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The Tightening Noose

"The noose has tightened about the neck of academic freedom and freedom of political action and thought in Pennsylvania." This is the lead paragraph of an editorial in Penn State's Daily Collegian, which continues, "So the time is growing short for the people of Pennsylvania."

This frightened piece of writing concerns the approval of a required loyalty oath for all state employees by a legislative committee.

One bright spot remains in the country-wide loyalty oath situation—California, which was the center of the academic loyalty oath controversy for many months, has the oath no longer. A state court declared it illegal last April.

The two points of view may be seen again in last Fall's Pennsylvania contest. In favor of the loyalty oath were Governor S. Finex and state veterans organizations. These people, and the legislators who backed them up asserted cordially that they did not wish to curb educational philosophy, so long as it "goes in the right direction," but only wished to protect state institutions from communistic infiltration.

Opposed to the oath in Pennsylvania were teacher organizations, labor unions, civil rights groups, the presidents of Penn State, the University of Pittsburgh, and Temple University. Spokesmen for the opposition group avowed that the bill was "typical fear reaction."

One spokesman said, "Loyalty oaths will hinder rather than help the fight against communism . . . in general creates a climax of opinion unhealthy for a democracy."

Perhaps more troublesome to thinking North Carolinians than the controversies elsewhere, is the lack of controversy in this state. We point once again to the hidden loyalty oath required of all employees of this University.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Ma'm:

All us swamp critturs gone give you a big hug for bringing to the pages of The Daily Tar Heel that greatest of 'em all—Pogo!

We been all tore up 'cause none of the newspapers around here seem to know Pogo and Albert the Alligator and Churchy La Femme and we missed the little fellows. We is even gone so far as to take the gentlemen of the fourth escape to task with letters of inquiry. But they didn't even give us so much as a polite etoin shrdlu.

Now, Ma'm Editor, Pogo has found a home. We who love the boy thank you for restoring him to his proberabobble niche in society.

Henry Steele

Madam Editor:

An open letter to the managements of the Carolina Theater and Varsity Theater:

It would seem fair that when admission prices to your good motion pictures (i.e., "A Streetcar Named Desire", "David and Bathsheba", etc.) are increased, there would be a corresponding reduction for some of the trash that passes as movies (i.e., "The Magic Carpet").

What do you think?

Jack W. Hopkins

We take the liberty to point out that the management of the two theaters do not increase the admission on their good movies. It is the producers who do so.—Editors.

Not Guilty

by Barry Farber

Belgrade, Nov. 4 (Delayed) John Clews (the great Briton) and I were salvaging a salami between gulps of black Turkish coffee this morning in the lobby of the Hotel Prague when Mitka, our guide, interpreter, and red tape slasher, came by to take us out to the University of Belgrade.

Mitka is an avid Marxist and he's as happy with his communism as a child with a bright red tricycle. Like all good Yugoslavs he loves Tito, hates Stalin, and respects Truman. His beaming smile and electric wit helps ease the tension that flares whenever we try to throw our ideology in each other's face.

We headed down Red Army Boulevard toward the University, after irrigating our breakfast with a flask of Serbian plum wine. (Wine is a "must" three times a day in Yugoslavia. You'd need a good bootlegger to get a glass of ice water.)

As we rounded the corner by the Czechoslovakian Embassy (temporarily out of business) it was like stepping clear across the Atlantic back into the middle of the Y-Court.

The front steps of the University Administration Building were swarming with undergrads rehasing last Saturday's football game, bumming cigarettes, cursing instructors for an untimely pop quiz, and flirting with coeds who pretended not to be interested. Mitka introduced us and as soon as he uttered the magic word "Amerikanatz" everybody turned on me and unleashed their violent Slavic hospitality. They messed up my hair, slapped me on the spine, crushed my hand, and expressed other signs of Balkan affection. Every time I opened my mouth somebody would either fill it up with brandy, thrust a lighted cigarette between my lips, or harpoon a salami sandwich down

my throat.

The University of Belgrade, located 42 miles from advanced units of the Soviet Army, has 6,000 students (half coeds), unlimited class cuts, a brand new air raid shelter, and a cocktail bar of, by, and for the students. Tuition is paid largely by the State and families having children in school receive subsidies from the Government to cover room and board. Medical service is also provided by the State and mountain rest homes are run for students who have "overworked themselves in the interest of the people."

The two yearly vacations, fifteen days in January and ten weeks in summer, are taken up by military training and volunteer construction projects. During the war the University was the center of the anti-Nazi underground resistance and Slavic Joe College participated in such extra-curricular activities as blasting gasoline dumps, ripping up railroad track, and decapitating sentries.

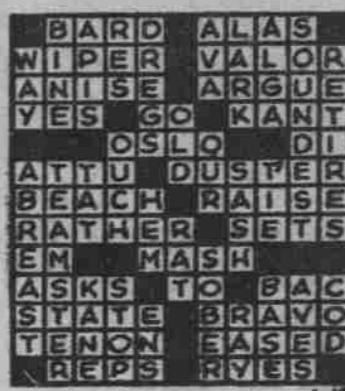
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ACROSS

1. Precious stone
5. Macaws (Braz.)
9. Game played on horseback
10. Wise man
11. Expressed juice of apples
12. Protect from the sun
14. Exclamation
15. A slight taste
17. Male sheep
18. Goddess of mischief
20. Seasoning
23. Music note
24. Apex
26. Not so cold
28. Free
30. Blue grass
31. A circular slope
37. Gold (Heraldry)
38. Ornamental stamp
40. Marshy meadow
41. Equip
43. Talk (slang)
45. Gill (abbr.)
46. Feats
49. Thin, round plate of metal
51. Claw
52. Ireland
53. Three, in cards
54. Furnish temporarily

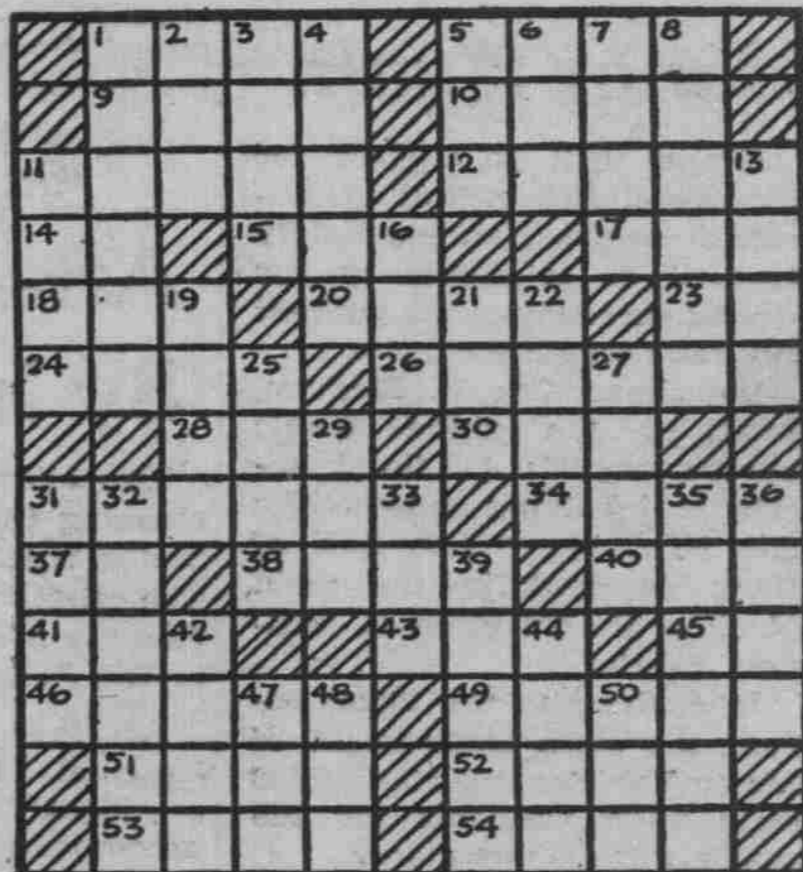
DOWN

1. Narcotic
2. Seed vessel
3. Malt beverages
4. Slow-moving lemur
5. Beast of burden
6. A cheer (shortened)
7. Culture medium
8. Unruffled
11. Fellow
13. Arabian chieftain
16. Animal's foot
19. Nobleman
21. Fold over
22. Jog
25. Teases (slang)
27. Post
29. River (Eng.)
31. Where one can wade across a river
32. The East
33. Large roofing slate
35. Ancient story
36. Thin, tin plate



Yesterday's Answer

39. Part of coat front
42. Equipment
44. Unadorned
47. Perish
48. Cunning
50. A metal



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