

# A Chance to To See The World

Each year, representatives of the Canadian Government visit campuses in order to meet graduating students and interest them in a career in the Foreign Service, where the government draws its personnel to staff posts abroad, either permanent missions such as the Canadian Mission at the United Nations or its embassies and consulates. Foreign Service personnel are assigned to one of three Departments: External Affairs, Industry, Trade and Commerce or Manpower and Immigration.

As in the past, Foreign Service

Officers are recruited by competition. This year examinations will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 1975 and Wednesday, October 22, 1975. If a diplomatic career interests you, please contact your Canada Manpower Centre on Campus for information.

We also invite you to meet our Foreign Service representatives during the briefing session which will take place at Rms 410-412 on Oct. 1 and 2 SUB 11 AM. The representatives will be describing the career opportunities which exist in the Foreign Service of the three

departments. The following comments outline briefly the type of activities the Canadian Foreign Service Officers are engaged in.

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The work of an officer in External Affairs is always varied whether he is posted in a small mission in Latin America or in a large European capital. For example, a junior officer in Rome did a lot of work in the field of cultural affairs, administering a Canadian scholarship programme for Italian students, greeting Canadian performers coming to Rome, helping to

organize art exhibitions. He also read Italian newspapers and met Italian politicians and officials. He followed Italian politics closely and wrote situation reports for his Department. Protocol also proved interesting, whether it was greeting a Canadian Minister at the airport and arranging his schedule or briefing him on the political status of the country. Consular responsibilities led him to help fellow citizens travelling in Italy, some of whom he was called upon to visit.

### INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE

On another front, an officer from Industry, Trade and Commerce was called upon at the request of Cuban authorities, to negotiate a ship-building contract for Canada. A good deal of his work consisted therefore in assessing the commercial outlets in his territory, evaluating the competition which would face Canadian exporters and checking out credit facilities which could be made available to Cuban authorities.

### MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

A Manpower and Immigration officer posted in Paris was asked to compare the activities of French and Canadian engineers. He therefore had to contact the faculties of engineering and business firms employing engineers in France. He also met with young engineers thus acquiring a first hand knowledge of the qualifications and functions of French engineers. This study facilitated the selection of qualified and competent French immigrants to fulfill Canadian demands for skilled professionals.

## Of Cabbages & Kings

by Bernard Abernathy

The first few words always seem to be the hardest to set down on paper. In my case, it's even more difficult, for to begin a regular column whose purpose is nebulous at best, is not simple.

Very often while attending Dalhousie, things have happened here which irritated, bothered, or even infuriated me. It becomes easy to assuage one's anger by sounding off to a friend or ignoring whatever issue it was that created the anger, but nothing productive is accomplished.

I've never been terribly satisfied with "letters to the editor" sections of the paper, and perhaps there is also involved a certain element of egoism in having one's personal sounding board. I sincerely hope that this column won't degenerate to being only a narrow, one-sided

view of the university, but by the same token, any individual who presents his thoughts, cannot help but lack a complete, multi-faceted approach - and in many cases that way seems most desirable.

I'd like to be able to speak to the readers, offering my views of certain issues which affect them on campus, and now and then perhaps, off campus as well. Student politics, professional relations, thoughts on entertainment, the facilities offered at Dal, woes and whims of my own, all will appear in print here. If my writing doesn't interest you, fine - we just couldn't come together. If you disagree with me, then great - some sort of intellectual activity has been generated.

I hope at best, to be able to add just a little by my contribution,

however unworthy, so others may use a part of it to formulate their views on the issue at hand. I certainly won't be right all the time, or perhaps even most of the time, but a stand will have been taken, for others to praise or criticize as they see the issue in relation to their own views and personal attitudes.

Many people, myself included, have long criticized the Gazette for its slanted views, poor journalism, or just plain lack of clear thinking. Many at Dal seem turned off to too radical an approach to issues, as per stands taken in the past by this paper. Hopefully soon, this attitude will change as the paper's quality improves. I'd like to do my best to try to be a party to such a development. And I do hope that maybe I will be the source of a spring-board for discussion.

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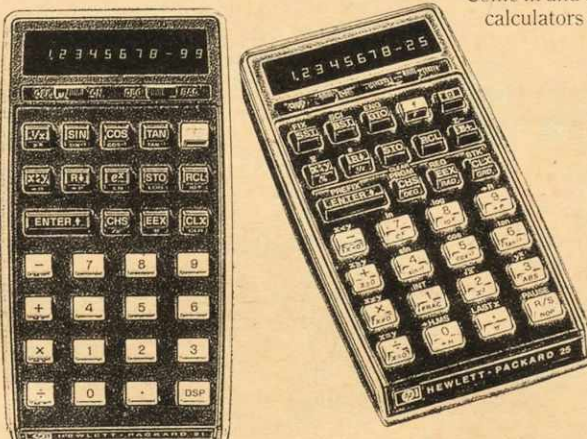
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