as a resident of Pennsylvania is in question.

When asked about his period of residency in New Jersey, Brazill said, "I waited 30 days until I registered; I was there for nine months."

Brazill was in New Jersey during a training period for his father's business and did not pay any rent or taxes in the state, he said.

Brazill said he tried to run for a school board position while in New Jersey, but was told he hadn't been there long enough.

George Bloom, supervisor of election administration in the New Jersey secretary of state's office, said to vote in New Jersey, "you have to be a resident for 30 days on the day of the election."

Bloom said Brazill had to declare



Robert C. Brazill

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residency in New Jersey to be eligible to vote.

Brazill said he thinks he meets the residency requirements for the office, although he has people in Harrisburg checking into his eligibility.

A person who wants to challenge Brazill would "have to go through the courts," said Brigitte Agostini, a clerk at the Pennsylvania Bureau of Elections.

Robert Grant, assistant director of the elections bureau, said although "the House ultimately judges the qualifications of its members, it is conceivable that a court action could be started."

A staff member of the Democratic Research Headquarters in Harrisburg who did not wish to be identified said, "I think if somebody challenged Brazill he would have a

good chance of taking (Brazill's) name off the ballot."

Republican candidate Cunningham also said he believed Brazill's eligibility for the position could be challenged, but he said he does not plan to take his opponent to court.

"I have secured the legal opinions of attorneys on the staff here and I think any court challenge against this guy (Brazill) would knock him off the ballot," Cunningham said.

"It is my strong inclination to say that I have no desire to get embroiled in a court battle over somebody's credentials," he said. "I have no intention in getting involved in a court battle."

However, Cunningham did not rule out a court challenge from the Republican Party or a concerned citizen.

Study criticizes University's recruitment of blacks

By PAM MEDVE
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The University's black student and faculty recruitment program needs to be greatly improved, members of the Pennsylvania Equal Rights Council said yesterday.

The small number of black students and faculty is the University's most critical problem "regarding inter-group tension and unrest," according to the council's report, based on a three-day visit to the University by a PERC assessment team last January.

In a written statement, University President John W. Oswald said, "This group (PERC) gives little credit to the University in its extensive effort to expand educational and employment opportunities for all minorities."

PERC members said the council will present its report to the University Board of Trustees and the state Legislature. The council plans to return to the University next January to review any developments, council representatives said.

The council only makes recommendations and will leave specific corrective measures to University administrative experts, said the Rev. Donald W. McMillane, chairman of the PERC assessment team sent to the University.

The number of University recruitment centers should be increased, McMillane said. "We can't rely only on the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh (recruitment) centers," he said.

Patrick Kenny, another member of the PERC assessment team, said blacks attend other colleges because other schools make more effective recruitment efforts.

The percentage of black student enrollment at the University has decreased from 2.8 percent of the total enrollment in fall of 1972 to 2.4 percent in fall 1979, according to the report. Of 59,541 faculty members, 20 professors are black, University Affirmative Action officer William W. Asbury said.

Black enrollment has increased from

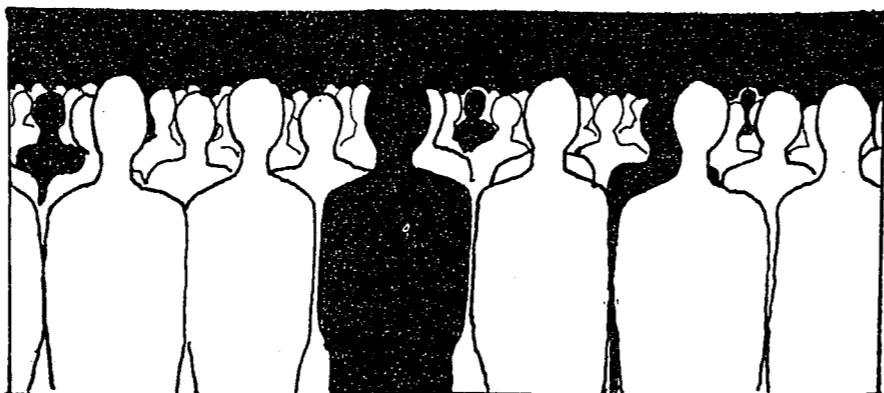


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936 in 1976 to 1,308 in 1979 as result of University efforts, he said.

The University has supported an affirmative action program since 1973, Oswald said, "with the primary goal of increasing the number of women and minority faculty and staff members of Penn State."

Community centers in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have been opened by the University in an attempt to com-

municate locally with potential students, including minorities, about educational opportunities at Penn State, he said.

The council report recommended that the University recruit 1,500 black undergraduate students and 230 graduate students for fall 1981. By Jan. 1, 1981, the University should hire an additional seven black faculty members and should hire at least that number for each successive year, the PERC report said.

Robert E. Coleman, also a member of the PERC assessment team, said the group did not study the quality of University programs and opportunities for blacks because the quantity of such programs is inadequate. Once the quantity improves, quality improvement will follow, he said.

The council surveyed black alumni and compiled a list of the most frequent responses to its questionnaire. According to the survey, most respondents said they had little social life at the University and witnessed some prejudice toward blacks. The University had so few blacks that discrimination was very subtle, the respondents said.

Black alumni recommendations for increasing black enrollment included telling the "real story," providing a better financial aid package, working more closely with high schools, hiring more black faculty and administrators, providing more information to students before high school, using of local alumni for recruitment purposes and publicizing information about out-

standing black alumni.

The black alumni surveyed also reported impressions of the University as "white, middle-class and WASP." They said they had problems getting housing and other services in the community.

McMillane said the University has a record of being a largely white community, which it must live down. The main reason blacks do not come to the University is its rural location, he said.

On a more positive note, some black alumni surveyed said the University "has a greater awareness of minority problems" and has instituted special programs. They said they are very proud of the University's progress.

No more sunbathing

Although today will get off to a sunny start, it will become mostly cloudy, breezy and chilly with the chance for showers this afternoon and tonight. Today's high will be a cool 56 and tonight's low will drop to 39.