

Pamphlet Turns Rotunda Into Political Arena

By Wayne Poley

A second edition of *Commonsense* appeared Thursday on campus.

The four-page pamphlet, edited by Colwyn Williamson of the philosophy department, attacks what it calls the continued "Social Credit onslaught on the university and . . . the whole basis of education."

Copies were circulated in the arts building rotunda, where crowds gathered Friday to discuss Social Credit.

"This must be an almost unique experience for students at this university," said Mr. Williamson.

"For the first time in my experience, large numbers, at one time 50 or more, were spontaneously demonstrating their political concern."

"*Commonsense* is not aimed at the world of the university which seems to be obsessed with its own dignity," he said. "It is aimed at the people of Alberta. Therefore the people around the university may find it unsophisticated."

Of 10,000 copies distributed, 8,500 were sent outside the university. Copies were sent to Calgary, Red Deer, and Forestburg in addition to those distributed door-to-door in Edmonton.

SUSPENSION

The most important feature of *Commonsense 2*, according to Mr. Williamson, is an article questioning the legality of Raymond Hertzog's suspension from Ardrossan High School.

Another article, entitled "Manning attacks Intellectuals," is directed

against a sermon by the Premier Dec. 6.

"But most people who have read *Commonsense* and heard our recording of the sermon consider the criticism to be mild," said Professor Williamson.

THREATS

"Only two mild threats have followed *Commonsense*," he said. "These were scribbled, with obscenities, and sent to the University."

"From my experience of obscene letters written to me in the past by Social Credit supporters, they are preoccupied with excrement."

"Some of us would like *Commonsense* to include a general political analysis and criticism," explained Professor Williamson. "But the number of stupidities of Social

Credit and the amount of space we have makes it not foreseeable in the near future."

"We anticipate some progress in the next election. Social Credit has been especially wild in this spell of office. They've antagonized a lot of people. Like a person caught in quicksand, the harder they struggle the deeper and deeper they sink."

DIFFERENT VIEW

Wallace M. Klinck, sci 1, chairman of the Social Credit movement on campus, has a somewhat different view of *Commonsense 2*.

"*Commonsense* fails to differentiate between the intellectual approach which denies spirituality and intellectual approach which includes it," he said.

"In regard to Mr. Manning's al-

leged attack on intellectuals, both Christianity and Social Credit are in accord with reason, but not the exclusion of spirituality and love. Every man of good will has Divine commission to work towards that which is good."

Hitler's Germany is a good example of the fate of a nation that forgets God."

According to Klinck, Mr. Williamson stated on Friday in the arts rotunda: "Of what importance are a few million lives to accomplish the needs of revolution and reform."

"Mr. Williamson's statement should identify him," said Klinck.

"Social Credit is the only policy which is adapted to an economy of abundance and which will provide maximum individual freedom."

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Students Circulate Petition

By Linda Strand

A petition protesting "a growing tendency toward restriction of liberties" in Alberta is being circulated on campus by several graduate students.

Graduate students and prospective graduate students in honors programs are being asked to sign the petition, according to Bernard Bloom, graduate student in political science.

"Some students in graduate studies are concerned about the possibility that people who might come to this campus to do graduate work will go somewhere else because of the existing situation in Alberta," he said.

The statement of the petition says in part:

"It is clear that graduate education offers a unique training as it forces one to evaluate all sides of an issue to allow the student to make necessary conclusions. No such conclusion should be drawn without critical analysis of many values, some accepted, and some not accepted . . ."

THINKING SUBDUED

"We feel that in this province such all-inclusive thinking is being subdued in many ways. In order to decide what is good, or evil, right or wrong, all sides of any question must be examined.

We can only judge ourselves in this manner to read or not to read, view or not to view. To inhibit such intellectual luxuries of others, because of our own ideas and ideals is wrong, morally wrong, and can in no way be justified. It is, in fact, an infringement upon a basic liberty."

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GOTTA MATCH?—No, but this poor little cigarette girl will do the job just as well. Sonya Bubel, comm 1, lights a flame under an unidentified male at Saturday night's Commerce Undergraduate Society Monte Carlo dance.

Hear Mme. Solange Chaput-Rolland
Discuss
"TWO GENERATIONS IN QUEBEC"
MP 126, 8:30 p.m. Tonight

French Canada Visits Campus

Students Experiment With Communication Theme

Learning through communication is the theme of French Canada Week which began at 6 p.m. Saturday with the arrival of five French-Canadian students on this campus.

Work on French Canada Week began in October and 400 students have been actively involved in organization. Preparations were divided among seven sub-committees.

Officials of French Canada Week say it is an opportunity to discover just what Quebec wants from Confederation.

"We not only hope that Edmonton students will learn from the French Canadians, but that the Quebec students will also learn by being here," says David Estrin, CUS chairman.

All activities of the week are free except for two performances of the Quatre Vingt, a French-Canadian folk singing group. The activities include speeches, panel discussions, displays, films and several official ceremonies.

The guests were introduced to some Alberta students at coffee parties held Sunday in private homes. Free coffee sessions will continue each day during the week at 3 p.m. in Wauneita Lounge, SUB.

The visiting students will attend U of A classes and some at the College St. Jean. They will be staying at the Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Sigma fraternity houses.

The students will hold informal discussions at university cafeterias from 10 to 11 a.m. all week.

They will meet Alberta Premier Ernest C. Manning and cabinet ministers at a luncheon on Thursday. Friday they will attend a civic reception.

Other distinguished guests will be Hon. Maurice Sauve, federal minister of forestry; Madame Solange Chaput-Rolland, author-journalist; Hon. Paul Martineau, former minister of mines and technical surveys; Dr. Michel Brunet, head of dept. of history at U of Montreal; Dr. Hugh MacLennan, noted Canadian author; and Jean Bazin, national president of CUS.

Fifty thousand dollars of displays will be shown in SUB during the week.

French food was served in Lister Hall Monday.

Province Not Represented At Week Opening

A scheduled meeting with the visiting U.S. consul Monday prevented provincial government officials from attending opening ceremonies of French Canada Week.

Premier E. C. Manning, Hon. A. R. Patrick, industry minister, and Hon. F. C. Colborne, public works minister and honorary students' union president, all said they couldn't attend because of the meeting.

No provincial government representative was at the noon opening. Students' Union President Francis Saville expressed disappointment at the government's absence.

"While I think the U.S. consul is important, I also think they could have spared at least one member of the executive council for Quebec—for Canada," said Saville.

Attending the ceremony were Edmonton Mayor William Hawrelak, University President Dr. Walter H. Johns, and lawyer Leo Desrosiers.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

After Sunday, a student's registration is subject to cancellation for non-payment of fees and the student to exclusion from classes.

Fees are payable to the cashier in the administration building. Please present your fee card or campus "A" card with your payment.

W. E. Davidge,
Fee Clerk