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"You Can't Take It With You" Begins

Regional Leader Of CIO Addresses Economic Club

SPEAKER ATTACKS TAFT-HARTLEY BILL

By NORBERT OLSHEFSKI

The newly-formed Economics Club, under the guidance of Mr. Julius Spiro, got under way on July 24 when Mr. Joseph Walsh, regional director of the CIO, spoke at its first forum.

Mr. Walsh, in his speech, outlined a few of the main points wrong with the Taft-Hartley Bill from labor's viewpoint.

Before discussing the bill itself, Mr. Walsh gave a quick preview of the rise of labor unions. He told of the conditions in the United States between 1924 and 1929 when the wages went up 5% and profits spiraled to 72%. He stated that we are now in the same position as we were then and that if the trend continues, we are headed for another depression.

Mr. Walsh accused the anti-labor forces in the United States of propagandizing the United States public into believing that the passage of the Taft-Hartley Bill was necessary to curb the power of labor. Mr. Walsh also stated that the propaganda forces have declared that the Wagner Act is one-sided. This, he said, is nothing more than protecting the rabbit from the hunter.

"The laborer is not only the wage earner, but he is also the producer and consumer", Mr. Walsh said, "and we should always think of him as such."

The speaker declared that the Taft-Hartley Bill is an open invitation to company unionization and plays into the hands of hostile employers and puts them back into the days of tear gas, riots, Pinkerton Detectives, goonsquads and company spies. The law exempts employers from the responsibility for his foremen's and other administrators' actions. Under the Taft-Hartley Bill, Mr. Walsh said, unions must hold two elections and these are not decided by a simple majority of the voters, but by a majority of those eligible to vote, which is against all American traditions of politics. Mr. Walsh went on to say that in our southern states today, men are elected to the congress by that very same method. He said that that is the reason we have our Rankins, Coxes, and Bilbos in Congress. The method used in the south is the Poll Tax, which allows only a small fraction of the entire population of those states which have poll taxes to vote. The percentage allowed to vote is very small, as a matter of fact, it is only three per-cent. The Taft-Hartley Bill provides that the union shall be responsible for the actions of its members. Mr. Walsh said that under the Wagner Act, all actions of the union were brought up in front of the body and decided upon by the body and that then the union was responsible, but that there is now nothing to prevent an employer from sending a company spy into the union and creating a black name for the union, if the union is held responsible for his actions. Mr. Walsh said

Manuscript To Appear Again In September

The second edition of the Manuscript, literary magazine of Wilkes College, will be published in September under the sponsorship of the English department. In this issue, as in the last, the contents will consist entirely of articles submitted by the students of this college.

The history of the literary magazine is a very brief one since the first edition appeared in June of this year; yet in this short period the magazine has proved itself to be of literary merit. Last spring the editors of the magazine were elected by the student body at assembly; the publishing date was set; and work was started immediately on collecting material. Because of the cooperation of the students and the time and effort put forth by the editors and advisers, the Manuscript made its initial appearance in June, right on schedule.

At present students are submitting material for the summer edition of the magazine. Some of the articles received are the result of class room assignments and some have been done as independent projects.

A box has been placed in the main office of Chase Hall where material may be placed at any time during the day. The Manuscript office, on the lower floor of Chase Hall, is open on Monday from four to five o'clock.

Literary contributions concerning any subject may be submitted to the Manuscript by any Wilkes student.

that the only solution for the whole problem is the complete and honest treatment of the unions by the employer and the complete and honest treatment of the employer by the unions, in other words, for both forces to get together and treat each other with complete honesty.

In a question period after his speech, Mr. Walsh was asked if by going ahead and doing what they think is right, wouldn't the unions be breaking the law? Mr. Walsh admitted that it would be, but that the unions would be carrying out their constitutional rights, and that his union would fight until it had a satisfactory answer.

Mr. Walsh, a native of Wilkes-Barre, attended Lafayette College and Cornell University. Mr. Walsh started as a copy boy on one of the local papers and worked himself up to the position of city editor, from which post he was elected vice-president of the American Newspaper Guild. He held this post from 1941 until 1946 when he was appointed Regional Director of the C. I. O.

Mr. Walsh appeared through the courtesy of the Economics Club which also has planned to present management's side of the story in the near future. In granting permission to have Mr. Walsh appear, it was stipulated that Management's side will be presented.

Honor System Probably Will Be Instituted

"You can't create an honor system by a stroke of the pen," said Mr. George F. Ralston, dean of men, at a meeting of the Honor Committee on Monday, July 28. Mr. Ralston has been working with a student committee whose duty it is to investigate and make recommendations to the Student Council concerning the establishment of an honor system at Wilkes.

Basing his report from a study of extant honor systems, Mr. Ralston said that an honor system requires the ultimate in a student, that the most effective factors have their roots in tradition, and that those who break this tradition are expelled. Thus an effective honor system requires the ultimate in personality.

Mr. Ralston further stated that we are desirous of making for Wilkes College a tradition whereby the democratic way of life will become a vital part of our college.

It was pointed out that honor systems have had a toll levied on them since the war, because of the influx of veterans into our colleges and universities. Such a condition is probably caused by a state of unrest, and a relaxation of ethical codes such as is evident in all our people today.

As a result of a late education, veterans have been hurriedly meeting requirements and have not been obtaining the training needed in intellectual integrity. This training might possibly be received by establishing an honor system.

Mr. Ralston also stated that an honor system must evolve. The students must first be enlightened, and then gradually shown the benefits derived from an intellectual integrity. Mr. Ralston promised assistance from the administration, but pointed out that the honor system must come from the students themselves.

As a result of investigation
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IRC Speakers Discuss Present Condition of European People

Attorney Charles N. Loveland and Mr. Jack Coffman, of the University of Texas, were guest speakers of the International Relations Club Forum, which was held on Wednesday, July 23. Attorney Loveland, who recently returned from a tour of Europe, gave a report on the activities of the Society of Friends in Europe. He also discussed the condition of the European people. Mr. Coffman gave a history of the Society of Friends and their activities.

Mr. Coffman also stated that the Society of Friends recently completed negotiations so that several members of that body could enter Soviet Russia. This marks the first time that any society has been able to enter Russia to work as a charitable organization.

Performances Given This Week; Will Continue For Two Weeks

By EDIE RUDOLPH

On Wednesday night, July 30, 1947 Chase Theatre opened its doors to Wilkes College theatre-goers who have been eagerly awaiting the opening of "You Can't Take It With You." The large cast, under the direction of Miss Blandina Foster, has been in rehearsal for the past month and gave first-nighters a finished production. The technical crew has been busily at work, and their efforts greatly added to the perfection of the performance. Performances will be given every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night throughout the first two weeks in August.

This semester, all students may procure two free tickets instead of the usual one free ticket. All students will be allowed two free tickets.

Non-students may obtain reservations at 75 cents (tax included) by calling 3-3149. Reservations will be held until 8:30, the night of each performance.

"You Can't Take It With You," a hilarious comedy about a unique family and their oddities, has been hailed as one of the foremost American comedies.

The play is centered around Grandpa Vanderhof, a retired businessman who decided to enjoy life. The role is played by David Jones, who last appeared in The Barrets of Wimpole Street. Grandpa's family is made up of his daughter Penny Sycamore, her husband Paul, their daughter Alice, and a niece and nephew.

Helen Davidson, who was last seen as a Lady-in-Waiting to Lady Macbeth, portrays the impulsive Penny very effectively. Daniel Williams plays Paul in the same easy manner as he played the sea captain in Twelfth Night.

Paul's and Penny's daughter, Alice, the only sane member of the family, will be enacted alternately by Miriam Golightly and Shirley Salsburg. The role will be in capable hands as both actresses have had experience with that type of role.

James Walsh, who has appeared as Fleance in Macbeth, will play the role of Ed, the child-genius in the family. His sister Essie, an aspiring ballet dancer, will be played by Catherine Stuccio.

The aristocratic Kirby family, which acts as a direct contrast to the fun-loving and carefree Sycamores, is introduced to Grandpa's menagerie through Tony Kirby's amorous pursuit of Alice. The role is divided between Sheldon Fried and Edward Morgan, both of whom display a natural ability for the part.

Caryl Galow and George Dale enact the roles of the stuffy Kirbys. They give a true and skillful interpretation of the wealthy Kirbys.

In addition to Grandpa's immediate family, there are various characters who contribute toward the semi-lunacy which prevails over the household. Rheba, the colored maid, and Donald, her boyfriend, contribute their share toward the existing confusion. These roles are colorfully portrayed by Sylvia Roth and Alfred Moskowitz.

to dinner and stayed is played by Alfred Colmer, and as Mr. De Pinna, he too adds to the general confusion.

Essie's ballet teacher, a booming Russian who trades dancing lessons for meals, is played by Harold Rein. As Kolenkhov, a lost member of Russian aristocracy, he introduces the Grand Duchess Olga Katrina to the Sycamores. The Duchess is expertly portrayed by Vye Hunsi.

A visiting cast-off actress who contributes nothing toward the much-needed peace in the Sycamore home is played by Edie Rudolph.

N. A. Perkowski, well known for his work in "The Barrets," is unable to cope with Grandpa as Henderson, a frustrated Income Tax Collector.

Robert Nolan, Jack Powell, and Eugene Baut play the G-Men who temporarily shatter the make-believe existence of the Sycamores.

The following people make up the technical crew:

Chief Technician — Albin Aukerland
Properties — Herbert Levy and Eleanor Krutz
Construction Manager — Joe Sooby
Head Bookholder — Elva Fuller
Assistant Bookholder — Dorothy Sorber
Electrician — Alfred Colmer
Stage Manager — Robert Wentz
Box Office Manager — Ralph Hodgson
Head Hostess — Helen Davidson
Business Manager — Joe Gudaitis
Publicity — Caryl Galow
Costumes — Lois Mangal
Radio Publicity — Alfred Moskowitz
Advertising Manager — Arnold Nachlis
Effects Master — Harold Rein

In order to be sure of a good seat, everyone should get his tickets for You Can't Take It With You immediately. It's a show well worth seeing. No one should miss it!

Language Clubs Will Sponsor Second Fiesta

The language clubs are preparing for another fiesta which will take place on August 8. The coming fiesta will be headed by the German Club and will be presented in a German atmosphere.

A movie of the life of the German composer, Franz Schubert, will be shown and recordings of some of his masterpieces will be played as part of the evening's entertainment.

Mr. Joseph Dudek has been appointed committee chairman. His committee will select German-style foods which will be served as refreshments.

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THE IRON CURTAIN

Many students of Wilkes College, irritated by the inefficiency of the Student Council, have been urging us to say something in print to the Student Council about its organization. We were reluctant to say anything because we felt that the recent Council elections might have some influence toward making that group a more efficiently functioning unit. However, the Council has had an opportunity to demonstrate its abilities in numerous instances during this semester. The results show that it has fallen down on the job.

The Council's recent action of cutting the Pre-Medical Club's requested budget from \$56.00 to \$10.00 before passing it was the mistake that finally aroused us to say something. This error was one of a series of great errors made by the Student Council since late last semester.

In retrospect, we should like to list some of the decisions made by the Student Council which have been the results of poor judgment. The first of these faulty measures occurred during the closing weeks of last semester. At that time this college was invited by the National Student Organization to send two delegates to its convention at Madison, Wisconsin (May 16 issue of Beacon). The trip expenses of the representatives were to be paid by the Council. Despite fervent efforts made by Joe Savitz, a member of the Student Council, to have this college represented at the convention, the Council refused to send the delegates to the convention. Yet at the same time, the Council was preparing to appropriate \$3,000 for a dance, from which it knew it would suffer a terrific loss.

Representation at the National Convention would have brought valuable information and needed prestige to this column. Furthermore, such representation would have created intellectual activity among our students. The dance, at best, could bring us an evening of entertainment.

We wish to say that despite the fact that the dance committee chairmen wrote in the \$1500 loss as "balance saved on Enterprise", the Council suffered the biggest single financial set-back in its history. The chairmen apparently felt they were entitled to call their loss a saving since they had only lost \$1500 of the \$3,000 they were authorized to spend. This, however, is odd reasoning.

The Council obviously felt it could not afford to sponsor an activity of intellectual scope, one which would have cost very little.

It was, however, ready and able to lose \$1500 on the dance.

Now, we understand, the Council is still in the throes of finding just what its financial status is.

In the meantime, the Council apparently is guarding its budget to the best of its ability. Since the Cinderella Dance of last semester, we have had only one dance of any kind. The one dance we had was arranged so carelessly that the Beacon was forced to wait far past its dead-line in an effort to discover what band was to be engaged for the Friday night affair. When the printer could wait no longer, the Beacon had to carry its story without the name of the band. On Thursday night, the Council got around to engaging the Bucknellians for the dance.

No one knew there was to be a dance until the Beacon was distributed on Friday. Then no one knew who was to play. The dance story in the newspaper was vague, and we suspect that the vagueness might have been mistaken by students as a reflection on our staff.

Needless to say the crowd at the affair was small. Had Wilkes students been accustomed to having dances provided for them on Friday nights, the crowd undoubtedly would have been larger. Since no dances had preceded this one, the students probably felt that Friday night affairs were out of vogue.

Even in the days of the most inefficient Student Councils, of which we have had a number, students were able to plan for Friday night activities. But not now! And certainly not tonight! Is the Council saving for a gigantic affair in September?

During a period of eight weeks, the Council has sponsored two affairs, one of which was an outing held on Tuesday afternoon, a difficult time for students to do anything but attend classes. The Council provided funds for the language clubs to hold their Fiesta, but was not required to help plan the party. Sponsorship of two affairs in eight weeks is not a record of which to be proud.

The Pre-Medical Club, as previously mentioned, requested \$56.00 to pay for trips pertinent to the activities of this club and for expenses incurred at meetings. Ed Burtsavage, president of the club, was stunned (and rightly so) when he discovered that his club was granted only \$10.00.

One should compare this budget proportionately with that of the Thespians, which the Council declared was outrageous. But the budget was ultimately passed. If one were to compare the Pre-Med budget with any other budget in this institution, he would find it is practically negligible.

The Pre-Medical Club felt that it was being extremely conservative in its request. The Council felt that the Pre-Med Club was being terribly avicious. The Council does not want to pay for any trips that

the future doctors ever intend to take. But remember, the Cinderella Ball was run at a \$1500 loss.

Doesn't the Council know that the Pre-Med Club is more of an asset to Wilkes College than any dance? (Poet Harold Rein says so on this page in heroic couplets).

Doesn't the Council realize that trips made by the Pre-Med group help increase the knowledge of members of that club, that such trips encourage pre-medical students to enter this college, and that such trips produce publicity which adds prestige to the school?

At the same meeting at which the Pre-Med Club was turned brutally away, the I. R. C. budget of \$41.00 was approved. Why was one budget denied while another was approved? Was it because the Pre-Med Club is not well represented on the Council?

Actually there is no reason why the I. R. C. should not be granted its budget. But is the Pre-Med Club less deserving?

It might be added that the Beacon requested \$100 for awards from the Council. The request was rejected unanimously. The Council stated that it will not grant monetary awards to anyone. The Council suggested that the request should be submitted which would involve no monetary awards. Perhaps the Council is right in making that decision. At any rate, the Beacon is offering no complaint. It intends to follow the advice of the Council by finding another method of awarding.

The Council has demonstrated to the students of Wilkes that it will give little cooperation to activities that try to promote intellectual activity at this college.

The Council is interested in watching its budget. It has established a false economy. How carelessly "tight-fisted" the Council is! For example, at a recent Student Council meeting (minutes printed in July 18 issue) a member of the Council made a motion that the Council should purchase a Public Address system. The members stated that a committee had investigated prices of various P. A. systems and that one could be obtained for \$300. Several thoughtful members of the group suggested that further investigations be made. One of these members suggested to the Council that he was certain he could obtain the item at a lower price. But the rest of the Council would listen to no such "foolishness". It wanted a P. A. system, and it wanted it immediately. The haste is inexplicable in that the college has been without such a system for years. Nevertheless, the Council proudly purchased its new instrument.

Now we hear from sources other than members of the Council that the student group could have obtained a P. A. system for half the price somewhere else.

Some Council members wondered also who delegated the authority to provide for an investigation committee. The president of the Council, as we and many others understand, does not have the authority to appoint anyone to anything without at least calling a special meeting of the Council.

Paying much more than the value of an item is bad business. And it is worse to refuse to listen to a fellow member who warns that the price of an item is too expensive and that it can be obtained elsewhere at a more reasonable rate.

As we have attempted to point out, the Council has lacked good judgment. The Council should remember that Wilkes students want better student government, and they intend to have it!

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

The Intramural softball program has stimulated more interest among Wilkes students than has any other extra-curricular activity in the past. Such a plan was devised last summer by students of this college, but it was not until this summer that it was decided to have an intramural program.

Almost every day students are engaging in this activity held at Kirby Park. As a result of this program every student has an opportunity to engage in the sports program. Those who are participating in baseball are taking the game and the league seriously. Everyone is out to win the proposed trophy which is being asked of the Student Council.

The intramural program should not confine itself to softball. It should envelop football, basketball, wrestling, and those other sports Wilkes will sponsor on an intercollegiate basis.

In fact, the program should not confine itself to sports. It should include activities such as debating, oratory, and other activities of an intellectual nature.

We hope the softball league will start an expansive intramural program.

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Petition On Olympus

The path to the Council of gods was a dread,
 Where mortals were very reluctant to tread.

But nevertheless they followed the road,
 Those planning to revere Hippocrates' code.

They spake not as gods, but as men who live:
 "Oh, Council immortal, unto us give,

Small sums of gold for our great need,
 That our hunger for knowledge we may feed

With tracels that will open our inquiring minds.
 To medical practice of various kinds."

"Nay, foolish mortals, we hear you not",
 The gods did answer fierce and hot,

We favor Dionysus, the reveler of old,
 To him for dancing goes our gold.

He wishes to bring fair Orpheus to play,
 That we may dance from night 'til day.

Expensive is Orpheus when he plays for a dance;
 To get gold from us who haven't a chance.

Should we dispense with our fun and mirth
 Because YOU would like to explore the earth?"

Thus spake the gods and thunder did sound,
 As they laughed at the fools who would travel around

To seek the knowledge of medical lore,
 When for dancing the gold was needed much more.

Softball Loop In Full Swing

The IRC Club took its second straight victory when it hammered out an easy 19-0 victory over the Dormitory team. In winning his second victory John Sadt yielded only six hits and one extra base blow. Only one Dorm man reached third.

The big bats of the IRC drove in runs in every inning. Every man hit. Pleasnar had four hits while Mayock hit two doubles, John Kelly hammered a double and a triple, and Jim Sheppard hit a triple.

The Clowns won their third straight game when they beat the Pre-Med Club 10-2. The Pre-Meds scored two in the first on a round tripper by Glowacki, but were unable to tally thereafter.

The Clowns displayed more of their hitting power by pounding extra base blows. "Moose" Galita, Clown catcher, drove a homer over the left field wall in the fifth. The game marked the third time that Marty Blake has issued seven hits this season.

The Clowns won their second victory over the untied and unpracticed Beacon team by a 19-3 score. The Clowns, aided by numerous Beacon errors, put on a powerful hitting attack to make a rout of the tilt.

Beacon Loses in Tenth

The Beacon outfit with the benefit of one game's experience under its belt lost a close game to the Faculty nine by a score of 9-7. The Beacon had a 5-2 lead until the ninth when the faculty gathered four runs to go ahead 6-5, but the determined Beacon lads tied it up in the last of the seventh with two out. The game then went into extra innings. In the ninth Tom Moran in crossing homeplate bumped into catcher Ralston of the Faculty nine who dropped the ball. The umpire called Moran out on interference, but the Beacon players contested that Moran was safe in that the catcher must hold the ball.

The Faculty scored 3 in the tenth while the Beacon team could score only one thus ending the game.

The IRC went into extra innings to overtake the Pre-Med Squad 5-4. In the last of the ninth with one out, John Kelly of the IRC batted in the winning run. Kelly also homered in the first with one on base.

The Pre-Meds tied up the score in their half of the seventh when they pushed three runs across the plate. But they were unable to produce in the extra frames.

The CLOWNS take on two of the best softball nines in this part of the state next week playing the Wilkes Barre Police Department on Thursday and the Tom Taylor aggregation on Sunday in Athletic Park, Scranton.

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

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| Clowns | 3 | 0 |
| IRC | 2 | 0 |
| Sad Sacks | 1 | 0 |
| Faculty | 1 | 0 |
| Pre-Med | 1 | 2 |
| Engineers | 0 | 2 |
| Beacon | 0 | 2 |
| Dorm | 0 | 2 |

HONOR SYSTEM

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into the methods of contemporary institutions, the committee has found that complete power is granted to an Honor Council. This council is composed of class representatives, usually elected by the student body. The decision of the honor council in most colleges are final.

Mr. Farrell asked for opinions of the committee on the adoption of some sort of an honor system. The committee submitted a favorable vote. It was then decided that the system set up by the committee be an elected group who must meet certain requirements as will be specified by the committee at a later date.