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LET'S WAKE UP

Why is it that every time UNB students meet with a Russian, hostility results? The atmosphere in Memorial Hall a week ago Tuesday evening, when His Excellency, Dr. A. A. Aroutunian addressed students and faculty, epitomized the waves of chill between east and west. An incident of outspoken antagonism (against radio jamming in the Soviet Union) was abruptly squelched by an indignant president of the International Affairs Club, Robert Thompson. This however left a righteous bitterness in the audience, and if anything spurred an ignorant hatred.

Why does the West become so nationally heated in the face of such opposition? Could it be that Dr. Aroutunian outlined an economic plan for the Soviet Union, which conceivably could be realized by 1980? Is it because we fear that our enemy — so propaganda designates the USSR — has a stronger and more practicable ideology? Is it because there was a disconcerting note about the justifiable confidence of His Excellency's statement that we'll see in 20 years which system, communism or democracy, produces more in the sciences, the arts as well as in material output? Is it because communism appears to be making more significant advancements in the "non-committed" nations than our western governments? Is it because we have a twinge of guilt when we realize this truth: because the west is losing its majority in the United Nations, it is more adamant in its refusal to recognize Communist China? Is it because we are losing faith in "something we know not of", an entangled, disunited, lethargic system?

If Dr. Aroutunian's speech served no other purpose than to arouse our indignation and strengthen our blind, unthinking faith in our own society and government — then it was to no avail. And if it served only as a stimulus to urge us to push forward in the achievement of our technical goals — either actively or passively then it was to little avail. But if it served as a bitter wake-up pill and forced us to analyse carefully the aims and ideals of our society (if there are any) and to examine carefully the principles of our democratic institution — then it served a vital purpose. Because it is only by rigidly inspecting our principles and ideals that we can overcome our arrogant complacency with ourselves.

Russian Department at McMaster

HAMILTON (CUP) — A department of Russian studies has been established at McMaster University.

The new department will facilitate Russian orientation and research in both arts and science. "It will also provide courses dealing with the U.S.S.R.'s cultural, economic and scientific development."

Chairman of the department, Dr. Louis J. Shein, said an honors course, qualifying graduating students to teach Russian at the high school level will be offered.

In addition to the chairman, the Russian department includes John G. Nicholson, former head of the CBC's Russian section. He is a Cambridge graduate with three year's experience at the American Institute for the Study of the USSR in Munich. D. J.

Jones, a former Reuters' journalist and teacher of Russian is the third member of the department.

Dr. Shein said the courses will "give unlimited scope for honors graduates in industry, journalism, and government where Russian-speaking personnel are sorely needed."

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Letters . . . Letters . . . and more Letters

Sports Scope

Shot Down

Dear Editor:

If I may be allowed to quote from Vance Packard's "Hidden Persuaders" — "A lot of infantile people never get beyond the stage of having fun with their mouths." This statement, although originally referring to the field of advertisement, seems to suit very aptly the policy of your Sports Scope columnist.

After reading his column in last Wednesday's Brunswickan, I just wonder how far this freedom of the press bit can go. It seems to me that your Sports Scope columnist (I use the word 'columnist' loosely), is using his space in your paper as a means of implementing his crude sense of humour that is perhaps better suited to the likes of a burlesque house than to the pages of Canada's oldest official student publication.

If the Brunswickan is the oldest student publication in Canada, it amazes me that it has lasted this long when people such as your Sports Scope columnist are allowed to write such drivel for their own amusement.

I would suggest that if this writer (excuse my loose language) is so obsessed with news work he apply for a position on such a publication as "Flash" or "Hush". Here he might find his clement.

Yours truly,
RJTS

Carnival Counters

Dear Sir:

It is with dismay that I read the article "Carnival Catastrophe" in your January 17th Brunswickan.

The article is totally devoid of objectivity and displays only the rather vivid imagination of Mr. Pierce.

The matter of the price increase was fully covered in your paper when the increase was approved by the SRC so I do not propose to restate the case again. I do however, think it quite significant that at that time there was only one dissenting vote on the Council and every member had at the time a copy of our budget before him.

Mr. Pierce might also note that the price of a pass for the St. Thomas University Winter Carnival is four dollars and this is their first Carnival which will, from all my information, offer not nearly the attractions the UNB Winter Carnival will.

Mr. Pierce obviously wants something for nothing. I would think that by his third year in university he would be aware that this is not the way the world operates.

Mr. Pierce suggests the Winter Carnival Committee is financing "a weekend lark for the McGill swimming and basketball teams." The McGill swimming team will arrive late Thursday night and depart Friday night. The basketball team will leave Saturday. Both teams will pay over one third of their expenses. Our varsity teams are looking forward to their games as are the coaches and I believe so are the majority of the students as they expressed the wish to see Invitational games in the Winter Carnival Public Opinion Poll of last spring.

I am particularly distressed that Mr. Pierce should be so in-

sulting to the artists who will entertain at the Winter Carnival this year before he has seen or heard them. This is the most ignorant and juvenile thing I have seen from a supposedly mature university student in my four years at this college.

As Mr. Pierce rightly states, the Winter Carnival should be "an appropriate means of exhibiting our school spirit", but he suggests that this is not the case. Students are invited to participate in the Snow Sculpture contest, the Float Parade, Friday and Sunday sports days; they play on our teams and the number of students who help to produce this totally student winter spectacular are too numerous to name.

There will always be those who offer nothing but inane destructive criticism. We are able to name this small group each year.

On behalf of the Winter Carnival Committee I invite those who do not propose to join Mr. Pierce in his boycott to come and enjoy the most fun-filled weekend of the college year which I believe will be the best Carnival yet.

Thanking you sir for the space, I am

Yours sincerely,

Fred Eaton,
UNB W. C. Chairman.

To a College 'Joe'

Dear Wayne,

I will not call you by your column caption "Whimsical" since that word connotes "freakish" or "queer". To me you are not this. Rather, I would take you for a regular "College Joe", informed in many things, but misinformed in a matter that has given happiness and a purposeful life to hundreds of millions past and present.

You claim to be an atheist, Wayne. I wonder why? Some are so because they are unintelligent and refuse to think. I would prefer to rank you among the intelligent who do think, but merely reject the false ideas of God without knowing how to replace them with the right one. Your reference to a figure from Homeric and Hesiodic poems seems to substantiate this. I trust that you have not shrugged off God so as to be free of moral restraint. An admission of His existence necessitates, of course, the acknowledgement of His dominion.

You seem to doubt, Wayne, the existence of Christ. Are we to judge that you are not an historian? Even if so, I am sure that you acknowledge the force of the historical argument. To reject that would be to deny the hockey score in the Gleaner because you were not in Chatham. It would lead as well to the denial of the existence of Russia because you were never there, or disbelief in a First World War because you were not living. That would be rather absurd, wouldn't it.

Yes, Wayne, Christ did exist and the proof is overwhelming. All reliable historians are in accord on this point. If you wish to know sources I will mention but a few. Chief among them are the four Gospels. Of these there are over 12,000 manuscripts (hand-written copies) of which almost 2,500 are manuscripts of the original Greek — all substantially in agreement. No profane work of that antiquity has such manuscript evidence. The his-

torical reliability of these can be proven by both internal and external evidence. I hope that brevity does not influence you to judge that proof is lacking. Besides, there are many other Christian sources such as the other twenty-three books of the New Testament, the writings of the Fathers, heretics and unknown authors. If you wish non-Christian sources for the existence of Christ, go to the Roman historian Tacitus, or Suetonius, Pliny the Younger and the Jewish historian Josephus Flavius. Most of these date back to the first or early second century.

With historical documents as a basis, Wayne, you are confronted with facts — cold, blunt facts. Christ did live. He worked miracles, prophesied, and rose from the dead to substantiate His claim of being God. People in those days were no more easily duped than you, my columnist friend. No doubt you have heard of "Doubting Thomas" who said: "Except I shall . . . put my finger into the place of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will not believe" (Jo. 20:25).

You insinuate that the Bible is the sole rule of what we are to believe and do. That is an erroneous interpretation of our belief. We do revere it as the inspired Word of God containing many of the things revealed to Mankind. But there is more, as the Scriptures themselves testify, which we have from Tradition. We acknowledge, too, that an outside agency is needed to determine what is inspired, that it is translated and interpreted correctly, and passed on faithfully. This is the living voice of the teaching organization Christ has established and promised to guide until the consummation of the world. It carries its credentials which may be scrutinized by all. Some of the greatest minds the world has known have proven lucidly and logically our reasons for belief, refuting by sound argument all the objections erring minds could muster over 1900 years. Blind unquestioning faith? superstition? I think not.

Never in our Church are we taught to hate those of other tenets. We are instructed to reject error but love the erring. Beginning January 18, as in each year, five hundred and fifty million of our faith commence eight days of prayer for unity of faith throughout the world. You, Wayne, will receive special consideration in mine.

A Newmanite

Marionette Theatre This Weekend

The UNB Drama Society in co-operation with the Classics Department is offering the next of its varied list of attractions this coming weekend.

Prof. Peter D. Arnott will stage his 'Marionette Theatre', now famous across the U. S. and Western Canada, in two celebrated classical comedies.

The first of these "The Menae-chmi", by the Roman playwright Plautus, is an amusing farce turning on the mistaken identity of the twin brothers Menaechmus.

"The Birds", by the famous ancient comedian Aristophanes, is the ancestor of all Western Utopias. "Cloudecockooland" is the scene of much excruciatingly funny humour in "The Birds".

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