

Liquor flows at Mac -- Admin fines students

HAMILTON (CUP) — A suppressed story, now brought to light, has shown that the McMaster university administration has had to back down on penalties imposed on students for an illicit pre-Christmas party.

Rumours, emanating from Hamilton during January, were confirmed this week.

\$100 Fines

Fines of \$100 each had been imposed by the administration on nine members of the Board of Publications for a party held in the publications office at the end of last term. Following an appeal, the fines were reduced to \$25 for five of the publications officers and were dismissed for the other four.

The Board of Publications is an autonomous student group which regulates the student publications.

At McMaster, the story has been common knowledge among the students, but the story was never printed in the campus paper.

Not Published

Silhouette Editor-in-Chief David Hitchcock indicated he had been pressured not to publish the story, but added he was not especially in favor of carrying it anyway.

Board of Publications Chairman Robert McGowan threatened withdrawal of the paper from Canadian University Press if the story were published.

The party, which had been augmented by alcoholic beverages according to students, was held after the first term was officially over. Damage to university buildings had occurred on the same night and this had originally been linked with the board party. It was later found there was no relationship.

No Comment

No official comment was available from university officials. Dean P.R. Clifford, dean of men,

Separatism — 'Reaction of a Proud People!'

KINGSTON (CUP) — Separatism is the reaction of a proud people. It is a desire suppressed in the minds of French Canadians and constitutes much more than merely a political movement.

So said M. Andre Laurendau, editor of *La Presse*, at Queen's University recently.

Significance

M. Laurendau, speaking on "The Significance of the Quebec Separatist Movement" stressed that he himself was no longer a separatist. He feels that separatism would bring permanent disorder to the whole of Canada, but insisted on the importance of and the reasons for the present outbreak in the province of Quebec.

The history of separatist and nationalist feeling is a long one, extending to the Conquest of 1759. Separatism, M. Laurendau claim-

ed, is an attempt to eradicate the memory of this conquest. Emotions to this end have been fervent several times since the turn of the century. The conscription issue of 1917 aroused strong feeling of betrayal by the Federal Government in the French Canadian minority. During the depression, French Canadians felt like slaves in their own province as their natural resources were being given away.

The great stimulation for the separatist movement came with the end of the Duplessis regime, he said.

Inferiority

French Canada was and still is in a state of inferiority. Confederation promised a bi-cultural, bilingual nation, but this fact has not been accepted by the majority. This state is clearly represented in the Canadian Civil Service and the educational system in any province except Quebec, and in the Canadian policy of immigration and so forth. The es-

sence of a true federal spirit is lacking.

'Solutions'

M. Laurendau suggested four "Solutions for French Canadians: To forget the problem; to see their culture and language as a handicap; to live as a poor minority; or to see their culture and language as an asset. The latter suggests positive treatment of the problem.

English-speaking people are now forced to an awareness of French minority feeling and must contribute to the solution. Bi-lingualism must become more national

and Dominion Provincial relations must include more autonomy for Quebec, he asserted.

ROCK OF BEAUTY

The Acropolis of Athens, in Greece, is actually a rocky hill with precipitous sides. The summit has an area of only 500 by 1000 feet, the Encyclopedia Americana says, yet on it were built many of the most beautiful buildings ever erected in ancient times. These included the Parthenon, the huge statue of Athene Promachos, the Theatre of Dionysius and many lesser temples, statues and music halls.

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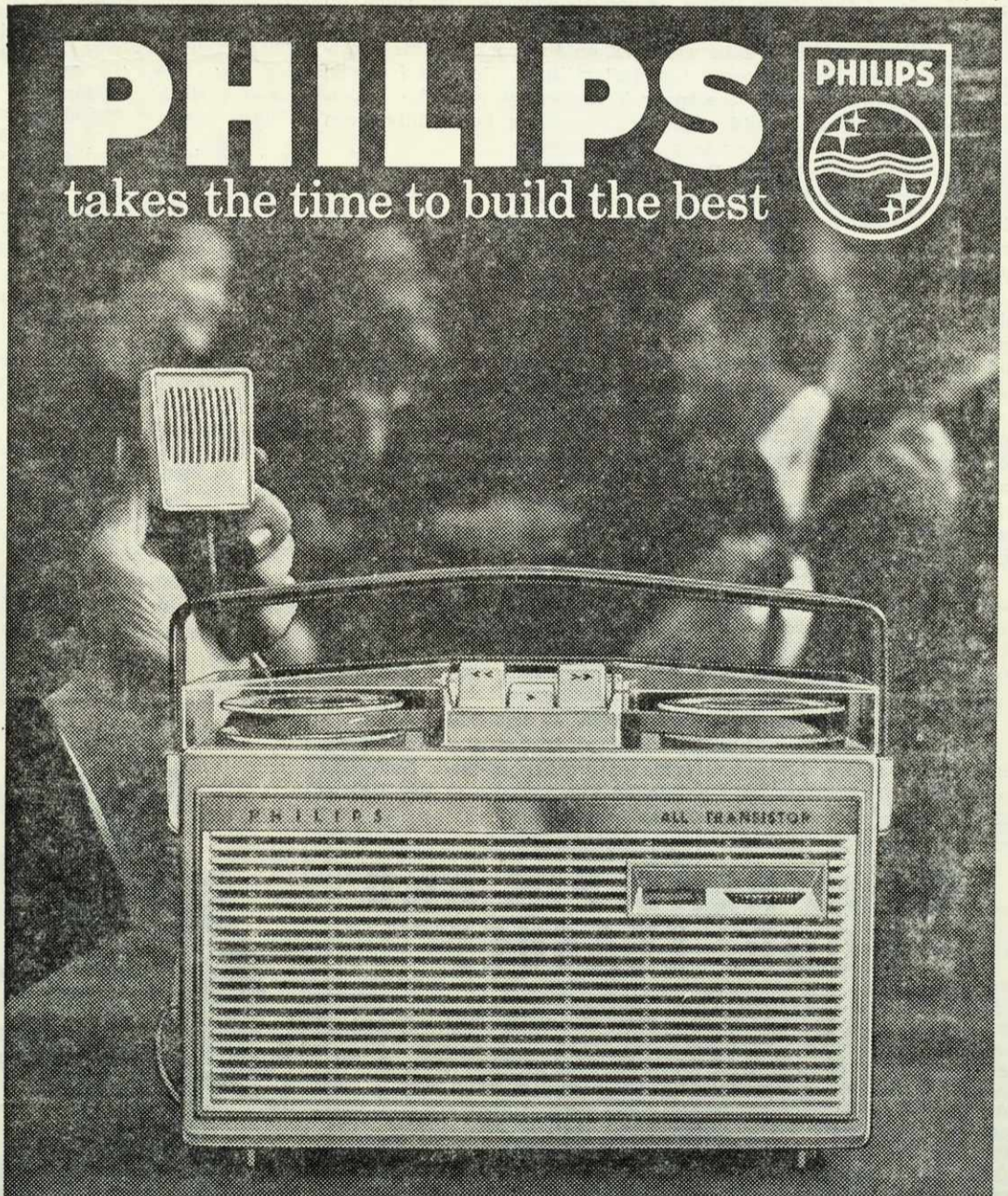
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