

Rev. William Sloane Coffin Jr.

Soviet offer to freeze arms race is a start, minister says

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President Reagan's immediate rejection of a Soviet offer to freeze deployment of some nuclear weapons will only escalate tensions between the superpowers, the Rev. William Sloane Coffin Jr. said last night.

Speaking to about 450 people in Schwab Auditorium, Coffin said although administration officials have denounced Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev's proposal as propaganda, the offer could have been an important first step in mutual disarmament.

Brezhnev said the Soviets would not deploy any additional nuclear weapons targeted for Europe if the Reagan administration scrapped plans to deploy 575 Pershing II and cruise missiles in Europe.

Although the United States has no land-based nuclear weapons in Europe, Coffin said when all of Great Britain and France's nuclear weapons are counted with U.S. missiles in submarines and aircraft, the West and the Soviet Union have "essential equivalence in the European theatre."

"It's not that complicated — provided both sides demonstrate not only a willingness to negotiate but a willingness to disarm."

"Enemy number one is not the Soviet Union," he said. "Enemy number one is the threat of nuclear holocaust. Abortion is the issue — the threatened abhor of the entire human race."

Coffin said the Soviet Union is a danger to the United States only because the two nations' foreign policies are similar.

"They best serve their national interest when they don't perceive it to be at stake," he said.

Coffin said the two countries have no choice but to trust each other.

"The Russians have always said that they would not reject on-site inspection if it were accompanied by serious disarmament."

"Every escalation of the arms race decreases national

security. It's military superiority at the expense of national security.

"In a nuclear age, true grit is foolish grit," he said. "There is no room for machismo. What we need now is wisdom and imagination."

"The important thing is to freeze and reduce, and freeze is a good place to start."

"The notion of power has corrupted the nation. We are going to be number one if it kills us, and everyone else."

"Our pride-swollen faces have closed up our eyes," Coffin said.

In an interview yesterday afternoon, Coffin said, "This is the first time in human history when your future is not guaranteed. Only God has the authority to end life on this planet — but humans have the power."

"Why is it so hard to see that either we put an end to war or war will put an end to us?"

"All we are asking is that the superpowers be smart enough to act in their own self-interest."

"We Americans tend to think the sins of the Soviets so heinous that — by the standard illogic of comparison — their wickedness confirms our goodness," he said.

Coffin called this self-righteousness, "the one sin that locks people up in all of their other sins, and fastens men and nations more tightly than ever in their predicaments."

"It is ridiculous to talk of a defense budget, a defense department, when there is no defense; to talk of national security when every attempt to enhance security by accelerating the arms race has inexorably diminished it," he said.

"It's an offense budget, and it should be called the war department."

"Let me describe what would happen to the island of Manhattan were New Yorkers to be hit by a mere 20 megaton bomb. First of all there would be an incredible flash of heat and light. In less than a second the

temperature would rise to 150 million degrees Fahrenheit — that's four times the temperature of the center of the sun. A roar would immediately follow it but in the center of the city no one would hear it. There would be nothing left but heat and dust."

Coffin also delivered a sermon on peace and nuclear disarmament during a worship service yesterday afternoon as part of his visit, which was sponsored by the University's Office of Religious Affairs.

At the worship service Coffin discussed the immorality of the nuclear issue.

"The mere possession of nuclear weapons must be an abomination in the sight of the Almighty comparable to the mere possession of slaves. We need a new abolition movement."

"I have two great fears. I am afraid that nuclear war is a possibility simply too grisly to be taken seriously... and I am afraid that the devil is seducing us to seek status through power," Coffin said.

"All the Roman Catholic bishops in the country are dead-set against the arms race. That's incredible."

He said that during the Vietnam war, as one of the founders of Clergy and Laity Concerned for Vietnam, he found just one bishop in the United States who opposed the war.

A movement to freeze nuclear weapons production and negotiate for arms reduction is growing in the country, Coffin said.

"Colleges are the least aroused communities in the country. The religious community is way ahead of the academic community."

"I think recession has eaten into students' generosity."

Students do not get a realistic view of the world from Penn State, he said.

Students and faculty at universities have been complacent about many important issues, however, he said. "I think the students will soon be bored of being bored."

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Laxers' home season starts with Syracuse

By RYAN POOLE
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The men's lacrosse team will have its hands full during its first home appearance of the season, as it will be facing one of its toughest, if not the toughest, foe of the season.

At 2 tomorrow afternoon, the 15th-ranked Lions will be squaring off against the 10th-ranked Orangemen of Syracuse, but the game has special meaning to both teams, especially the Lions.

Penn State and Syracuse have one of the oldest rivalries in the history of lacrosse. The first game was played in 1820, and the Lions' victories in the 62 years since then have been few and far between. This year, however, the Lions have upset on their minds.

"We're confident, and we're ready to run," men's lacrosse coach Glenn Thiel said. "Last year they beat us pretty handily, but this year we have a more solid defense. It should be one heck of a game."

Penn State is coming off of an impressive 23-6 win over Lehigh last weekend, while Syracuse suffered a disheartening 12-11 loss to third-ranked Navy. Thiel is still cautious, however. "Last week we went in expecting to win and have fun," he said. "Now there's more pressure. We'll have to play good from the opening whistle."

All the Lions need now is a definite site for the game. It's dependent upon the weather, so if the weather is favorable, the game will be played at Jeffrey Field. If not, it will be held at the Astroturf field beside the Indoor Sports Complex.

The offensive pressure will definitely be on Penn State attackers Tom Lion and Gary Martin. Both are talented sophomores who have plenty of game experience from last season, which is a plus for the Lions.

The busiest players on the field will probably be the midfielders, since they will be constantly running up and down the field participating in both the offensive and defensive activities. The midfielders will be led by seniors Bill Turri and Bob Campbell, veterans whose experience will give the Lions a much-needed advantage.

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Lady Lions realistic about NCAAs

By MICHAEL FELICI
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When a team qualifies for the national championship tournament of its sport, cries of "Don't worry, it's in the bag" or "the proverbial 'if we do our best, we'll have a shot,'" are heard from coaches everywhere. Rarely does a coach tell it like it is when her team is likely to lose.

But women's gymnastics coach Judi Avenier is such a coach.

The Lady Lions are seeded ninth in a field of 10 at the first National Collegiate Athletic Association championships for women, being held in Salt Lake City, Utah, today and tomorrow. They do sport the second-lowest regional meet score in the tournament, but even with defending floor exercise champion Heidi Anderson, Avenier said she doesn't expect her squad to finish near the top.

"We won't win," Avenier said. "We're not shooting for (first seed and defending national champion) Utah. We're just looking to move up."

Avenier cited the inexperience of her team as the major obstacle in the way of the Lady Lions' attempt at winning their third national title in five years. Except for senior all-arounder Marcy Levine, the Penn State team is made up of two juniors, four sophomores and three freshmen. Apparently the Lady Lions' best years are ahead of them.

"Ninth place is an accurate place for us to be," Avenier said. "The key thing here is we have no depth. We have talent, but with the top teams in the nation, you can't be lucky. We've made it through the season with only four competitors."

"But we do look as healthy as we



Marcy Levine is the only senior on the women's gymnastics team, which is seeded ninth in a field of 10 for today's first National Collegiate Athletic Association women's gymnastics championships at the University of Utah.

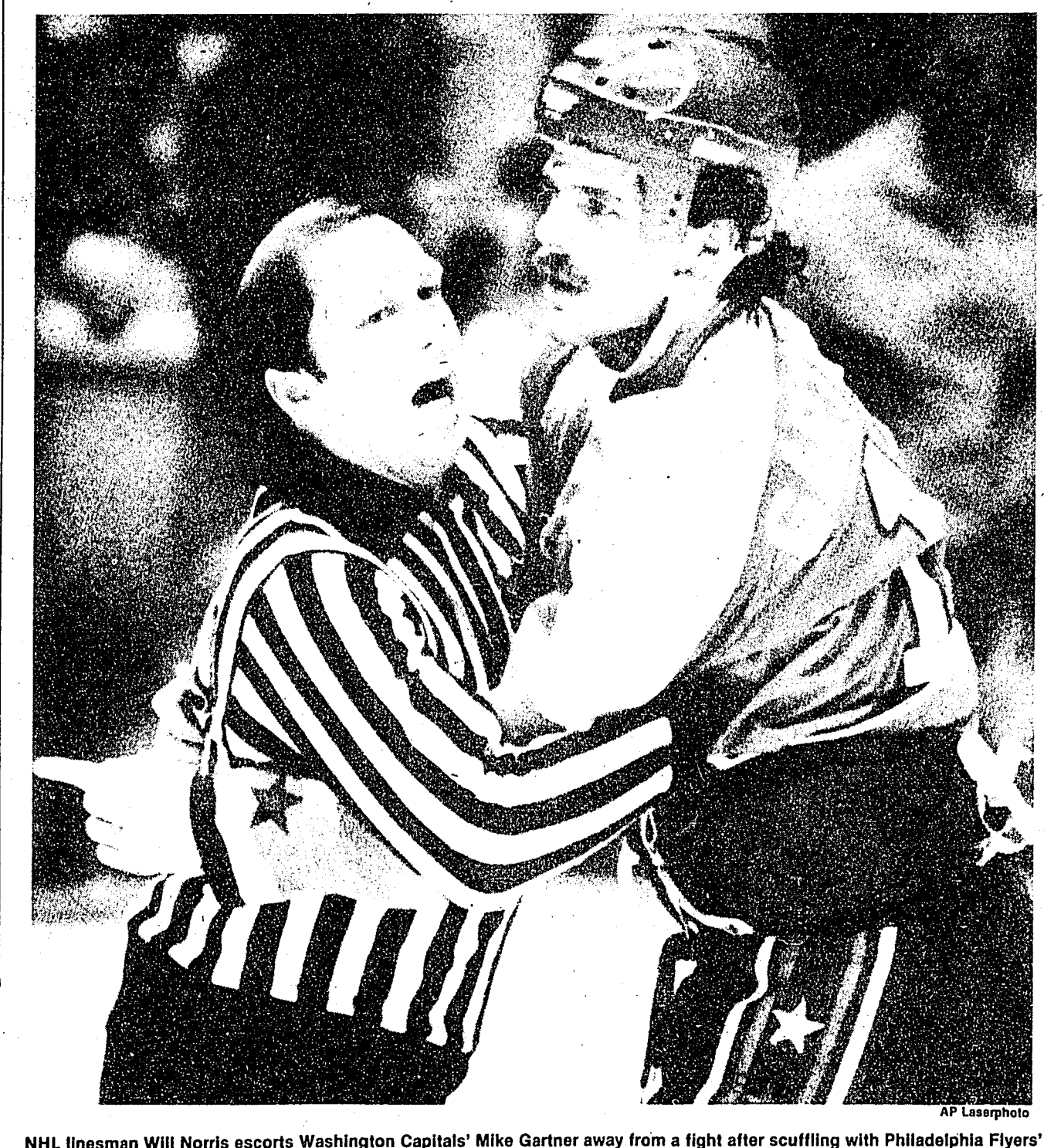
been in a long time. We're rested from the regionals, and the girls don't seem nervous as all."

Those four competitors Avenier mentioned, Anderson, Levine, Karen Polak and Joanne Beltz, have proven this season that Penn State can tangle with the top seeds. The 12-3 Lady Lions defeated third-seeded Florida by more than two points in January and lost second-seeded Oregon State by less than a point three weeks ago.

With the chances of a team title a miracle away, the hopes of an individual championship rest on the small shoulders of sophomore Heidi Anderson. The 5-0 Anderson has the highest scoring average of the Lady Lions in all five events, including the all-around, and she has 1982 all-around victories over most of the top contenders in the meet.

Avenier said that besides being in excellent physical shape for the competition, Anderson's maturity makes her a contender for the title.

"Heidi's looking very good," Avenier said. "She's in better shape emotionally than last year because of the experience she gained as a sophomore."



NHL linesman Will Norris escorts Washington Capitals' Mike Gartner away from a fight after scuffling with Philadelphia Flyers' Frank Batha. Both players drew fighting penalties during the Caps' 4-3 win last night in Philadelphia.

Maruk paces Caps past Flyers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dennis Maruk assisted on three goals, including Lee Norwood's tie-breaking score in the first period, as the Washington Capitals nipped the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 in a NHL game last night.

It was Philadelphia's first loss under new coach Bob McCammon. McCammon had won his first two games after replacing Pat Quinn, who was fired on March 19.

Norwood's goal at 16:25 of the first period broke a 1-1 tie and put the Caps ahead to stay. The win was Washington's fourth against the Flyers this year, against three defeats.

Maruk helped the Caps to a 2-1 first period lead, setting up both Chris Valentine and Norwood on power plays.

Valentine, standing at the left side of the crease, converted a Maruk pass at 9:49 for his 25th goal. Norwood's fourth goal of the season came on a 30-foot slapshot at 16:25.

Ron Flockhart's backhand at 10:44 of the first period, the rookie center's 3rd goal, had put the Flyers into a 1-1 tie.

Washington upped its lead to 4-1 with two goals early in the second period.

Rebound Judd swatted in a winner just 56 seconds into the period after Rick Green's slapshot popped out of Flyers goalie Pelle Lindbergh's glove.

Then at 1:59, winger Ryan Walter shot through a screen for his 37th goal.

The Flyers closed the lead to 4-3 with third period goals by Bill Barber and Ken Linseman.

Flockhart fed Barber for the Flyer captain's 3rd goal at 8:53, and 55 seconds later, Linseman fired a 10-foot shot past Caps goalie Dave Parro.

Since Penn State and Ohio State are considered by many to be the best teams in the East and Midwest, respectively, the winner of tomorrow night's match will more than likely earn for its region the No. 3 seed at nationals (The Nos. 1 and 2 seeds are usually reserved for California teams, since the strongest and highest-ranked teams in the country are located in California).

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Time to plant a seed

NCAA spots may hinge on Lions-Buckeyes match

By TONY SMITH
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About the only thing that went wrong for the men's volleyball team last weekend against George Mason was that head coach Tom Tait cut his finger on the edge of a locker trying to catch a falling bar of soap.

Although the Lions won with ease, one should not expect the same type of result tomorrow night when Penn State hosts the Buckeyes of Ohio State at 7 in Rec Hall.

The Buckeyes, who are coming off of a West Coast trip earlier in the week, defeated the Lions two weeks ago at the Volleycard Classic in Muncie, Ind. Consequently, they have moved up in the latest collegiate polls from 10th to seventh.

Meanwhile, Penn State, despite the loss, is still rated fourth in the country. And with all of Tait's key players healthy (something which was not the case at the Volleycard Classic), the chances of victory for the Lions are better this time around.

Yet, Ohio State's win over the Lions at Muncie was so convincing (three out of four games) that it raises some doubts as to whether Penn State is a better team.

Tait shied away from making any statements about which team is better.

"You're not supposed to make statements like that," he laughed. "But I definitely feel we are capable of beating them."

Lion co-captain Bruce VanHorn agreed with Tait's assessment.

"If we put our top six players against their top six players, I don't think they can catch up with us," he said.

The match is an important one for many reasons. One, Penn State must prove that it deserves its No. 4 ranking. Two, the Buckeyes want to prove that they deserve a higher ranking than seventh. And third (perhaps most important), the seedings for the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships, which will be held in Rec Hall on May 7 and 8, may hinge on this match.

With a format similar to that of the Final Four in collegiate basketball, champions from three regions (the East, Midwest and West) and one wild-card team (usually from the West) receive invitations to the tournament. Seedings are based on the general strength of each region.

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The men's volleyball team will need plenty of offense from Mark Kravnik (16, spiking) and teammates Paul Hunczak (12), Steve Hunkins (8) and Paul Marsalese when the Lions host Midwestern power Ohio State at 7 tomorrow night in Rec Hall.

po" Guyon and outside hitters Jeff Johnson and Steve Hunkins.

Ohio State is led by senior Craig Sherman, who was voted Most Valuable Player at the Junior Olympics in 1980, and Dave Jundasek, who competed at the National Sports Festival last summer.

Also expected to start for the Buckeyes are 6-6 senior Karl Girevaldis, 6-2 senior Matt Murphy, 6-4 junior Dave Benecke and 6-2 junior Pete Norcia.

"They run a very fast attack," Tait said. "They do a good job of executing the shoot-sets (fast sets which are hit low and close to the net) and quick middle-attack, which puts a huge burden on the defense to adjust."

"When they execute sharply, they're extremely difficult to stop."

The Lions, also loaded with players who have international experience, will counter with junior co-captains VanHorn and Mark Kravnik, senior middle blocker Chuck Kegerreis, junior setter/outside hitter Mike "Har-

Penn State assistant coach Albert Occam also stressed the home-court advantage, along with the return of Johnson and Ken Kraft to the lineup, as factors which will be in the Lions' favor.

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