

ALPHA—OMEGA

Saturday afternoon two events occurred which were innovations to the Dalhousie Campus. The Dal Commerce Company sponsored trip by train to Antigonish, the first such successful venture since the bus excursions to Acadia and X in years gone-by, was rated a spirited success. Those who made the trip, that were met at the station 1.00 o'clock Sunday morning seemed exuberantly, effusive about the Dal-Com adventure. Some even would have continued it this week.

The second event worthy of note is the showing the Dalhousie Tigers made at Antigonish. Rated underdogs, the Canadian football Tigers did what no other Canadian football team in the history of Dalhousie has ever done—that is, lose six straight games, or the entire schedule. The game with X showed however that the Tigers can and will fight. If time had not run out on them in the last few minutes the Dalhousie Tigers might have been in the win column at the final gun. The final score 19-15, but wait till this Saturday when Dal meets Shearwater. Then "Hurrah for our side!"

Engineers please note the historical research followed to trace the origin of "Hurrah for our side." It originated in the crowds lining the streets when Lady Godiva made her famous ride side-saddle through the streets of Coventry.

With election day over, the value of Arthur Hadley's book "Do I Make Myself Clear?" (Holt, \$1.50) will be lost on most Nova Scotians. A great deal of the double talk bandied about so freely by the provincial politicians in the past weeks has been clarified by author Hadley. When a politician announces gravely, for instance, "This is an outrageous multi-million-dollar giveaway program," he really is saying, "There is not a cent of it being spent in my district." "My answer is a definite and final "no" means "For the present I'm against it."

The foregoing items were culled from the "Trade Winds" column of the Saturday Review, an intelligent weekly publication from New York. Though the main stress of the editorial board is on the weekly review of books currently published, sections are devoted to Science, Hi-Fi and Records and a Travel section. The editorials are alone worth noting for their sincere approach to the settlement of world problems. Browse through a copy at the Dalhousie Memorial Library some afternoon.

Sir Laurence Olivier's *Richard III* which is currently playing at the Hyland is well worth the visit of all collegians. The work of the Four Sirs (not a singing group), Sir Ralph Richardson, Sir John Gielgud, Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Olivier is commendable and the camera is able to encompass so much that the stage misses. But the intimacy the stage gives, often conveys so much more to the viewer. Those students lucky enough to see the Stratford Festival in its first year (1953) saw Alec Guinness play the malevolent *Richard III*. His *Richard*, I think was closer the much maligned *Richard*, Shakespeare intended. Olivier, makes *Richard* an out-and-out scoundrel, whereas, Guinness, gave him the saving grace of being an amusing scoundrel. At all events a worthwhile enjoyable film, and one to be ranked with Olivier's, *Henry V* and *Hamlet*.

Back to the elections for a moment. The appearance of manifestos issued by all three parties, C.C.F., Conservative and then Liberal in that order sent me scurrying for *Punch's* definition of an election manifesto. From an August 31, 1955 *Punch* an election manifesto is—"A prospectus which, if issued by a private person would ensure a prolonged term in prison. Election manifestos are a comparatively recent innovation, having become necessary only after the Corrupt Practices Acts of 1854 and 1883 had forbidden all other forms of bribery."

Charivari—Those students who relish in the delights of a new word found in the course of their reading would perhaps find interest in the derivation of the word "posh." The word which has come to be used in the sense of "smart" "tip-top", grew out of the turn of the century era when English folk journeyed from their fog bound shores to sunnier South Africa and Australia. According to their ability to pay or their social position they had cabins away from the sun on the steamers going on the southern run. Hence they chose the port side out and the starboard side coming home. POSH—port out, starboard home. Interesting.

Have you heard the radio commercials for "Isodine"? It seems they have found a way to take the sting out of iodine. Next thing they will find out how to put tooth-paste back in the tube.

Belated congratulations must go out to Gord McConnell and Fran Smith, Law Class of 1954, who are now the proud parents of a little girl. "It's a Woman's World" it seems since Jans Wilson, Class of 1955 and Scott Henderson, Law Class, 1952 had a little girl, and Mary Ann Lohnes Lordly 1954 gave birth to a little girl. Brings to mind the Charles Adams cartoon, a nurse presenting an odd-shaped man with a bundle: "Congratulations, sir, it's a child."

Credit must go to Prof. Jerome Hall for the following story. Prof. Hall, gave two lectures at the Dalhousie Law School and pre-faced his second lecture on "Criminology" with this contribution. "A neurotic builds his castles in the sky; a phycotic lives in them and the psychiatrist collects the rent."

Worth noting are the newsletters published by the various banking concerns in Canada. I have on hand the Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter which has been consistently interesting. The subject this month is "How the Banks Serve The People", and during the summer there was one on "The Art of Letter Writing". Both interesting items as most of them are, they can be recognized as a worthwhile public service.

Saturday afternoon at Acadia, the Axemen defeated Shearwater Juniors 37-12 and Mount Allison walloped U.N.B. 56-6. The latter's win should be especially noted since they have been playing the game for only two years. Perhaps an Intercollegiate League in 1957.

Another note for the Spring like weather, collected from the Law Ball last weekend. One of the smooth Lothario's in Third Year remarked to a Sweet Shirreff Hall miss, "What keeps your shoulder strap up? To which she responded with all coyness, "Your extreme timidity, I suppose."

Behind The Iron Curtain

by Dennis Madden

Since the death of Joseph Stalin in 1953 and more particularly since Kruschev's rise to the leadership of the Communist Party, the Iron Curtain is no longer impassable. Selected individuals and groups are now permitted to take a fleeting glance at life in the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

During the past summer, along with seven other Canadian university students, under the leadership of Canon Puxley of King's University, I spent one week in Czechoslovakia and three weeks in the Soviet Union. During the following series of articles I shall attempt to tell you something of our travels, the places we visited, the people we met and the impressions we carried back with us.

During the remainder of this introductory article I shall tell you something of the overall summer programme.

On the 21st of June we left Dorval Airport aboard a 75-seat Flying Tiger bound for London. After a very smooth flight of twenty-two hours, with stopovers at Gander and Dublin, we set down at London Airport. We spent a day in London as guests of the British WUS and on the following day we crossed the English Channel to Calais, France.

The next six days were spent in the indescribable city of Paris. During our stay there, we visited N.A.T.O. Headquarters, where we were briefed on its purposes and administrative setup. Perhaps the highlight of our stay was a personal interview with the Secretary-General of U.N.E.S.C.O.

Following our stay in Paris we broke up into five study tours, consisting of a leader and eight students. For a period of four weeks the five study tours travelled to Spain, Germany, Yugoslavia, Greece and Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union, returning to Germany in mid-August.

The focal point of the summer's programme was a three-week seminar on "The University and Freedom", held at Tutzing in Southern Germany. The seminar was a joint project of the German and Canadian World University Service committees and brought together over one hundred students from twenty-three countries.

Following the seminar, we were given two weeks free time, during which we could travel anywhere in Europe. I had the good fortune, along with Dave Peel, to travel to Prague, Czechoslovakia, as a member of the N.F.C.U.S. Observer Delegation attending the 4th World Student Congress.

At the end of our two weeks of travel in Europe we boarded the T.S.S. Columbia at LaHavre and after nine days at sea we reached Quebec City. Following a meeting with the Governor General at his summer residence at the Citadel and a banquet given by the University of Laval, we departed for our homes, after a very interesting and stimulating summer.

In the next two articles I shall tell you of my experiences in Czechoslovakia, the crossing of the frontier, a tour of the city of Prague, a visit to a collective farm and the people we met.



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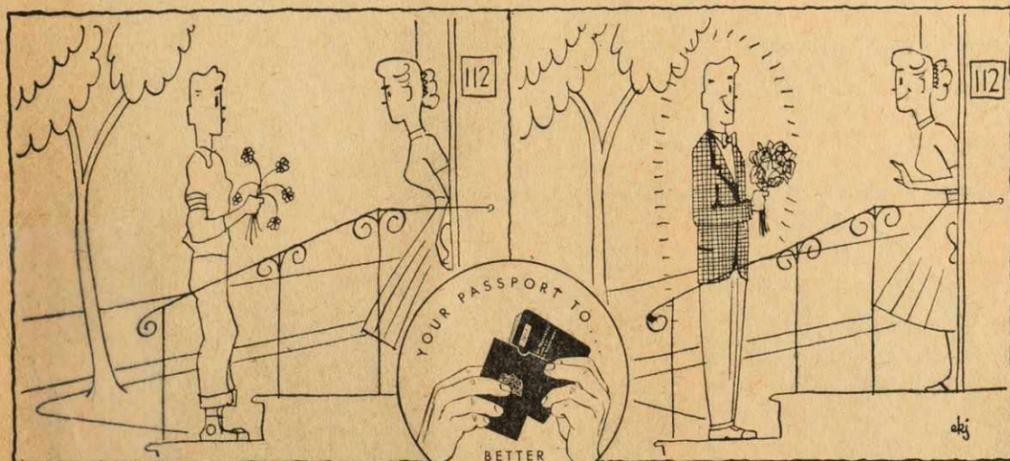
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