

Opinions Vary On Separatism

Interaction And Intermingling Needed In Canada

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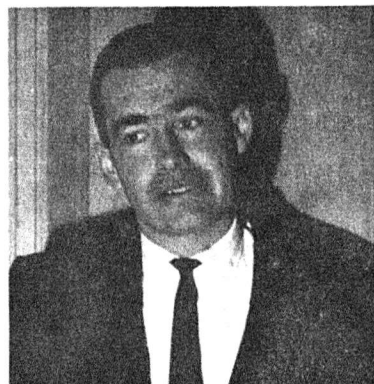
"Voudriez-vous coucher avec moi?"

"Non, je suis separatiste!"

English and French Canadians make strange bedfellows.

"What do you think of Quebec separatists?" was the query which confronted innocent victims of a recent Gateway survey.

Those interviewed expressed a cross-section of student opinion.



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to be composed partially of young people who do not realize the factors involved and are motivated by feelings of French nationalism.

GIVE UP IDENTITY

"I think they should be willing to give up their national identity for the sake of a unified Canada," asserted education freshette Marlene Irving.

"The French cause has been ex-



DOUG HGERTAAS



PHIL SILVER

FLQ WRONG

The initial comment of Doug Hgertaas, sci 1, was "I don't know enough to comment on the situation." He went on to say "Quebec cannot secede from Canada because it cannot survive on its own. I believe that extremists of the FLQ are employing the wrong approach to gaining their objectives. The most civilized method would be through government legislation."

COMPLAINTS VINDICATED

Phil Silver, arts 3, felt that French-Canadians had grounds for complaint. An important issue is the lack of communication between French and English. Little attempt has been made by English-speaking people to understand the dissatisfaction amongst our French brethren.

Second year education student Ken Norenberg believes the separatist movement will prove unsuccessful. Quebec has a symbiotic relationship with the rest of Canada.

He considers the extremist faction



KEN NORENBERG



MARLENE IRVING

aggerated to the point where it now involves emotion rather than common sense" remarked Bill Samis, comm 3. "A break with Confederation would be detrimental to both parties. Quebec has no chance alone. Alone it cannot possibly develop its resources."

David P. Collier, econ 4, stated "I think the separatist movement, as such, is a big bluff. Its only strength stems from a nationalistic feeling which is characteristic of the quiet revolution in Quebec."



SUZANNE BARRY

Suzanne Barry, second year sociology major, again stressed the lack of communication and understanding between the two groups. "Perhaps French Canadians misinterpret the English-speaking attitude towards them and English Canadians (for lack of a better term) misunderstand the French-Canadian desires."

"Cultural interaction and a general intermingling of the two parties is required to alleviate this major problem."

"Bilingualism is an essential requirement for the maintenance of Canadian unity."

"A theory of mine is that secession is a symbol of the real Québécois desire, which is cultural acceptance without submersion."

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