

# Don't play the goat gang

by DAVID R. CLARK

At last Monday's meeting the SRC tabled the following motion: The SRC of the University of New Brunswick wishes it to be known to the SRC of University of Saskatchewan that it supports the right of academic freedom but that it also recognizes the right of the Canadian Government to investigate all individuals who may present a threat to our national security.

This motion was initiated by an emotional and self-contradictory plea for protection from "a threat to our rights and a challenge to our security" by John R. Wrigley. Wrigley and the SRC would do well to obtain additional facts before 'shooting from the hip' in the finest Goldwater fashion.

The tone of Wrigley's bull (used in the traditional sense meaning 'edict') suggests that he may be the possessor of leftist tendencies of which he has such fear. Has Wrigley's 'eloquence' snowed Bob Naylor who presented the motion to Council, and the SRC which refused to take a decisive stand on the matter into becoming his scapegoats in poor judgment.

Wrigley sneers at the stand made by CUS last year in an attempt to protect the intellectual freedom of Canadian universities. In light of the Bill of Rights passed by the Conservative government in 1958 under the leadership of Dief the Chief it would appear that Wrigley's claims are personal rather than those of the populace. This bill protects just about every conceivable civil and personal right with the exception of 'freedom from under-arm perspiration' according to Nicol and Whalley. This tends to indicate that the Students Council of the University of Saskatchewan is justified under the law of the Dominion to request the sanctity of freedom to think and speak as is personally desirable.

By the same token it might be suggested that Wrigley is as great a threat to our society as those he protests are subversive. If he professes a philosophy which is contrary to that purported by the majority of citizens in Canada, and the Bill of Rights is testimony to this fact, he should be investigated by the RCMP as one who contemplates and forwards such thoughts which are not consistent with the interests of the people.

Wrigley is careless enough to mention that less than four per cent of the Russian population are members of the Communist Party. If only four people in one hundred are members of the Party it is entirely plausible that A. B. Nicolaev, a professor in economics from Moscow State University is not a Party member. But suppose he is a member of the Communist Party. Who is John Wrigley to deny Canadian students the opportunity to listen to and decide for themselves what is good for them?

By the time this comes to press it is to be hoped that the SRC will have made a ruling on this matter. In all probability the members of Council will look to the left and look to the right, and vote according to what seems to be popular with their neighbours.

For the information of those members who did not take the trouble to pursue the issue in private it should be pointed out that Wrigley was lacking many pertinent facts when he wrote his treatise on absurd behavior. Kenneth More, MP for Regina City acting for political favor protested the appointment of A. B. Nicolaev. His only grounds for suspicion were several letters from Saskatchewan parents who feared the appointment of Mr. Nicolaev. This would appear to be a moral judgment of the man's character and political affiliation with no proof to support such claims other than the man's nationality. More asked the government to explain the purpose of the Russian professor's visit and requested that steps be taken to protect the national security. From what? Dr. W. A. Riddell, Principal of the Regina Campus, said Professor Nicolaev's lectures would be concerned with planning in a non-market economy and not with Soviet ideology.

The interference of the federal government in this matter would be a serious breach of Dominion-Provincial relations. Education is a provincial matter and the University of Saskatchewan is quite prepared to deal with any disciplinary infraction internally.

The SRC should take a good hard look at what harm such an impulsive motion might do to the prestige of the University of New Brunswick on the national scene. At a time when the efforts of Council should be directed toward the promotion of the University on a national basis it seems rather ludicrous that they could be so easily misdirected by the whim of an individual who was incensed by the protestations of a University who was willing to give a man the benefit of the doubt before passing judgment. Perhaps when they have solved the parking problems and the accommodation problems at this University in addition to having established the University of New Brunswick as a leader in CUS, Maritime politics and International Student's affairs they will then be sufficiently wise to show no fear of the terrible Communist plot that is swarming down over our nation like a cloud of locusts.



"Subversive Activity"

## Letters

"It is not the type of movie I'd like my grandson to see."

Dear Grandfather:

I want to thank you for thinking of me when you are working on the board of censors. I'll bet some of those films are just awful. I am sure the violence on TV: the westerns, the detective stories, the news broadcasts of wars and murders, is not nearly as bad as in those movies. Certainly I would get a more perverted and distorted idea of sex from the films than I would from the cheap trash on the drug store book counter.

I am so thankful that someone wants to protect me and tell me what is morally correct and what is not. It is so nice not to have to think about these things and decide for myself what is good or bad.

Your loving and thankful Grandson

Dear Sir:

CENSORSHIP is a fighting word. A lot of people are excited about it right NOW - Censor Board hounding the film society, John Wrigley keeping tabs on subversives. Almost everybody is "against censorship".

But there is one friend of censorship which is good and necessary. Self-censorship. Call it taste or style or restraint -

it's the quality of knowing enough not to go too far.

The Film Society has had its first show. The feature film, "Divorce, Italian Style" was cleared by the Censor Board. The two "shorts" were not.

Too bad. The second short was tasteless. Other campus groups control themselves. The "Brunswickian" is written and controlled by students.

Let the Film Society censor itself.

NELSON ADAMS

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Preston Thom, S.R.C. President, has requested an official apology from me, Macey MacLean. The basis of Mr. Thom's complaint is that I supposedly misused the name of U.N.B.'s students in a telegram to the Honourable Mr. Walter Gordon, Minister of Finance. The sense of the telegram was that "students of the University of New Brunswick" were concerned over the student loan plan. Indeed this was, and is true. It was brought to my attention that certain students from Quebec were unable to obtain one of these federal loans because of technicalities. There were a number of attempts made to get me to take action in this regard -

## DAN SCANS

Last week, the Queen's visit to Quebec was marked by diametric opposites; a call for tolerance and understanding of others' views, was contrasted by a less than respectable handling of public demonstrations by the Quebec police. The C.B.C. which is known for its reserved and objective presentation of the news left no doubt that crown control was completely fumbled by the authorities, with street scenes of stick wielding police; scenes that bear a disturbing resemblance to those in strife-torn Africa.

Surely those in charge of organizing the Royal visit to Quebec must have known that some type of demonstration would occur and must have realized that such abusive control measures would bring irreparable bad publicity both to Quebec City and the rest of Canada.

However, a least part of the blame must fall on those who took part in the protests, simply on the basis of poor manners. Certainly the Royal couple long before they left Britain, were well aware of certain Canadians' feelings, regarding their visit, but calls of "Long Live Quebec" proved nothing except a lack of good taste.

With the eyes of other nations fixed on Quebec City as a spokesman for Canada, the plice of Quebec broadcast the news that Canada invited a neighbour into her home, but did not bother to clean up the dirty laundry that was strewn about the living room.

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which, on behalf of those "students of the University of New Brunswick" I did. I did not say "the students" nor "all the students" of U.N.B. It seems that Mr. Thom and certain others presumed I was presumptuous enough to represent my views as that of the entire student body. I made no such assumption and careful examination of my telegram bears me out.

If you consider my argument "hair splitting" would you please recall how I was ridiculed for addressing the Hon. Mr. Gordon as P.C., M.P. I quote - "for his delusion MacLean thinks the Finance Minister is a P.C." Indeed he is and indeed he always shall be! P.C. refers not to the Progressive Conservative Party in this case, but obviously to the fact that the Hon. Mr. Gordon is a member of the Privy Council for Canada. All cabinet ministers are P.C.'s - they have to be - it's the law!

Not only did "The Brunswickian" refer to my supposed "audacity" and supposed state of "delusion" but I was made fun of for addressing the Hon.

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