

# Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity — Lord Acton

## Not only is he a ; he's a

In January, EXCALIBUR asked for John T. Saywell's resignation as York's dean of arts.

We had good reason. Saywell had shown that he was at once both the chief architect and the chief apologist of York University becoming a branch plant of U.S. scholarship.

EXCALIBUR once again demands Saywell's resignation — this time for being a

Saywell has been saying things to the community outside York that he would never dare say to the York community, for fear that people would laugh in his face.

Recently he was reported in the Toronto Daily Star as saying: York departments have always followed the practice of looking first for qualified Canadians.

Believing that such a ridiculous quote could only have been taken out of context, EXCALIBUR called Saywell to see if he would care to comment upon it.

To our surprise he at first defended the quote as "accurately describing the situation at York."

If he had continued to hold his position, EXCALIBUR would have been quite justified in initiating sanity hearings for our hapless dean.

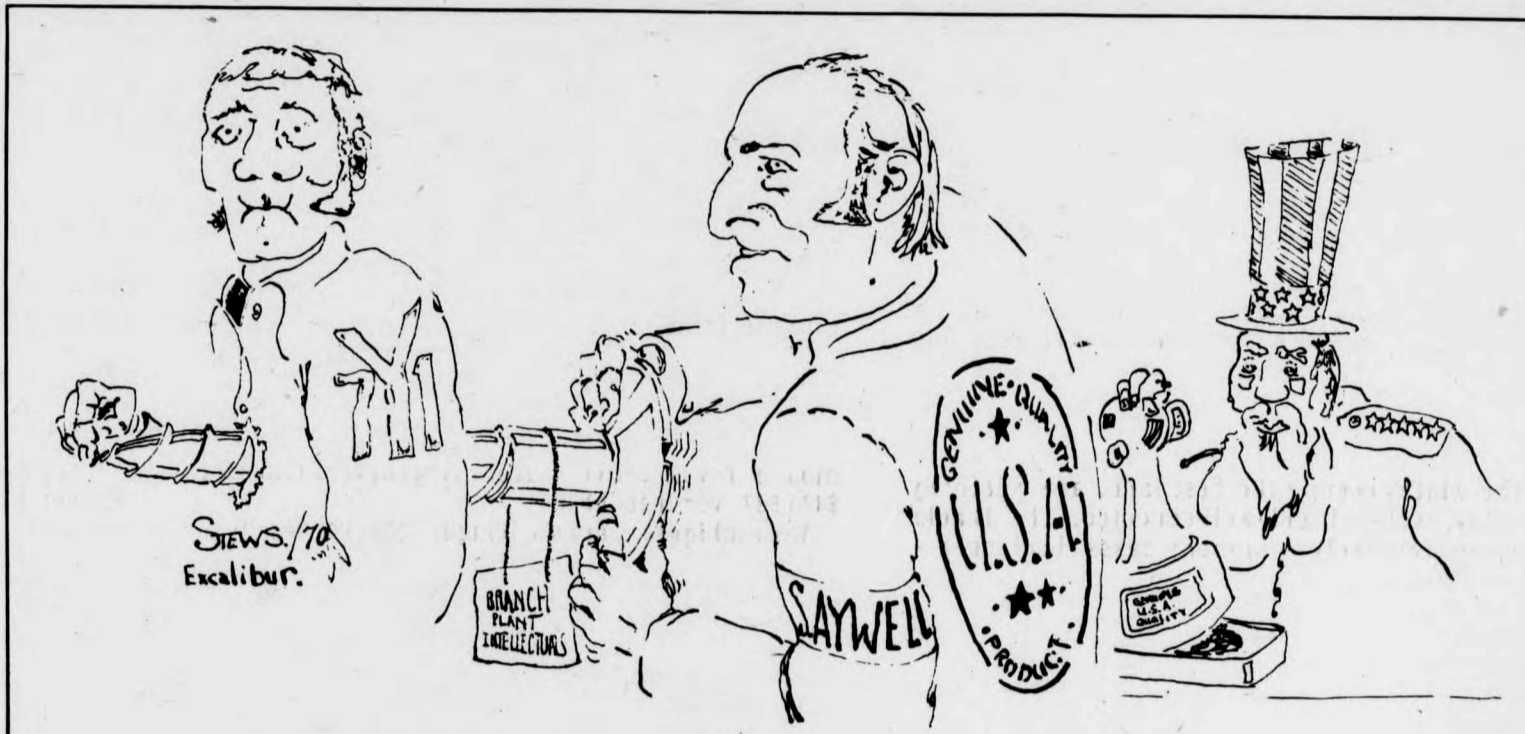
However, after more intensive questioning, he admitted that a more accurate quote might have been: "Some York departments have sometimes followed the practice of looking first for qualified Canadians."

This is, of course, a statement without meaning or substance and bears little relation to the quote which appeared in the daily press.

In other words, Jack Saywell was

Jack Saywell was also on Monday evening when, at the Toronto Star Forum on U.S. influence in Canada, he publicly denied that he had said that relevance to the Canadian fact should not be the most important criterion in judging a Canadian political science or sociology school.

He claimed he had made such a



We ran this cartoon first on Jan. 8 when we began our investigation of Americanization at York. Given arts dean John Saywell's latest antics (see editorial), we decided it would be relevant to reprint it at this time. —ed

statement only in reference to the hiring of professors.

The Jan. 8 edition of EXCALIBUR featured, on page 9, an interview with

### Reprinted!

From The Calgary Herald

Paul Hellyer, who quit the Cabinet over government inaction on his housing report, still keeps his hand in the political game, says The Ottawa Journal.

It quotes the York University weekly EXCALIBUR's report on how Hellyer recently told students this story to illustrate Canada's fetish for federalism:

"The British student, faced with the topic, The Elephant, entitled his essay, The Elephant and the Empire. The American student wrote on How to Build Bigger and Better Elephants. Sex and the Elephant was the French student's topic. And the Canadian student wrote: The Elephant: A Federal or Provincial Responsibility?"

—Fort William Daily Times-Journal

Saywell under the headline "John Saywell: Relevance to the Canadian fact should not be the chief criterion for judging Canadian schools."

In this interview, he was asked the question: "Don't you think that Canadian criteria must be relevance to the Canadian fact, to the Canadian existence, to our life, that this must be the criterion for any sociology school and if it is a political science school, it must be relevance to the Canadian political life?"

Saywell, to his everlasting shame and true to his colors as an academic branch plant manager, replied: "No, I am not prepared to agree with you that relevance is the chief criteria."

Is it not significant that Saywell did not repudiate this statement when it

was printed two months ago — that he did not repudiate it until he was confronted with it in front of a meeting of respectable taxpayers and in front of Toronto's press corps?

In fact, he did not repudiate it before because he knows that he did indeed say it and that several people were present during the interview to hear him say it.

Further, EXCALIBUR still retains a tape recording of that interview.

Jack Saywell is like a little boy who has been found with his hand in a cookie jar, but insists to his angry parent that he was only counting the cookies.

Saywell must be replaced. Not only is he a ; he is a Resign, Jack.

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