

More goldwater

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right-wing propaganda and indoctrination being fed to recruits. Right-wing pressure groups, acting on President Kennedy and his administration, also have been largely blamed for the pre-mature and badly organized Cuban invasion fiasco of April, 1961.

While on the subject of Communism, Mr. Goldwater apparently fails to realize that this radical philosophy sprung from and was a direct result of the evils of nineteenth-century laissez-faire economics. Now he is spreading the almost ridiculous fallacy that a return to such economics can combat Communism; this is analgous to a doctor attempting to cure a slowly recovering patient by re-instilling the germs which originally caused his disease.

Neither can we hope to combat Communism by sticking our heads in the sand, ostrich-style, and refusing to learn where we made our mistakes in the last 100 years—mistakes like giving financial and military support to a ruthless and decadent Batista regime. The Communists also have developed a few good ideas of their own, e.g. free higher education for all bright students, which we should consider.

URGE AID CUTS

These reactionaries, in line with their policies on welfare and taxation, would follow an economic isolationist policy, i.e. they would cut foreign aid drastically. But since less-developed countries must raise their standards somehow, they could then only turn to the Communists for aid, thus enlarging the Communist bloc even further. If carried to extremes, an isolationist policy would soon leave America a very small capitalist island in a very large Communist sea. The only way America can halt the advance of world Communism to less developed nations is by drastically increasing its foreign aid to gain new allies and to make the Soviet threat less attractive to neutralist nations.

CREEPING NORTH

There is evidence that these right-wing ideas are infiltrating into Canada. The recent PC seminar at Hinton, although regarding this brand of conservatism as too extreme, gave lip service to its supposed "respect for the individual," the RCMP subversion lists are making many non-Communist liberals and pacifists uncomfortable.

I respect the right of well-intentioned extreme right-wingers to express their ideas, but if Canadians and Americans start taking them seriously, we are headed for trouble.

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Arts and Science 1

A rose is not a rose

The remarks of Professor Rose in the pre-Christmas edition of The Gateway leave me with the impression that he is either the most intelligent man who ever lived or else he is some kind of nut. The choice is somewhat narrowed upon a second reading of what must rank as the most illogical piece of nonsense since Edward Lear penned "The Owl and the Pussy cat."

The professor seeks to impress upon us that the individual is a vanishing breed. The subject is of course not new but the professor's approach to it is. The professor attempts to make his point by telling us that society is sick and that society is neurotic; he relies on such authorities as the daily comic section and champions the cause of such pillars of society as Fidel Castro and Patrice Lumumba.

In composing his diatribe the professor runs the full gamut of irrelevancy—passing judgment on everything from Sargent Shriver's Peace Corps to Nelson Rockefeller's wealth. He is disappointed that Hammar-skjold's death "was regarded as a great tragedy," while society had the audacity to case deprecations on the good Patrice Lumumba. He indicates his vast reservoir of political knowledge by equating Barry Goldwater with the John Birch Society. This is analogous to

suggesting that Lester Pearson is a Russian commissar, because both are left of centre.

The professor shows his religious knowledge by stating that "Castro no more stopped being Christian than Jesus stopped being a Jew." This is the same Castro who practices Christianity by forbidding the entry of Catholic priests into Cuba, slaughters his captives and publicly announces that for eight years he has been a member of an atheistic society.

He shows us his knowledge of the practice of psychiatry by stating that the nature of fallout shelters is "being alive and dead at the same time. A return to the womb or rush to the grave as you will." Then in the height of hypocrisy the sacrosanct professor accuses society of being perverted and thinks that it is "utterly disgraceful."

He claims that society is addicted to "social narcotics" because it sanctions such monsters as the "Peace Corps," the CUCND, and "youthful political groups." The criticism of such bodies by a professor who champions individualism is beyond comprehension.

Whether or not we agree with the goals of such groups, they are composed of individuals with a firm belief in what they advocate—an attribute not enjoyed by the professor who throws his hands in the air, criticizes everything and be-

lieves in nothing.

Such remarks may appear unduly critical of the professor for he does show us a way out of the wilderness which is conformity. First we can practice civil disobedience as advocated by Ghandi and Thoreau or secondly we can revolt in the manner of Castro. Thus if we wish to meet the professor's standards of individualism we can build a shack on the shore of Cooking Lake, there to contemplate the wonders of the bumble-bee; or we can go on hunger strikes whenever we don't get our own way; or we can take to the refuge of the Rocky Mountains and await an opportune moment to emerge unshaven and replace the ogre of free enterprise with a communist state.

Perhaps the professor was motivated by good intentions for there is of course a danger of excessive conformity in any society. But whether conformity is an evil force that will pervert mankind as the professor would have us believe, or a mere human idiosyncrasy, the remarks of the professor are not such as to obviate the problem. If the approach of the professor were to be practised on a large scale, society would be faced with an even greater menace, that of its members wallowing in their own despair.

—Sycamore

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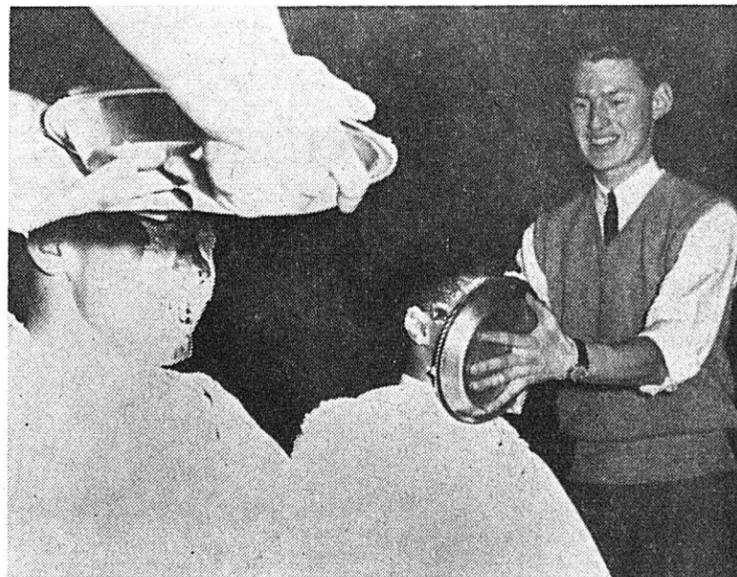
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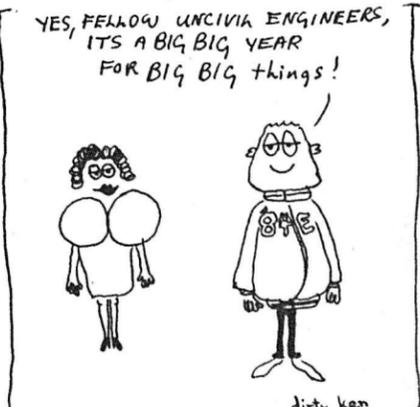
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