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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1963

No Apology

A professor on this campus has accused The Gateway of "tactlessness of the first order" in referring to members of the teaching staff "by their surnames only." The worthy professor continues in a letter to suggest that we apologize.

It must first be pointed out that Gateway news policy in reporting names of individuals is to state a person's full name on first reference in a story. Other references in the story omit the first names, stating the surname prefixed with a title such as "Mr." or "Professor."

To this general rule, however, there are two main exceptions:

- (1) In all second references to male students, surnames only are used;
- (2) in all second references to persons (male) charged with offences, only surnames appear.

It is with the latter exception that we are concerned. In the case at issue, the professor was one of four men charged with unlawful assembly at City Hall. In the story which apparently has annoyed the worthy professor, the full names of the four men were given at first reference;

when second reference was made, surnames only were used.

Next we point out that The Gateway is not alone in referring to persons charged with offences by surnames only. It is an old journalistic policy maintained by most newspapers and the CBC—an organization held in high esteem throughout the world.

We stress, in addition, that when persons are not charged with offences, second references include their proper title, such as "Professor," together with their surnames.

It is necessary to mention here that reporters occasionally forget a rule of policy, and neglect to include the person's title. In the case discussed above, however, the title was omitted intentionally and as a matter of policy.

Having elaborated on our policy as regards reporting the names of individuals, we would humbly suggest that the professor reconsider his unfounded allegation of "ignorance and incompetence" on the part of the editors of this newspaper.

We have given the professor an explanation of our policy. We have not—and will not—offer him an apology.

Voice For The Students

That there is on this campus a need for a full-scale representation of student views to the provincial government cannot be denied. The way it seems likely to be made at present is not, however, in the best interests of the student body.

In a letter to all student organizations the Campus Social Credit Party has offered to prepare such a brief and has asked for resolutions from campus organizations for this purpose.

On the surface this seems a good idea, and a fine gesture on the part of the Socreds. So it is.

But is it not somewhat ironic that the opinions of students of all political beliefs should be filtered through the fine mesh of the Campus Social Credit Club before being presented to the Social Credit government?

An impartial body is needed to present a wide range of student opinion to the provincial government. In part, this need is being filled by the Students' Union, which presents briefs on matters of student interest from time to time. But, as the Socreds point out quite rightly, there

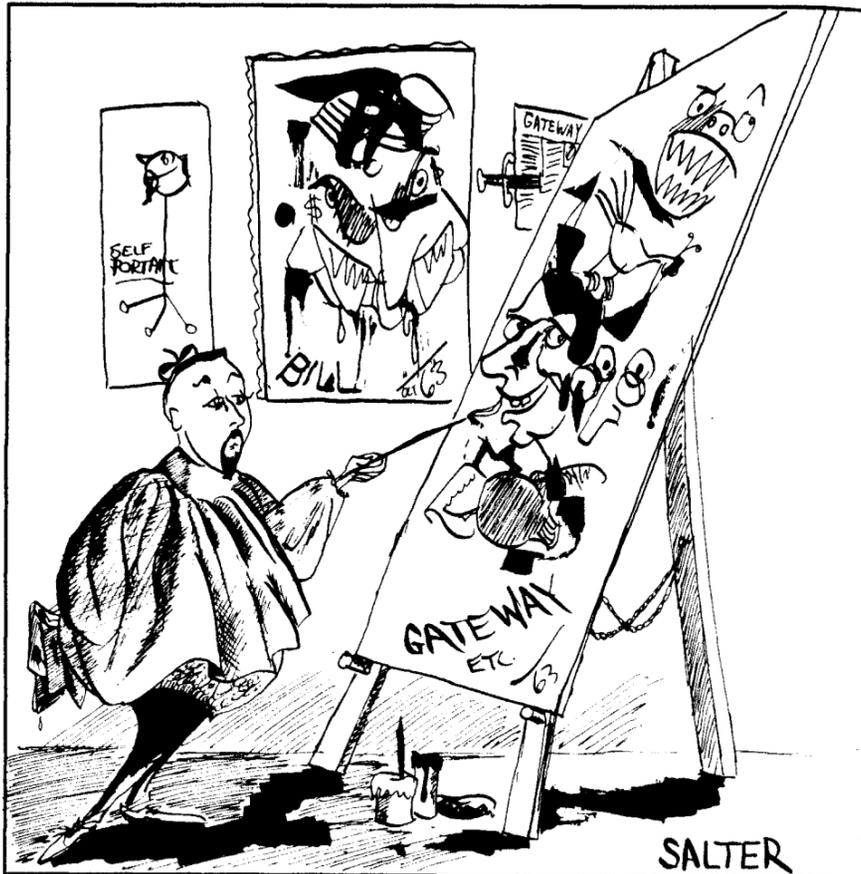
are some issues which are not covered by Students' Council briefs, on which a student viewpoint should be heard.

This is not, however, the job of partisan political groups, least of all those supporting the government. A better solution, as the leader of the New Democrats has pointed out, (and Liberals and Conservatives agree) is to have the Political Science Club do the job.

This non-partisan group could ask for resolutions and formulate them into a brief for the government without the stigma of partisanship being attached.

In the past most of the parties except the Socreds have in some way or another tried to present their views to the provincial government, with little success.

The alternatives present themselves clearly: representation of the students by the government's most loyal supporters on campus, or representation of the students by a non-partisan body which will not be subject to any pressures from any group off campus.



"ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL TRA LA LA."

"New Frontier" Satirized

By Barry Gardner

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He is known better locally as the co-author of a *Journal of Dissent* article defending Portuguese colonial policy in Africa.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 1, 1964 — Dean Rusk held a news conference today, his fourth since assuming a role in the New Frontier.

He admitted that the presence of Soviet troops in the Florida Keys "was a matter of no slight concern to the United States." He said his department was planning counter-moves, but failed to elaborate. He did call for calmness in the face of the enemy's latest thrust. "Others surely know by now that the United States will always conduct itself resolutely in the face of danger," he said, without referring to the Soviet Union directly.

Two months ago Mr. Rusk said there were "limitations" on how far the United States would allow itself to be pushed around in the Western Hemisphere. At that time Soviet, Chinese and Cuban troops were over-running Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic), and author Daniel James had just finished publishing a book entitled, "The Second Soviet Satellite in the Americas."

As news came today that Surinam and French Guiana were being taken by troops of Cheddi Jagan's "Army of National Liberation," Mr. James is said to be preparing the third book in the series.

Rusk had "no comment" at news that a second Soviet MIG fighter had been shot down yesterday 20 miles south of Atlanta, Georgia.

He also revealed that "negotiations are continuing" with the East Ger-

man government for the return of Major-General S. L. Hawkins, kidnapped from West Berlin two months ago. Last week the U.S. returned four East German refugees to the government of Walter Ulbricht, "as a gesture of our determination to promote world justice and understanding."

He admitted that the Indian war was "progressing less satisfactorily than we would desire."

Chinese troops have Nehru's fragmented forces wedged into a narrow beachhead opposite Ceylon. "The Chinese have no sea power," Rusk asserted. "Ceylon would be an ideal place for a government in exile, until the United States can work for the return of the legitimate government to the mainland."

Mr. Rusk said the State Department's "news management" policy had withheld "in the public interest" information concerning the unilateral withdrawal of American military personnel from South Korea, so that "undue hysteria would not have been aroused."

He gave his "deepest assurance" that this "unilateral disengagement" by the U.S. would have a "salutary effect upon the cold-war situation."

One reporter, towards the conclusion of the conference, had the temerity to ask if, on balance, American foreign policy over the past generation could be considered a success. Mr. Rusk straightened, his eyes flashing. He shot back:

"Anyone with any knowledge of history knows that the fortunes of every nation have peaks and slumps. A temporary loss should not blind us to the currents of history, which favor the democratic, peaceful forces."

He then hurriedly left the room, his press secretary said, to attend an "urgent" meeting with the ambassador for Somaliland. They were to discuss expansion of U.S.-Somali trade, which now totals about two million dollars yearly.