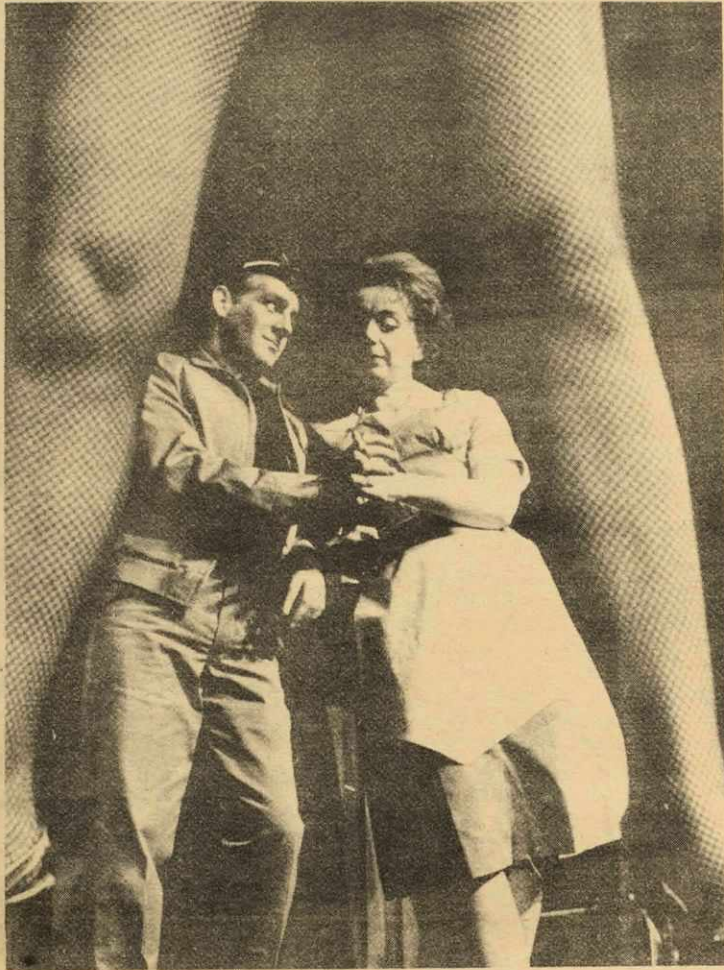


# BUS STOP

## A Review

By Michel Guite



"I feel thee not though I do see thee still."

"Bus Stop" is a qualified success: Ted Follows, (replacing Leon Major,) and the Neptune cast have tried to indulge their familiar passions to abort the difficult, and ridicule the meaningful — but their attempts have been blocked by playwright William Inge, who allowed no weighty significance to exist.

The Neptune has thus successfully presented William Inge's light comedy: wit sprinkled sketches are clearly drawn under the acute and amused eye of the author — and executed with ease, by the players. An obscure roadside diner, thirty miles west of Kansas city, becomes temporary shelter, for five equally obscure travellers. A bus driver, two cowboys, a defrocked professor, and "Cherry", a chantoosie "Dancer, (also defrocked) together pass a few hours of life, baring attitudes towards each other, and towards their own selves.

Inge has revealed the "surface and underside anonymous humanity", achelving no great depths of insight nor aggravating any fast moving currents of existence. The playwright has focused mid-stream on a segment of modern life; we hear his pleas of explosive wit, to enlarge his picture — and of light emotion to change the direction of his characters lives.

The plot centres around a twenty-one year old rodeo-winning Montana Rancher, and his attempted engagement or abduction of "Cherie", (Milo Ringham), an entertaining Kansas "chartreuse". Her well defined morality consists of "no drinks during a performance, and naturally is extinguished with the footlights: her charms lead the inexperienced cow-hand to assume inseparable emotional bonds — the chantoosie, however, objects to being treated like a punching bag, while her lover in turn objects to her former life, Virgil, the hired-

hand turned guardian, points out that Bo is Virgin enough for both, and finally, the seduction turned abduction becomes engagement, and the conflict is resolved.

Inge offers an excursion into the joys and emotions of everyday existence. While the author may acknowledge unpleasant matters, he tries not to deal with them directly — and thus all characters emerge as thoroughly pleasant and attractive. Cherry shows a very soft and susceptible core — while Bo Decker is seen as a blustering, but honest young man. The restaurant proprietress Grace Haylard, (well played by Mary McMurray in her perennial southern accent) begins, with both tender and amusing moments, a weekly seduction of Carl, the bus-driver.

Much of the comedy is heightened by the deservingly applauded role of Dr. Gerald Lyman, (Norman Welsh), as a Rhodes Scholar, Oxford graduate, Doctor of Philosophy, turned sot. A symbol of a lost, seeking, and itinerant world, and possessing a genuine instinct for beauty and tenderness, he nearly succumbs to a taste for delicious little girls — the object of his affection is waitress Elma Duckworth, (Diana LeBlanc) — unfortunately however, before the perversion is complete, he strikes a tone of self-realization, and states:

"It takes stong men and women to love-people who are strong enough to love without humiliation, and brave enough to bear the responsibility of being loved, and not fear it as a burden. Two people really in love, after the intensity of their attraction is sub-divided, then face the trembling times when they must give up something of themselves, in order to live as one, and that is a gift that men are afraid to make-thus they never know love, only its facsimilies, which they

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As of late the R.C.M.P. has come under a great deal of fire from one source or another because of what is thought to be an overenthusiasm to the performance of their duty which has somehow or the other violated personal freedom.

To find out what situation exists in Halifax a reporter questioned Supt. L.J.C. Watson, head of the Internal Security Division of the Halifax R.C.M.P. Detachment. He was adamant: "Certainly we investigate, that's our job!" He continued by saying that college students and professors do not get special "preference" in security investigations. "Sure, there is an R.C.M.P. corporal at Dal. But he is there as a student, not in his capacity with the force.

The interview ended with his assurance that nothing like the Jenkins-Regina incident has ever, or is even likely to take place on a college campus — at least at Dal.

### MAJORITY OF STUDENTS APPROVE

A quick nose-count around campus will soon check out a theory — now as far as I'm concerned substantiated — that the vast majority of students feel that the R.C.M.P. are doing a fine job, that having hard core communists on university teaching staff — as happened in Dal's economic department a few years ago — is not a good thing, that academic freedom beyond a point is just so much hogwash, etc., etc. Who then, is causing all the din? MALCONTENTS ACTIVE

Who else but that classic bunch of rabble-rousers with an axe to grind — the ban-the-bombers, the Radical Socialists, those lonely egocentric neurotics which King's College has a such a lovely habit of producing, the "avant-garde" arty set and just about anybody else who has managed to

seek over and over again". and thus each character is able to accept and understand his own emotions, on varying levels of consciousness.

In summation, Bus Stop "is a comedy, brightened by wit and emotion for their own sake — the roles, while not difficult, were all competently acted — and while the play is no significant dramatic work it certainly provides a most entertaining performance.

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drift away from the main stream of contemporary political and social thought?

The ban-the-bomb movement, which comes under a variety of names, the Voice of Women, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament the Committee for Control of radiation hazards would be pretty much of a joke, if they weren't infiltrated with Communists from top to bottom.

### BAN-THE-BOMB LEADER KNOWN RED

Rabbi Abraham Fineberg, an American citizen who lives in Ottawa is, or at least was the President of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. He is a known Communist. When he came to Canada, the RCMP received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation a dossier on him, containing a list of 240 Communist activities. Repeated attempts by him to obtain Canadian citizenship have failed. Repeated attempts, also by the Dept. of Justice to have him deported have also failed. Apparently there are interests who would like to see him remain in Canada.

As to the local level, one of the strongest proponents of Nuclear disarmament, unlike Rabbi Fineberg, is a self-confessed Communist. In a talk with this reporter, he mentioned that the "proletariat" in North America are being exploited. He also emphasized the "advantages" of a communist society over the order that exists in North America. (He didn't mention, of course, that the standard of living in Canada is about 80% higher than in the USSR)

For the most part, members of the NDP believe in a Social Democratic system, although it must be admitted that their National Youth Organization has, at times, produced executive officers of questionable political persuasion. Even so, one of the most ardent NDP supporters on campus, also a pacifist(?) admitted to me that he was not opposed to the overthrow of the National Government by force in order to set up a socialist system. (Yet this gentleman is one of the most vocal in his denunciation of the RCMP).

### PROTESTOR IGNORANT

HAVING CONVINCED MYSELF that the majority of people on this campus opposed to RCMP investigations probably deserve to be investigated themselves, I decided to make inquiries into their knowledge of three fields indivisible from security investigations, vis History, Economics and Political Science. To say that they are ignorant of contemporary history would be incorrect — contemptuous would be a better word. Sample quotes; "No, I admit that I don't know anything about modern history". . .

"You people are always preoccupied with History. History is past) a profound statement); we are more interested in the future." An attempt on my part to explain the truth of Santayana's famous saying "He who does not learn from history is doomed to repeat it" fell, needless to say, on deaf ears.

If their knowledge of History was bad, then words cannot describe the attitude of our would-be seditionists, towards economics

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and political science. Karl Marx, to them is Harpo's brother. Keynes, of course, they hold in contempt, since it was he who saved civilization from Communism back in the 30's. Mill, whose greatest contribution is in the field of political theory they regard as "some sort of philosopher". In summary, it can be justifiably said that their political views are founded upon a wealth of ignorance.

### SOCIETY ALSO AT FAULT HAVE, ERRED IN OTHER WAYS.

The cure they suggest for the ills of contemporary society — and there are many ills — is worse than the sickness itself. The main problems with contemporary North America are the over-emphasis on security, conformity and the insatiable desire to sponge off the govt. as much as possible. Socialism, and its grisly big brother, Communism, will not cure these problems, but rather accentuate them. What is called for is a return to some system of moral values. A call for a man to be a moralist rather than an "inside doerist;" for an economy to be based upon production rather than consumption, Government pump-priming and pork-barreling; a return to labor based on work done rather than stifling Union contracts; for a moral code based on individual conscience and altruism, not on mass conformity and expediency, which is the biggest sickness of the age; for an educational system, based on the belief that the prime function of any school is to impart knowledge, not the me-RCMP GUARDIANS OF CIVIL RIGHTS

The RCMP are, with their internal security investigation, mechanics of social "adjustment", attempting to protect the majority from being submerged under the beliefs of a small group who, mistakenly think that they have "the way, the light and the truth". The sooner that our would-be seditionists — and the NDP for that matter, grow up and learn that progress is relative and not absolute and that theirs is hardly the way, the better it will be for all concerned.

As a parting gesture, I suggest that our friends take a leaf from the notebook of our compatriots in French Canada who voted for Caouette, who, having made their protest are now beginning to return to sanity. If the cap fits, I suggest they wear it!

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