

A letter about a book

Canada Ltd. demonstrates need for socialism

J. B. M. Falconer's review of Canada Ltd. in the Nov. 15 issue of Excalibur contains a good criticism of Canadian bookbinding. In spite of this insight, the remainder of the review fails to deal seriously with the pressing social and political questions raised by this book.

Canada Ltd. is simultaneously an analysis and a strategy. It is an analysis of Canada's lack of national independence — first as a colony of the French and British empires and presently as a dependency in the American empire. According to Canada Ltd., Canada's dependent status can only be explained by looking at the character of Canada's dominant class: a class of capitalists who have historically been merchants and financiers rather than industrial entrepreneurs.

This distinction is of the utmost importance. Rather than develop a dynamic national economy, these merchant-finance capitalists have opted for dependence on American industrial capitalism. These merchants are indifferent to the nationality of the manufactured goods which they distribute so long as they make a profit, and the large U.S. corporations have been stable customers borrowing heavily from Canadian banks. Consequently, Canada Ltd. argues, these Canadian capitalists (whether associated with the Bank of Montreal,

atons, or Simpsons) have a stake in dependency upon American industry and are thus incapable of leading a movement for national independence.

Today, the consequences of this dependency are becoming even more severe. American capitalism is in a period of severe decline. The recent revival and economic expansion of Germany and Japan has ended the monopoly of world trade held by U.S. capitalists. As a result, American manufactured goods have become less competitive on the world market — thus the current crisis of the U.S. dollar.

In response to this decline, American capitalists have taken steps to strengthen their manufacturing at home. For instance, Nixon has recently introduced incentives for American multi-national corporations to increase domestic manufacturing. This creates a shift of manufacturing investment by these corporations from their branch plants in countries like Canada to their American headquarters.

At the same time, American capitalism makes growing demands on Canadian resources (e.g., Mackenzie Valley Pipeline, the James Bay project, the Athabaska Tar Sands).

This shift in American investment in Canada from manufacturing to resource extraction means the de-industrialization of Canada, the loss of

Canadian jobs and galloping inflation. As Canada Ltd. explains, the effects of de-industrialization are wide-ranging: "For where are the jobs and opportunities to come from, for skilled and semi-skilled industrial workers, clerical staff, technicians, technologists, researchers and teachers? Without widely-based manufacturing there is an ever-narrowing foundation for people with specialized skills, and for government financing of the public sector — and other professional, semi-professional and skilled groups in the public service."

As we have seen, Canadian capitalists cannot provide a solution to this dilemma — indeed, they have created it. The only social force in Canada capable of creating an independent nation is the working class. The working people have nothing to gain from continued dependency and further economic deterioration. In their struggle against American capitalist domination it will become clear that only social ownership of Canadian resources and industries can restore national independence and economic prosperity. Thus, the only independent Canada will be an independent socialist Canada.

In his review, Falconer describes the Waffle's strategy for independence and socialism as set forth in Canada Ltd. as "so vague as to suggest im-

potence." Canada Ltd. does not profess to be a blueprint for the transition to an independent socialist Canada. Instead, Canada Ltd. is the essential first step in the development of such a strategy. Its analysis demonstrates that the only solution to our urgent national problems is the socialist struggle for independence.

Further, it outlines the need for a new socialist party: "We need a socialist party which will engage in all aspects of political struggle with all the means available to it. In the context of advanced capitalism and liberal democratic institutions, the means include parliamentary activity, but the

important point is that under no conditions should politics be confined thereto. Direct political action with the labour movement and unceasing educational work to expose the class bias of liberal ideology are critical matters."

This is the strategy which the Waffle is currently pursuing in Ontario. Only such an analysis and approach can overcome the domination of Canada by American imperialism and create a society based on the real interests of the Canadian working people.

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The literati of Canada

By J. W. BELTRAME

From group to chattering group, with such a dear

Victorian saintliness, as is her fashion, Greeting the other unknowns with a cheer

Virgins of sixty who still write of passion

F. R. Scott

The Toronto branch of the Canadian Authors Association met Saturday at the Glendon campus, proving that the words of F. R. Scott are still valid today, almost 40 years after they were spoken. Almost 40 would-be writers came to the one-day "composium" in the hope of rubbing shoulders with the literati of Canada, and possibly being magically transformed into best selling authors.

From the turnout it would seem that the CAA is made up of middle aged women and retired businessmen, many of whom come because the association is the only place where they can speak and be listened to. For this they paid \$9.00, which covered the cost of lunch from the York catering service: a handsome price to pay for an audience.

The eight-hour marathon began with a flowery speech by Harry Boyle, the author of The Great Canadian Novel. That's the title of the book, not a critical opinion.

The sparse turnout was a disappointment to Duncan Pollock, the coordinating director, who expected at least 100 persons. Pollock complained that very few of the established writers in Toronto bothered to come. "I guess they feel they have nothing to learn," said Pollock, as it became apparent the day would be a numerical failure.

Pollock was responsible for the theme of the day, Words of Music, and pretentious signs which attempted to define the different genres of literature. "Fiction — Sounds of an author orchestrating a novel."

Despite the efforts of misunderstood Leonard Cohens, the composium produced some helpful insights in the writing of novels and the publishing industry. The day ended with a humorous speech by Alistair Hunter who is the managing editor of Longman Canada Ltd., a Toronto publishing house. Hunter refused to give way to platitudes about the need for writers and the prospects of becoming a successful author.

The CAA will meet again next year, and everyone who can afford the admission charge and can stand backslapping and eight hours of smiling faces is invited. Membership to the CAA is \$15 yearly, which includes an annual subscription to the Canadian Author & Bookman.

Sherlock couldn't solve book

By SHELLEY RABINOVITCH

Sherlock Holmes, eat your heart out — The Carbon Copy is a novel that you will never solve.

Taking place in such diverse locations as Egypt, a Peruvian jungle and a coastal town, Anthony Brennan's tale challenges the reader to decide for himself whether the main character is a terrorist leader named Harry Carbon, or an insane asylum inmate named Joseph who is doomed to keep reliving a cyclic delusion.

The title is almost misleading (purposely), as Carbon Copy does not refer to Carbon as the guerrillas know him (suave, cool and debonair), but as Carbon himself is.

The plot is intriguing and the action fast. All through the narrative, Carbon has total amnesia; he does not even believe that he is Carbon. Even at the end, the reader is un-

sure whether there is a Carbon, or whether he is a creation of Joseph's deluded mind, expanded upon by a fellow inmate.

Perhaps it is this delusion, then, that is the popular conception of Harry Carbon. Joseph is Carbon's carbon copy.

A second interpretation is also available. The doctor who treats Joseph-Carbon tells him to record all that he has lived through, so that when his next cycle is completed, the doctor can finally prove that Joseph was merely dreaming. The doctor keeps the original copy and gives Joseph-Carbon the carbon copy.

A fascinating and intriguing book, The Carbon Copy is well worth the time required to read it. Its uniqueness keeps the reader guessing until the end, and wondering after that.

The price of the book is \$7.95.

On Campus

SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Introductory Talk - "Eckankar" with Fabian Burbeck - S165, Ross

6:30 p.m. - Poetry Reading (Winters) by Keith Harrison, formerly a member of York's English Department and now at Carleton College (Northfield, Minnesota) - refreshments served - SCR, McLaughlin (note room location change)

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - E.G.O. Faculty (Continuing Education) "Structural Integration" with Paul Zimmerman - admission \$6.00; students - \$4.00 - 107, Stedman

Friday 2 p.m. - Public Lecture (Graduate Studies) "An Apprehended Vision: the Philosophy of the Group of Seven" by Miss Ann Davis, candidate for the Ph.D. degree - 256, Vanier

2 p.m. - Guest Speaker (Social and Political Thought) "Melancholy and Society" by Professor Wolf Lepenies, Free University-West Berlin - SCR, Vanier

8 p.m. - Guest Speaker (Glendon Philosophy Club) "Teleological Explanation" by York Professor Fraser Cowley (philosophy majors interested in discussing next year's courses are asked to meet in the same room at 7:45 p.m.) - SCR, York Hall, Glendon Tuesday 1:30 p.m. - Guest Speaker (Political Science Club) "Middle East Affairs" by Dr. William Polk, President of the Adlai Stevenson Institute; question period to follow - 204, York Hall, Glendon

4 p.m. - Guest Speaker (English) "The Relationship of Biography to His Subject, with Particular Reference to Grey Owl" by Lovat Dickson, author — SCR, McLaughlin

4:30 p.m. - GERSTEIN LECTURE SERIES - "Societal Implications of Man's Increasing Impact on the Natural Environment" by Dr. Kenneth E. Boulding, Institute of Behavioural Science, University of Colorado - Moot Court Room, Osgoode

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. - E.G.O. Faculty (Continuing Education) "Bio-Feedback and Creativity" with Henry Evering - general admission \$5.00; students - \$3.50 - 107, Stedman

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. - International Film Series (Environmental Studies) "Ugetsu" (Japan) - admission \$1.00 - I, Curtis

8 p.m. - Play (English) "Home Free" (by Pinter) - Admission 50¢ - Pipe Room, Glendon

8:30 p.m. - Concert (bethune) featuring the "Perth County Conspiracy" - general admission \$1.50 (Stong and Bethune

Students - \$1.00) - Bethune Dining Hall

9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. - Cabaret Theatre - 004, Vanier

Friday 6:30 p.m. - Just Another Coffee Shop - featuring Randy and Marlene; licenced - 112, Bethune

7 p.m. - Film (Film Department) "Extraordinary Adventures of Mr. West in the Land of the Bolsheviks" (Kuleshov group; 1924) - L, Curtis

8 p.m. - Film (Winters) "Sometimes a Great Notion" (directed by Paul Newman) - admission \$1.25 - I, Curtis

8:30 p.m. - Concert - featuring Jack Schechtman, international folksinger - admission 75¢ - Old Dining Hall, Glendon

9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. - Cabaret Theatre - 004, Vanier

Saturday 8 p.m. - Monte Carlo Night (Jewish Student Federation) featuring Blackjack, Roulette, Crown & Anchor, over-and-Under - tickets are \$1.00; proceeds from this evening will go to the United Jewish Appeal - Faculty Lounge, 8th floor, Ross

8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex" (Woody Allen) - admission \$1.25 - L, Curtis

8:30 p.m. - Jam & Beer Session - admission 75¢; free for all performers - Cafe de la Terrasse, Glendon

Sunday 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. - Film (Calumet) "Carnal Knowledge" (Jack Nicholson, Candice Bergen) - admission 69¢ - Calumet Common Room, Atkinson

7 p.m. & 9 p.m. - Film (Film Society) "Tales From the Crypt" - admission by series subscription only - 204, York Hall, Glendon

8 p.m. - Film (Winters) "Sometimes a Great Notion" - admission \$1.25 - I, Curtis

8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex" - admission \$1.25 - L, Curtis

8:30 p.m. - Sunday Concert (Absinthe) featuring Peter Matheson - 013, Winters

Monday 4 p.m. - Canadian History Films (History) "All Frontier and Nothing Else" (B.B.C.) - I, Curtis

Tuesday 4 p.m. - 5:10 p.m. - Film (Humanities 174A) "Duck Soup" - extra seating available - I, Curtis

5:15 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. - Film (Humanities 179B) "Dr. Carl Gustave Jung" - extra seating available - I, Curtis

6 p.m. - 6:20 p.m. - Film (Humanities 185) "N/Um Chai" - extra seating available - I, Curtis

6:25 p.m. - Film (Humanities 185) "Trance and Dance in Bali" - extra seating available - I, Curtis

7 p.m. - Film (Film Department) "Human Condition #1 Road to Eternity" (1959; Kobayaski) - L, Curtis

8:30 p.m. - Lecture/Concert (General Education) "Mystery of Colour; the Joy of Sound; the Magic of Movement" with Edford

Events for On Campus should be sent to Dawn Cotton, Department of Information and Publications, N817 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

Providence, composer of music for Collage and part-time student at Glendon - Old Dining Hall, Glendon

Wednesday 4:15 p.m. - Film (Humanities 373) "Zero de conduite" (Jean Vigo) - extra seating available - 129, York Hall, Glendon

8 p.m. - Play (French 225) "Le Bal des Voleurs" (de Jean Anouilh) - entre 50¢ - Pipe Room, Glendon

8 p.m. - Films (Vanier Film Club) "Waterloo" and "Looney Tunes" - no admission charge; licenced - JCR, Vanier

COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

For days and hours open, please call the individual coffee houses:

Absinthe Coffee House - 013, Winters (2439)

Ainger Coffee Shop - Atkinson College (3544)

Argh Coffee Shop - 051, McLaughlin (3606)

Buttery - Founders (3550)

Cock & Bull Coffee Shop - 023, Founders (3667)

Green Bush Inn - T. B. A. (3019)

Just Another Coffee Shop - 112, Bethune, (3579)

Open End Coffee Shop - 004, Vanier (6386)

Orange Snail Coffee Shop - 107, Stong (3587)

Osgoode Pub - JCR, Osgoode (3019)

Pizza Pit - 124, Central Square, Ross (3286)

Tap'n Keg Pub - J.C.R., Bethune (6 p.m. - 12:30 a.m., Wed.)

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Monday 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m. - Hatha Yoga - JCR, McLaughlin

7:30 p.m. - York Bridge Club - Vanier Dining Hall

ATHLETICS, RECREATION

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Faculty & Staff Hockey - Ice Arena

Monday 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. - Conditioning for Men & Women - Tait McKenzie Building

Tuesday 8:15 p.m. - Hockey - York vs. University of Guelph - Ice Arena

Wednesday 8:15 p.m. - Basketball - York vs. University of Guelph - Tait McKenzie

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday 7:30 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass - 107, Stedman

Tuesday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - call Chaplain-Judt at 683-2158 or 661-3738.