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CANADA AND NUCLEAR ARMS

Should we equip our armed forces with tactical nuclear weapons?

It is obvious to all that if Canada rejects atomic arms, her forces will have to resign themselves to using obsolescent weapons; that is, weapons inferior to those of Canada's potential enemies. A refusal to accept tactical weapons might also mean a reduction in Canada's influence within the councils of the Western alliance.

Why then, is the decision so difficult? The objections and qualifications of atomic weapons seems to fall into four divisions:

- a) control and ownership;
- b) disarmament;
- c) provocation;
- d) instinctive taste.

On the question of control over atomic weapons supplied by the United States, Prime Minister Diefenbaker has several times repeated a statement first made January 18, 1960; "I want to make it abundantly clear that nuclear weapons will not be used by the Canadian forces except as the Canadian government decides and in the manner approved by the Canadian government. Canada retains its full freedom of choice and decision."

Government policy stands firm. The United States would retain ownership of the warheads and would have a veto over their use. But the final veto would rest with the Canadian government. Yet it is this final veto to which President Kennedy objected in his address to the United Nations September 25, 1961. It should be obvious to the president that unless joint control can be exercised between the two countries, Canada will be right in refusing atomic weapons. We can never negotiate with a country whose policy states: "What is mine is yours, as long as we control it."

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Other voices bring forth a strong feeling that Canada should postpone a decision on atomic weapons as long as hope for world-wide disarmament exists. External affairs Secretary Howard Green has endorsed this view, but it must be obvious by now, even to Mr. Green, that recent events have dispelled this belief. Thus it should no longer be considered, by the government, as sufficient reason for refusing atomic weapons.

There has also been a feeling that Canada, by accepting nuclear weapons, might provoke a nuclear destruction she could otherwise avoid. This argument, too, seems to be unrealistic. From the point of view of military strategy, North America must be seen as one unit. If a nuclear attack were to be made on North America, Canada would not be spared, regardless of whether or not she possessed defensive atomic arms.

Finally, there seems to be a vague but possible widespread feeling in Canada that nuclear arms are simply too horrible to be accepted. Many are under the misapprehension that Canada, by accepting atomic weapons, would be accepting strategic weapons, known generally as the "deterrent".

This is not true. For example, the Bomark missile is only for use against invading aircraft, while the Honest John and CF 104 are tactical weapons. Neither are strategic nuclear weapons.

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If it is assumed that Canada must have the most modern

weapons available, must set an example to the alliance of which she is a member, there seems to be no logical reason why atomic armaments should not be accepted, provided that Canada has sufficient control over them. It is true that the government's decision may not be met with the whole-hearted support of all the people of this nation, and the popularity of such a government may be at stake, but this is to be expected in determining a decision that is both necessary and right.

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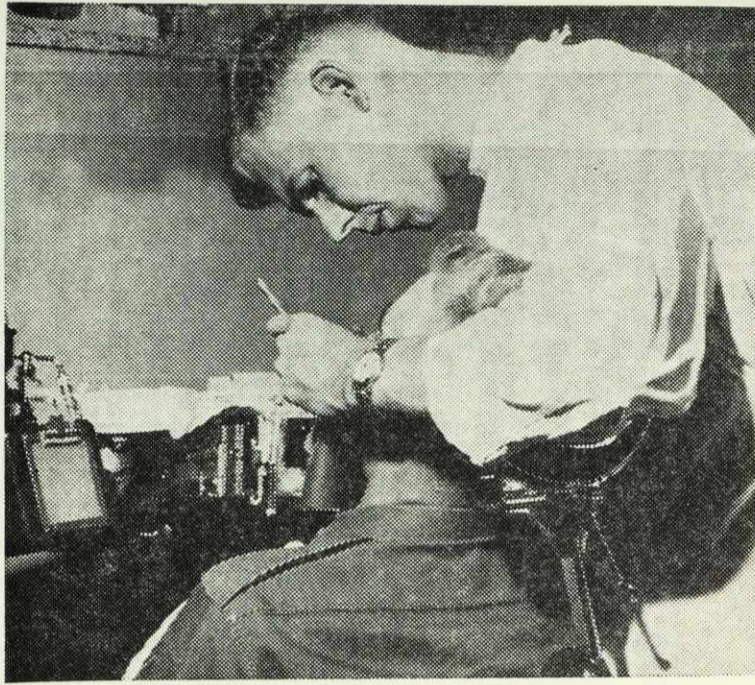
PROMISES, PROMISES NOTHING BUT PROMISES . . .

While standing in line to Atwood's Rapid Service Book Store for the past two hours yesterday morning, there came to mind several interesting thoughts that could well be expanded upon by someone with ambition, courage and drag.

It is in the interests of all students on campus that the Dalhousie Book Store be run by the students. This can only be done by a person or persons who do not depend upon sales profits for their sole source of income. The Bookstore Committee's findings in February 1960 state in part that "on the whole, student-run bookstores meet with appreciably more approval than those operated by administrations".

It was suggested at that time that Mr. Atwood be approached to hire extra help during the season and to ask the university to promote the operation of a store by students. However, it appears that the university seems to be quite satisfied with present arrangements.

This, of course, is quite understandable. We have yet to observe members of the faculty or administration standing in line for hours at a time.



DENTAL OFFICER CADET ON SUMMER TRAINING — O/Cdt. Noel Andrews, a fourth year dentistry student at Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., was undergoing practical dentistry training at the Royal Canadian Dental Corps School, Camp Borden, Ont., this summer. He is the son of Mrs. Effie Andrews, 15 Newton Rd., St. John's, Nfld.

(NATIONAL DEFENCE PHOTO)

HEY! WHAT'S DOWN THERE?

Each year a new army of molar pullers find its way into the civilized society with which we are all so familiar.

No matter how minute your contribution may be to the enhancement of useful production; no matter how important you may be in your community; whether a fox breeder, space-ship construction worker, play-boy, fall-out shelter repairman or radiation hazard forcaster, sooner or later this man with his simple,

unattractive drill gets to the root of all business.

Statistics tell us that less than 1 per cent of all graduates in Canada become dentists. To this is added an emphatic cry for more dentists by our great and wise guardians, namely our educational leaders.

This is all rot. There are already too many holes in our economy. And as the saying goes: "The more holes, the more fillings."

Drill, dad, drill!

THOUSANDS WATCH FLY-PAST

HALIFAX — Thousands were present at the Citadel yesterday for the annual fly-past of pigeons which is arranged every year to mark Pigeon Day.

Blue, grey, pink, and white pigeons flew past in tight formation. Roosts in all parts of Nova Scotia were represented in the flight. Afterwards the flight-leader said in fluent pidgin English: "It was a great honour for us to take part in this fly-past at Halifax, the great provincial capital of Canada's Ocean Playground."

The fly-past was arranged by Owen Grooch, Halifax and Nova Scotia secretary of Pigeon Lovers of the World. He and other members of PLOW were present at the ceremony in their distinctive uniform - a black hat with a white splash in the centre.

Afterwards Mr. Grooch said: "Our society was organised to bring home to people the great contribution made by pigeons to the modern world. Pigeons have made their mark on every important public building and monument in the world. They have been invaluable to the tourist industry of Venice and Trafalgar Square, London."

The ceremony marked the inauguration of the Pay Our Pigeons fund-collecting drive. Said Mr. Grooch: "You will be able to identify our collectors when they call on you by their pigeon toes."

Following the fly-past, members of the society and civic leaders sat down to a banquet of cold pigeon pie.



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