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A Simple Process

While the frost in going into the ground and hoping that when it comes out in the spring time enough will have been given the university for some action we would to mention the uniformly disgraceful condition of the roads on the campus.

Without exception it can be said that there is not one unpaved road on the campus which is not so filled with potholes and bumps that driving over them is at all times uncomfortable and at times hazardous. It is a virtually impossible task for anyone to drive his car over and around the hundreds of holes and in the end it is a question whether there are any springs left in the car or not.

The condition of the roads has been getting steadily worse for the past two years but this autumn they have hit an all time low and it is time something was done about them.

To visitors—and they are many—the drive through the campus must have a distinctly discreditable reflection. Dalhousie is one of the oldest and most beautiful universities in Canada, but it must seem to those who see it for the first time that the roads have not been graded since its inception.

We wonder just what the private reactions of the Royal Couple were during their visit two weeks ago when they were subjected to driving over one of the worst stretches—that between the Men's Residence and the South Street gates. It must have been a bone-shaking experience.

We fully appreciate the cost and problem of keeping the university grounds in 100% condition all the time, but this is not a situation that has just recently arisen and we can see no legitimate reason why it should have been neglected so long.

If the cost of paving is prohibitive, grading is a relatively simple and inexpensive business and we can only recommend to the university that they take advantage of it.

Letter to the Editor

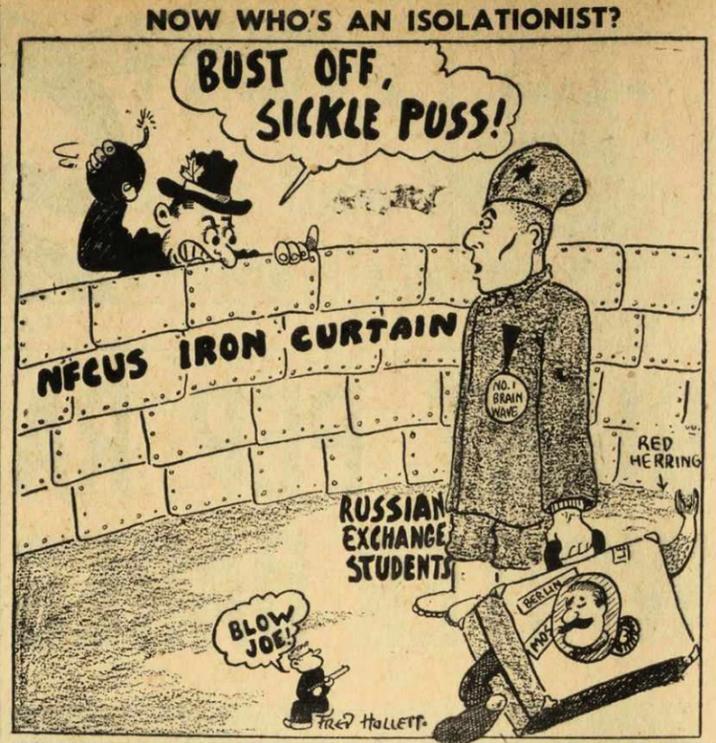
Dear Madame, the Editor:
The Gazette has roused me from the bed of "Student Apathy" and compelled me to pen a few opinions.

First a comment on the letter about the "Big Flop", twirp season. N.H.M. has the right idea, a flop is a flop no matter how you say it. What I would like to know, however, what the Class '55 President hope to accomplish by heisting comic-strip foolishness onto a group of intelligent students. Not only did Twirp season fail but it is hoped any further childishness will also fall by the way.

My second item covers the controversial Russian student exchange. U.B.C. in line with some of its more progressive ideas, is definitely way ahead in proposing the go-ahead to the exchange plan. NFCUS, by rejecting the plan, has left us in a perilously apologetic position regarding the nations prosperity, under free enterprise, and intelligence in a democratic state. Since the exchange plan has become an issue it appears that we must invite the Russian students in order to prove our belief in our free system.

NFCUS stated that any Russian students sent over here would be well indoctrinated by the party and the risk of allowing them to sew seeds of Communism would be too great. If NFCUS believes the Communist ideals might be more appealing than our own, we had better admit defeat and accept their doctrines now. McGill has an active group of Communists and as time goes by the McGill reds only lose ground politically. Let us never apologize for our beliefs; bring the Russian students over and let us show them the light. I personally feel capable of confounding their strongest convictions.

By fearing that Russian students might leave a seed of communism here. NFCUS has adopted a negative attitude. Is there not a good possibility we might send back a few converts to add to the number of dissentors now growing behind the Iron Curtain. One convert has the zeal of a hundred men when he campaigns against his former master or



teacher. History is full of such converts; St. Paul was a great example of a convert who saw the right way.

In the Soviet are, for example, millions of freedom-loving Ukrainians who only need the knowledge of the existence of a beacon of freedom somewhere to stir them up to be a formidable adversary to communism.

It only takes a leader to start a reactionary group moving and every Russian who learns our ways is a potential leader.

History has shown us that rule by force always falls, we know it, the Kremlin knows it, why not take advantage of every opportunity to get light past the curtain of despair and help bring about the eventual fall of the Moscow tyranny.

The ISS and UBC should be applauded for their resolution. Dalhousie would do well to follow the lead and take an active part in promoting the scheme. The Maritimes are well known throughout Canada for being over cautious and conservative. It would speak well for Dalhousie if we were prepared to answer the call for international learning.

A. Dyer.

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