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Justice, Not Evidence, Needed

Suspended guidance and sociology teacher Raymond Hertzog has been the victim of a quasi-judicial system which ignores his basic right to both an unbiased hearing and immediate decision on his case.

The legal aspects of his case, which began with his suspension Nov. 12, are most disturbing.

First of all, Mr. Hertzog was not informed of the charges against him, namely that he is an atheist and that he has introduced salacious literature into his classroom, until long after they were formulated. Surely our enlightened system of 'jurisprudence' should have allowed him this small favor

Secondly, upon what basis were these serious charges laid? Apparently they were prompted by two sets of parents who received second-hand information about certain happenings in Mr. Hertzog's classroom. Later, it was plainly shown by Mr. Hertzog's other students that he was admired and respected by his pupils. But the charges were laid before he had a chance to explain his side of the case in private to his principal.

Thirdly, it is obvious that Mr. Hertzog was prejudged by three provincial cabinet ministers in statements printed in The Edmonton Journal . . . before the in camera hearing. How could Mr. Hertzog expect a fair hearing when his judges were being quoted as being out of sympathy with a case which they have not heard? Guilty or not under this system, an accused man still has the right to know that his case is not being prejudged in any way.

Fourthly, the form which the investigation took and its confused re-

sults are completely without justification. The reason for having courts in this country is to do away with unqualified extra-judicial boards and inquiries. The fact that Education Minister Randolph McKinnon is allowed to pass judgment on Raymond Hertzog is most regrettable. Previous to the inquiry, this same Mr. McKinnon called Mr. Hertzog "a wolf in sheep's clothing" in the press. So much for justice.

Mr. Hertzog was suspended Nov. 12. His status today is every bit as much in doubt as it was then. Now Mr. McKinnon has asked for additional evidence to warrant Strathcona County's application to fire Mr. Hertzog. Why should Strathcona County Council officials still wish to fire Mr. Hertzog when Mr. McKinnon's judgment was that he should be retained as a teacher at Ardrossan High School?

Why should Raymond Hertzog have to endure all this? Why has there been no direct action by the Alberta Teachers' Association? Why do extra-judicial bodies in Alberta have the power to find an individual guilty of "gross misconduct"?

Gross misconduct is a serious charge, particularly when an individual is found guilty of gross misconduct. A conviction under Section 350A of the Alberta School Act is not one which would justify Hon. Randolph McKinnon's recommendation that a teacher be reinstated. Instead, Mr. McKinnon merely has said that Mr. Hertzog was "indiscreet". How can anyone be indiscreet when gross misconduct is involved?

But this is Alberta and we must ignore common sense and the reasons for having a legal system.

Happy New Year ?

Happy New Year, you say?

So what makes you think it's going to be a "happy" New Year?

Take a good look at that great big, not-so-wonderful world outside, then say to me "Happy New Year."

As the song says, they're rioting in Africa, there is strife in Viet Nam, Sukarno is more belligerent than ever, ICY, which stands for International Cooperation Year, looks more like a forecast for this year's version of the Cold War.

Worse perhaps, for Canadians, it looks like our national hockey team will once again bow to the Russians! The Canadian public seems destined to be a captive audience for a seemingly senile federal parliament.

Provincially little appears changed. Mr. Manning, despite the continued opposition of a few vocal dissenters, will remain untouched and very much in control. Locally, open season has once again been declared on Mayor Hawrelak—the only one not too concerned about the situation seems to be Mayor Hawrelak who is vacationing in Florida.

On Campus, exams are only a few days ahead. Four months of classes, term papers, essays, labs, et al, remain. The possibility of a fee increase grows greater. Residence rates are rumored on the rise.

And the weather—well, we're all a little fed up already.

Happy New Year, you say!?

We say Humbug!

Happy New Year ?

Yes, it is going to be a Happy New Year—for all except the 9,000 students who will pay the expected fee increase.

The Gateway mourns for all those who have found it difficult to make ends meet this year, for next year it promises to be more difficult.

We must resign ourselves to the facts—we are merely a source of revenue to administrators. Worse perhaps, we are educated morons to city businessmen. So fellow students, we are apparently bankrupt in more than one way.

Jean Bazin, CUS president, says "freeze the fees." And it is the one New Year's resolution all students wish administrators would adopt.

Once again, Happy New Year.



by Bruce Ferrier

Bored during exam week? Here are some books for the New Year designed to drive you back to studying if all else fails:

Thirty Years in an Alberta Coal Mine—A former U of A English professor describes his unusual experiences in the black depths of Alberta provincialism. Features four off-color illustrations and three black-and-white miniatures of noted official minds.

Attack of the Students—A chilling account of the invasion of the Cameron Library by uncouth beasts. Library staff members give first-accounts of books utterly annihilated by bearded fiends, innocent librarians dismembered by graduate students with ten overdue books. "Disgusting!"—New Sarepta Times.

Sex Can Be Fun—Although dealing with a topic somewhat removed from the everyday lives of most people, the author has managed to breathe life into a sometimes-dull topic. Chapters on the single girl, single boy, young marrieds and other fringe groups are made interesting for the average reader by a lively series of personal anecdotes and full-page illustrations.

Readers' Digest Edition of the Bible—The great classic reduced to a readable size by careful revision and editing. Readers who never managed the original will find this a fresh and interesting edition. (New York: 1965. 26 pg.)

Lister Hall on \$2.80 a Day—Thinking of coming to the U of A? Get this important text now, in order to avoid starvation and/or food poisoning. Ghastly effects of under-

done bread pudding vividly described. Section on how to smuggle K-rations in to main dining hall wrapped in a physics text. Chapter on "How To Recognize Hamburger in Each of Its 1,000 Disguises." A basic reference work for future residence students.

Exodus — Expansive historical novel documenting the trials of Alberta high-school dropouts in the early 1960's. Based on extensive personal experience and research, the book is a dramatic tale of persecution, poverty, and dereliction. Features a vivid description of the terrible life in a down-town car wash, and the final triumph of the dropouts over society as they succeed in burning the high-schools of the city in a dramatic final battle.

Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys—A selection of humor and wit taken from the debates of the 26th Parliament. Includes that noted sketch, "My Fellow Canadians," a musical comedy, **The Maple Leaf Foverer**, others. Special insert of Red Ensign, black arm bands, mail-box bombs, etc.

How To Study—Although this classic has received very little attention in recent years, collectors will be happy to note that it is still available in limited numbers. Write direct to the publisher for prompt service. (J. M. Dunt and Sons, Kandahar, Afghanistan.)

Letters

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