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N.F.C.U.S. TAKE HEED

Of major importance to Dalhousie students this week is that the Students' Council after careful inquiry and thorough debate, has decided that Dal should belong to the National Federation of Canadian University Students. Such a move should be of inestimable value, for in supporting 'Nifcus' Dal becomes eligible to partake of the numerous benefits outlined in the programme of the federation.

It has been rumoured, however, that several leaders of NFCUS on other campuses have expressed the desire of affiliating with the International Union of Students, an organization with definite Communist leanings. It may be felt that such a union would temper the left-wing ideals of the I. U. S. rather than move the ideals of NFCUS towards the left. If this tempering of ideals can be accomplished by coalition then NFCUS should, by all means, associate itself with I. U. S.; but if there is even the slightest degree of danger that NFCUS may be dominated by Communists the suggestion should be abandoned immediately. It should be remembered that Communist leaders seem to possess more vigor in infiltrating into such organizations than right-wing organization leaders have in stopping them.

The question arises, furthermore, whether NFCUS wishes to remain a national body in fact, as its name suggests, or is the national title merely to be nominal? Internationalism should be encouraged in every possible way, but in this case the purpose of a national federation might be defeated by the altruistic motives of a few of its leaders. NFCUS is the only organization of its kind in Canada and a union with an international body would necessarily detract in some way from the avowed purpose of its national ambitions. Why, then, has it even been considered to affiliate with I. U. S.? — And, if affiliation is necessary, why not with I. S. S., an international organization that is well established in Canada? — Why must it be with I. U. S.

These are but a few considerations that must be dealt with by our NFCUS leaders before a decision is reached. Let us hope that they will not be influenced by the eloquent ardor of supporters of Communism. It is their duty to take heed.

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

The Editor;

I feel that I must come to the defence of the Nov. 7 issue of the Gazette. I sympathize with Mr. McCurdy and agree that the "grim words, War Inevitable" are disconcerting — yes, disconcerting, but under present world conditions, true. He states that in his agreement with Dr. Wilson he has "many supporters," but I do not think that "many supporters" is necessarily a criterion of the truth.

One of the flaws of our democratic system is that we neglect to provide a military arm of strength to protect what we hold dear, and warn off marauders. We are again falling into a smug feeling of complacency in the face of warlike enemies. Although unprepared, the democracies have managed to pull through twice, but we may not be so fortunate the third time. There was no doubt that Hitler wanted war — he told us and showed us so. Stalin is emulating him. With the exception of the Communist Mil-

itary group, no one wants war, especially those people who are our leaders, but we must face the facts.

My personal opinion is that "We Killed a Child" is not a "weak effort" but one of the better things to appear in the Gazette this year. It is strange that Mr. McCurdy took the trouble to investigate whether the name of the author was on the Dalhousie rolls, if he had gone to the Gazette office (as I did), he would have been informed quite readily who the author was. That the use of the nom de plume, in this case, was legitimate, seems quite obvious.

I agree with Dr. Wilson when he says that, under present conditions, war is inevitable but disagree that there is no way, in this world, that war could be avoided. Dr. Wilson said the only way to avoid war is to bring about a change in human nature. I think that the only way that war could be avoided would be the universal adoption of the only true philosophy — the philosophy of Christianity. If everyone were to become a true and practising Christian and observed its two basic tenets "Love God and "Love your neighbor," it would be im-

MILLSTONES

"Unconfirmed reports from Lower Studdly indicate that the Gazette staff have been thrown out..." URP Dispatch

The staff of the newspaper known as the Gazette were ejected from their office this morning after a trial in which they were found guilty of all sorts of things. In a brief ceremony President Porkington stripped them of their typewriters and copy paper, and they were ignominiously kicked off the premises of the Arts Bldg., where they formerly hung out (or in). Principal among the offenders was one McCloud, who was accused of insulting the dignity of the Council and of Porkington in particular. He was convicted of writing an insipid column with not nearly enough slamming at people in it. Both sides were satisfied. A villain named Bull was convicted on three counts: first, that he had feloniously written a Dirt Column, and that the law forbade such dirt column. Secondly, (to satisfy the Hall girls), that he hadn't put nearly enough dirt in it. Thirdly, who did he think he was anyway?

Next offender was Lushwell; he hadn't done anything really, as Porkington put it, but he might as well catch hell with the rest, as Porkington put it. Porkington put all sorts of things. Anyway, Lushwell was impeached by the Glum Club and kicked out. Editor Millright was also kicked out.

The Gazette, as Porkington put it, will now become an organ of the advertising syndicates, with little or no politics in it. Chief among its new features will be, for the benefit of the Glum Club, no more reviews. Once again the Glee Club can produce insidious Dreams of Love without let or hindrance.

Angry students pursued a dim character in the distance with cries of "Kill Hardrok!" Hardrok has not been seen since. Other members of the staff who escaped were the sports editors, who left on the early train out.

By his defence editor Millright pleaded that there was no harm in his editorials since they said nothing anyway. This was trod on by Prosecutor Sawbuck who said that was what was the matter; the editor then pointed triumphantly to six editorials which did say something. But the prosecutor only said that these also came under the heading that's what's the matter.

The editor said that the Gazette couldn't please everyone at once and received the answer: "Why not?" The editor replied that if there was a dirt column and the SPCA wanted it taken out what could he do? "Take it out." But if the Hall girls wanted it in. "Leave it in." How could one do both. "Anyway you like."

"Some days," said the Features Editor sadly, "you can't make a nickel." And so the Gazette was thrown out, and the new Advertiser should emerge with the spring catalogues, bearing no politics, no dirt, no reviews, no nothing. Amen.

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