

**Letters—**

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ette" is "the official publication of the students of Dalhousie University." It amazes me that so many Dalhousie students were disgusted with their own publication.

There appears on the first page of the above-mentioned issue one definitely pointed and biased remark that I feel is very much out of place and certainly reflects a view not usually found in this publication.

There is on Page 3 of this issue a cartoon captioned with some senseless conglomeration of words. I can only assume that this arises from some misconceived idea that is held by the cartoonist.

If your paper is supposed to be a militant publication, please be consistent and perhaps inform your readers, through various articles, that it is a publication of this nature. If you feel that the "Gazette" is a neutral paper, would you please be kind enough to maintain that neutrality.

I am thoroughly disgusted with the articles that I have mentioned and regret that I have had to complain.

Yours truly,  
"DISGUSTED".

**Kibitzer—**

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to 50,000,000 people and spout reckless charges."

His information came from Dr. Bela Fabian, head of the former Hungarian political prisoners who attended the show in question, and Bela Varga, former President of Hungary, Sullivan said.

He said six of the students have already been executed, and "we have all their names (of those still alive), what they eat, even when

they feed them. We even have the name of their hangman," he added.

So I suppose country-wide, the dust will be blown off the petitions so unceremoniously "filed" three weeks ago.

Even here at Dal the powers may consider starting to do something petition-wise.

But don't bet on it. And back at the University of Manitoba, there is much static.

The information clash between the Mikoyan and Sullivan camps is illustrated by the clash that has arisen between **The Manitoban** and **The Student Marxist** — a sheet which calls itself the organ of The Socialist Youth League of Canada.

The pink papers says: "In addition to wasting our money on long distance calls, Mr. Humphreys has been 'Guilty as Hell' of making our newspaper a sensationalistic rag."

Editor Humphreys is attacked mainly on the basis that he had the unmitigated gall to "identify the entire student body with charges that have not been taken up by any reputable journalists, and which have categorically been denied by the Hungarian government."

After calling the issue in which the Sullivan interview story appeared "a colossal low in university journalism, more than casually resembling an editor of **Hush**," **The Student Marxist** challenges Mr. Humphreys to "really open the columns of **The Manitoban**."

The challenge apparently arises out of the fact that Mr. Humphreys recently saw fit not to print an editorial on the World Youth Festival.

While controversy rages all about, I would like to know if the Hungarian government is permitted under its law to execute citizens—even students—convicted of treason.

Or is this right reserved to democratic governments?

# Eye-Opening W.A.S. Panel Shows "West Indies In Transition"

by SUE HERMAN

The second World Affairs Society panel presentation, "West Indies in Transition", provided some interesting enlightenment on a new nation about which we, as Canadians, are quite smugly ignorant.

Dr. MacLean, as chairman, only once or twice had to intervene in order to prevent the panelists from enlarging too graphically on one subject. Gordon McLean of Saint Mary's University, Elliot Sutherland, Dal's representative at the W.U.S.C. Conference to the West Indies last summer, and Clinton Browne, one who spoke with excellent authority were the panel members.

The West Indies Federation consists of ten members, the largest and most familiar of which include Trinidad, Jamaica, and the Barbados. Mr. McLean noted that although the Federation extends over one thousand miles, it still considers itself a unit. Whether the members actually are united either practically or in spirit was debated. The statement was put forward that the spirit of unity, if such exists, is not too apparent. Everything seems to be for the good of one's own island. Even the political parties of the central government are but amalgamations of the local governments. After discussion, the federation appeared not to be a federation at all, in the true meaning of the word, since most of the real power lies as yet in the hands of the territories, with the voices of Jamaica and Trinidad (the giants of the West Indies) being the most powerful.

Canada's relationship with the West Indies seems, alternately, to be one of a condescending and, at the same time helpful, big sister. Money from Canada went to the West Indies for boats to be used for inter-island communication—a fact which to us may not seem to be of excessively great importance, but to the West Indian means that, at long last, he can actually see in the course of his lifetime the people of the neighbouring islands, and obtain views other than those possessed by his own island. The greatest cause of disunity would appear to be distance. A group of people who, up to the time of federation, were only slightly, if at all, concerned with the inhabitants of another island, cannot be expected to feel immediate kinship with the same strangers simply because a ruling now says that they are "brothers".

While Canadian practical aid towards the Federation may seem laudable, the attitude is far from encouraging at present. Attempts are made to further trade relations, but the West Indies refuse to have a complementary relationship. They feel that they are capable of producing industrial goods. Therefore why should they sit back and pretend to enjoy being thought of as mere farmers, a situation which is, simultaneously, understandable and childish. Mr. Browne quite definitely stated that the West Indies cannot become industrialized, they have neither materials, nor the money.

Canada, thanks to her ambiguous immigration laws, make it easier for a non-Commonwealth member from Europe to enter our country than for a British subject from the West Indies. The Canadian immigration Official has no set of rules by which he picks and chooses, nor is

he required to give a reason for refusal. Naturally, the West Indian suspects the worst . . . that he is being discriminated against racially. Most of the West Indians permitted in Canada are domestics. The protestation that Canadians will have a warped view of the West Indies as a servant cradle is well founded. They are just as capable as we, and yet, Canadians in general have a definitely supercilious attitude towards them.

This statement leads to what became the main issue of the discussion . . . racial discrimination. Among light and dark-skinned West Indians, there is none. There are great variations in skin colour even in one's own family, but although one may be aware of the differences, prejudice would only lead to discrimination against one's brother or sister. Any active discrimination may invariably be traced to the white inhabitants of the islands. Some West Indians still tend to revere the "whites" simply because the latter have been seen only in administrative positions. The West Indian, however, although colour differences are relatively unimportant to him, is extremely class conscious. The type of work he does is more important than the amount of money possessed by him or the cultural background he has received.

A summary of the somewhat pessimistically inclined discussion leads to the more hopeful note that although the West Indian Federation has a long way to go, if a realistic attempt is made to test the selling power of West Indian goods, and if a sense of loyalty to the whole rather than to the parts is created, their dream of becoming an industrialized unit just might materialize.

**... tripe ...**

Sir:

Please allow me space in the **Gazette** to voice my opinion in regard to the last two issues of the above publication.

I refer, of course, to the articles of a political nature that were printed, the first supposed to be a news story concerning the visit of Mr. Pearson to the Dalhousie campus. Normally, an article of this nature would have been perfectly justified, that is, if it had taken the form of a news story, but rather than stop there you proceeded to go further and editorialize within the same article by inserting certain sarcastic references to the present administration in Ottawa. This, I suggest, was entirely without foundation and absolutely unwarranted. I take no objections to the writing of editorials critical of the government at Ottawa—after all that is one of the privileges we have in a free country like Canada—but such editorials have their place in any newspaper, and that is on the Editorial Page, written as an editorial *per se*, and certainly not interspersed with a news item appearing on the front page. What, if any, is the justification for such an article appearing?

As if the above article was not enough, I was shocked to pick up the November 18th issue of the **Gazette** and be confronted with the boxed captions on page one; the "Deathless Quote of the Week" and most discourteous cartoon appearing on page three. It certainly was not by mere coincidence that the above all appeared in the same issue, and at a time concurring with the National Liberal Leader's visit. Things like that just do not happen! I believe this showed a complete neglect of your responsibilities by permitting such "tripe" to appear, and I shudder to think that perhaps it reflects an attitude becoming a juvenile. These articles, in my mind, evinced definite bad taste and a complete lack of principles on someone's part, and surely this is not what one would expect from mature men and women, college students, especially those charged with the responsibility of publishing our student newspaper. Why even the cartoonists for the large dailies never go as far as to question the sin-

cerity of a person, least of all the man who happens to be Prime Minister of Canada.

It has always been my feeling that the function of a university newspaper was to give a complete and adequate coverage of activities taking place on the campus, and to bring before the student body the issues and problems that beset our Student Council — there must be some! It is definitely not the function of such a newspaper to enter into the realm of Federal, Provincial or Municipal politics and to ridicule the actions, and the mannerisms, of people charged with governing this country, be they Liberals or Conservatives. This is precisely the direction in which the **Gazette** appears to be going—especially if one is to judge by the two latest editions.

Another reason, Mr. Editor, why our campus newspaper should not indulge in such pettiness is because ALL students, regardless of their political affiliations, are compelled to pay for the **Gazette** when we pay our Council fees. Consequently we expect the paper to contain items of interest to all students, and not something simply advancing the aims of certain political groups. It would be different if there was competition on the campus, and we paid a nickel each week for a paper, and if we had our choice in the matter. This is something one would expect to find in certain daily newspapers, and even they do not resort to editorializing within the context of their news stories.

Finally, Mr. Editor, I suggest that if you are to fulfill the purpose for which the **Gazette** was founded you must confine yourself to a complete coverage of news on our campus, as well as on other university campi. If you feel it necessary to criticize the government at Ottawa then by all means do it properly, namely, by composing an editorial and inserting it on the Editorial Page.

**self-consciousness**

Sir:

Speaking as one who has cartooned, I feel called upon to commend the sheer humor embodied in the work of one PAO, who last week in the **Gazette** produced what I thought to be a skillful and irresistibly funny parody of a well-known political figure. Never have I heard more spontaneous laughter in the canteen; it is a pity, however, that these gay notes of laughter surged upwards to the counterpunctual accompaniment of Conservative screams. This seems to me indicative of nothing more or less than (a) certain politically-minded figures on the campus have become so caught up in the "importance" of their "cause" that they have already succeeded in squeezing an enormous amount of humor out of their systems—a process which should not be freely underway at least for a few years yet, and (b) these politically-minded figures have been bought to such a state of agitation and embarrassment by the activities of their leader that sheer self-consciousness has forced them to leap to conclusions that the general reading public, grateful for a good laugh, has not even bothered to consider. The **Gazette's** political parody is commendable for its humorous qualities in themselves; its derogatory qualities exist only for those anxious to discover them.

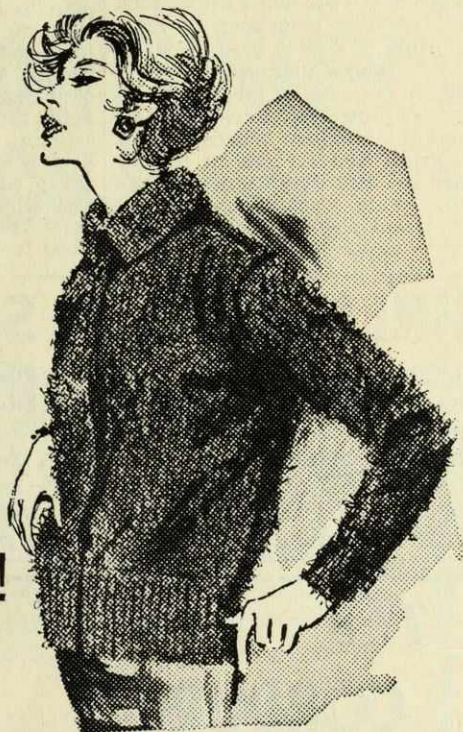
Thank you again for an entertaining issue.

John Chambers, Arts IV.

Under no circumstances should you take advantage of your positions, and of the students as a whole, to make a "rag-bag" out of the **Gazette** for the purpose of forwarding the ends of ANY political party.

Jack Buntain, Law III.

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