

"Give Land"

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became aware of the threat existing to themselves on their own soil.

Communists were quick to exploit this fact—while the US, instead of remedying the root causes of the situation, contented itself with "blaming the communists."

"As the war machine gathers strength and impetus," he said, "serious attempts at dismantling it become more rare," he said.

He mentioned that, contained in the annual \$40 billion defense budget is some \$5 billion earmarked for Universities and "research" for military projects. Some Universities have become dependent on these grants, he said.

If humans are not to be exterminated in total war, he said, referring to a Ford Foundation report from the California Institute of Technology, man will have to adjust to living in holes.

The nerve factor may cause the West to strike the first blow in error or by impulsive behavior by an individual, he warned. This probability becomes larger with the development of tensions in the cold war, he said.

Recent developments in chemical and bacteriological warfare made possible induction of wholesale insanity in a population by the introduction of a substance to their water supply, he said.

This has led the world to a point shunned even by barbarians—where man will stoop to poisoning the wells of an enemy.

He said the Brick Makers must learn to utilize the straw—including the nuclear Last Straw—to fashion a reasonable habitation for mind and spirit.

Reminding the audience that it is

Discriminatory Laws Supported By Prejudice

By Iain Macdonald

Present discriminatory laws in effect against Hutterites may be supported by a public opinion based on misinformation and prejudice, stated a University of Alberta assistant professor of Sociology last week.

Dr. J. A. Hostetler, addressing the University Humanities Association, cautioned national and regional governments to watch their relations with minority groups.

He said news media may not have been efficient enough in getting facts to the public to offset this situation.

The Hutterites he characterized as a radical reformed sect who got into trouble trying to put the Sermon on the Mount into practice.

OBJECTIONS CITED

Existing complaints against Hutterites in Alberta, he said, are that they disrupt community life; threaten by their colony system to "take over" the agriculture economy; are able to buy land without competition; and are reluctant to integrate into society.

There are currently some 12,700 Hutterites living in 51 colonies in Alberta, he said, covering about 340,000 acres.

quite likely that China will have an atomic bomb within five years, he posed his question to the audience: what if Canada were faced with the threat—give land or fight?

This population is doubling every 16 years at present growth rates.

Dr. Hostetler referred to provincial legislation which requires Hutterites to have official permission before establishing new colonies. This represents amendment of previous laws which prevented Hutterite colonies from being formed within 40 miles of each other.

Existing trends within the Hutterite population evidence forthcoming changes in the social group, he said.

Their basic identity as a social minority group, subject to misunderstanding and martyrdom by an uncaring majority will have to change as their population grows, and they become less and less a minority group, and assume a role as equal in rural relationships.

Already, Dr. Hostetler revealed, Alberta Hutterites are planning for the possibility that land will become completely unavailable in Alberta.

On a recent trip south, he said, the Mexican government promised land and help should the colonies wish to move. This may be the only alternative for growing colonies which pass the generally observed growth limit of 100 persons per colony, 80 of these being children.

- Council Shorts -

Council set up a steering committee to set general policy for the two-day visit of the Soviet students in November. This committee will not make up a definite agenda, but will serve to be "a symposium in which to hash over ideas" for the itinerary of the visitors.

Upon the resignation of Bob Thompson from the position of promotions committee chairman, John Irwin, med 1, was elected chairman upon the basis of his 1960 Spring application.

Council gave its approval to the proposed open trip to Saskatoon on the weekend of Nov. 5, for the Alberta-Saskatchewan football game. The trip will be completely self-

sustaining, with no underwriting on the part of Council; a chaperone must be included, and written parental permission must be given for women under 21 years, and men under 18 years.

The Canada Council may be paying one half of the University of Alberta's share of the cost of new residences, Hal Veale, chairman of the residence committee, reported to Students' Council Tuesday.

The provincial government has given vocal assurance that it will pay one-half the total cost of proposed residences, said Veale. This means Canada Council and the University of Alberta would be paying one-quarter of the total cost each.

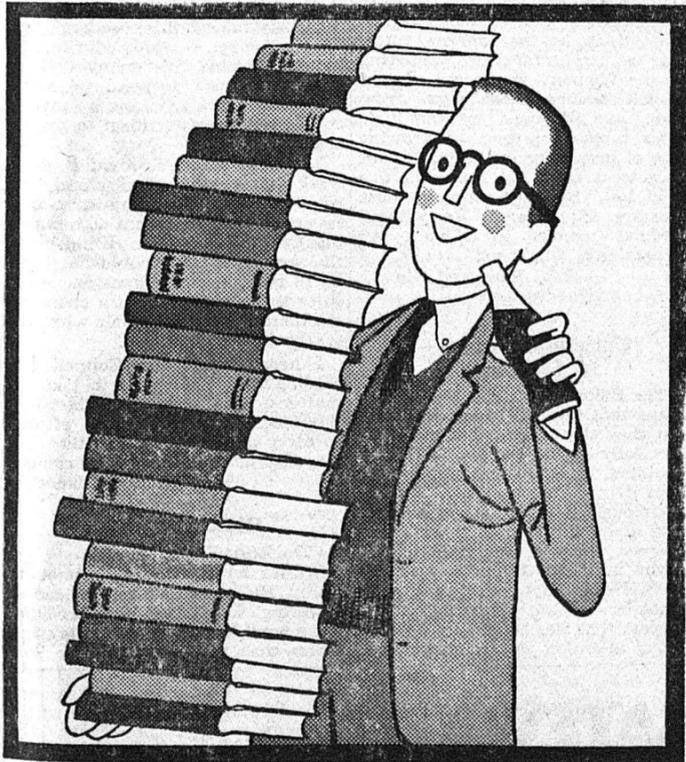
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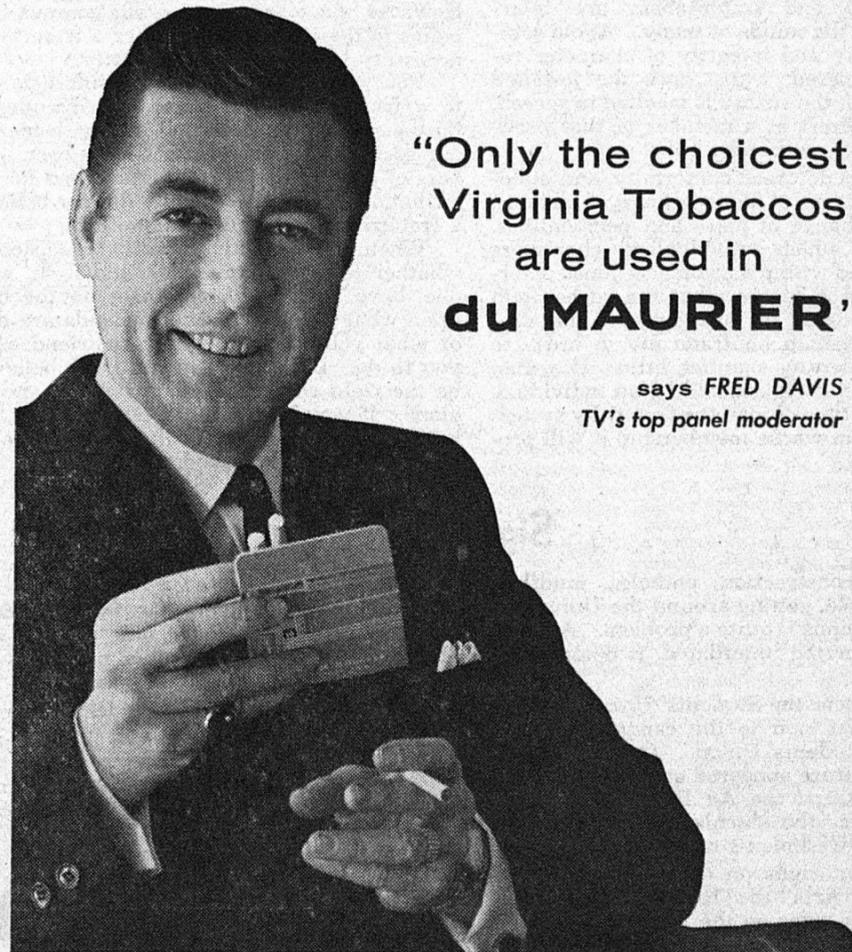
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