

WAITE on TOYNBEE

"Arnold Toynbee's greatest contribution to historic thought has been the stimulation he has given to activity in the field, if only to disprove his theories," stated Prof. P. B. Waite, Head of the History Department at Dalhousie.

He was discussing the renown-ability to analyze and interpret ed, if not reputable, British historian in the current S.C.M. lecture series on "Prophets in Profile". In deciding on Toynbee's claim to prophetic qualities, Dr. Waite considered the motives which may have prompted Toynbee's work, his methods of research, and the validity of the conclusions that he draws.

"Unlike previous Messiahs, Toynbee had made scrupulous provision for his future biographers," Dr. Waite continued. He felt that "the greatest object of fascination to Toynbee is Arnold Toynbee, and history happens to be his tool for a sort of self-deification."

Toynbee has said that he is first and foremost interested in establishing a morphology of civilization. By this, he is trying to develop a fairly consistent formula or law governing the life-spans of civilizations, from their appearance, through growth and decline, to their eventual demise. In his major work, "A Study of History", Toynbee has taken twenty-four civilizations, and has supposedly derived from their separate life-histories a set of governing rules which can be used, subject to consideration of such factors as climate, geogaphy, and natural resources, to predict the probable course of events in any given civilization, whether past or future. It can be seen that "Toynbee states that history is pretty well a predestined certainty."

"There are many academic historians who share my dislike for Toynbee," Dr. Waite continued. Chief among them is the eminent eral criticism levied against Toynhistorian Hugh Trevor-Roper. The general criticism levied against Toynbee is that he had established his theory of historic behaviour first, and then proceeded to shoe-horn the facts of each particular case into this preconceived theory. This accusation as based upon the manner in which he "blissfully draws the grossest of false analogies" in trying to demonstrate the similarity of developments between one situation and another. "Most of his analogies are just plain eye-wash," stated Dr. Waite. "Toynbee has a fantastic memory for facts; however, like most people endowed with extraordinary memories, he is handicapped in his

Dr. Waite felt that the most interesting of Toynbee's contributions to historic thought is his theory of "Challenge and Response", where he claims that all human action comes out of meeting a challenge to rise to that action. Waite questioned this theory, feeling that a great deal of historical actions are simply reactions to situations thrown upon men by nothing but chance or fate, instead of being the function of a fully preconceived line of action as Toynbee seems to imply. Asked whether he thought Toynbee would be compared with the great historians, at the conclusion of the address, Dr. Waite replied, "All I know is that he would like to be."

CUCND kind to RCMP at U of T

The Toronto Varsity reports that the U of T chapter of the Combined Universities Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has invited the RCMP to the official opening of its new house.

The President of CUCND at Toronto said he felt "the RCMP would enjoy reciprocating their strong interest in our activities".

The CUCND centre, unnamed officially as yet, will centralize all the groups activities.

The President of CUCND sent a letter to an RCMP official, mentioning "the great interest" the RCMP has allegedly found in the student peace movement.

"In order to help you avoid further bad publicity we would like members of your force to feel welcome to visit the house," the letter continued. It invited the RCMP to "attend anonymously, if you feel that would be more in keeping with our democratic way of life."

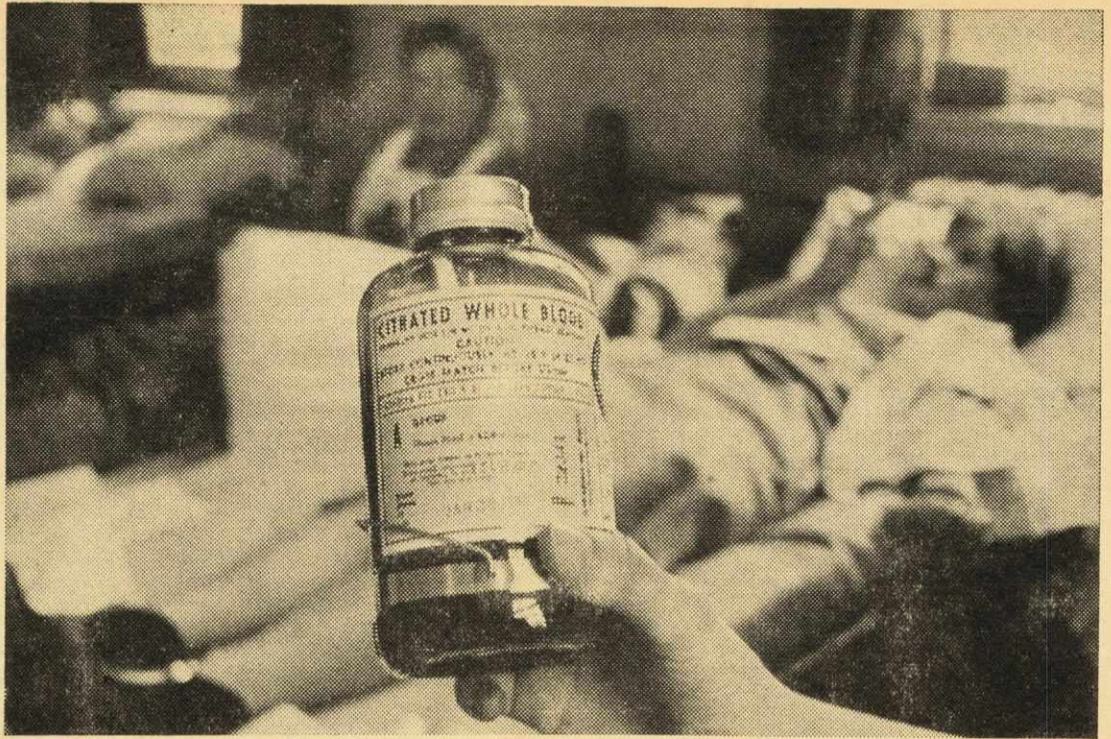
Liberals lead campus elections

The Canadian University Press reports that the Liberal Party has won seven out of ten model parliament elections in Universities across Canada.

The Liberals have won at Bishops's, Toronto, Waterloo, Saskatchewan (Saskatoon), Manitoba, Loyola, and St. Francis Xavier.

The Progressive Conservatives have won elections at Ryerson, McMaster, Western Ontario, and Regina College.

The New Democratic Party and the Social Credit Party have not yet won an election.



(Photo by Purdy)

DID YOU GIVE BLOOD? — 540 did; 169 were rejected; 2071 were eligible. Tep Epsilon Phi led the fraternities with 100% and Sigma Chi was close behind with 87%. Pharmacy and the Physics Tea Club led other groups, both with an even 50%.

RCMP investigations disclosed at Carleton

OTTAWA (CUP) — The student newspaper at Carleton University, The Carleton, has printed a verbatim interview with a student who claims he was approached by an RCMP officer and asked to serve as a campus informant two years ago.

Following is the report:

"It was a week night at eight o'clock. A man, about 25 years old, came to my door and asked to speak to me. He asked me to step out onto the porch where he revealed a card indicating he was an officer of the RCMP.

"He explained that the force had reason to believe there was a certain amount of subversive activity on the campus and were looking for someone to keep an eye on suspect groups.

"He named the New Party and CUCND saying they wanted to make sure these were not fronts for subversive activity. Specifically, he said, they wanted to know what was being discussed at their meetings. He used the word pink'.

"I told him that I could not in conscience judge my fellow students.

"The officer persisted. He nam-

ed four students and asked questions like "Do they talk a lot at meetings? Are they reliable?"

"After I had refused he asked me if I knew any other students who would be willing to do the job. I said no.

"Previously he had said that the police knew of some who had 'Communist leanings', if they weren't out and out 'Communists'."

In an editorial Carleton Editor-in-chief Stuart Adam says that although the student did not wish his name used in the story" we can, however vouch for the integrity of this person and the truth of his words."

The editorial is accompanied by a cartoon which depicts a student being dragged off by an RCMP officer. "But I am an anti-communist," the student is saying.

"I don't care what kind you are," says the RCMP officer.

Meds, Nurses plan seminars

The Medical School and The School of Nursing have planned three conferences and seminars for the next two months. The topics of discussion are psychiatry, pediatrics, and nursing.

Twelve medical doctors from the four Atlantic provinces will take part in a short course in Psychiatry, organized by the Post-Graduate Division, Faculty of Medicine. The three-day course, co-sponsored by the Dalhousie Department of Psychiatry, will be given on February 4, 5, and 6 in the Out-Patient Conference Room of the Victoria General Hospital.

The Post-Graduate Division will also give a course in pediatrics under the auspices of the Halifax chapter, College of General Practice of Canada. The course will be given at the Children's Hospital on four successive Mondays starting February 4.

Miss Aileen Hogan, consultant at the Maternity Centre Association at New York, will direct the annual institute of the Dalhousie University School of Nursing.

The Conference will be held in the Nurses' Residence of the Victoria General Hospital on March 20, 21, and 22.

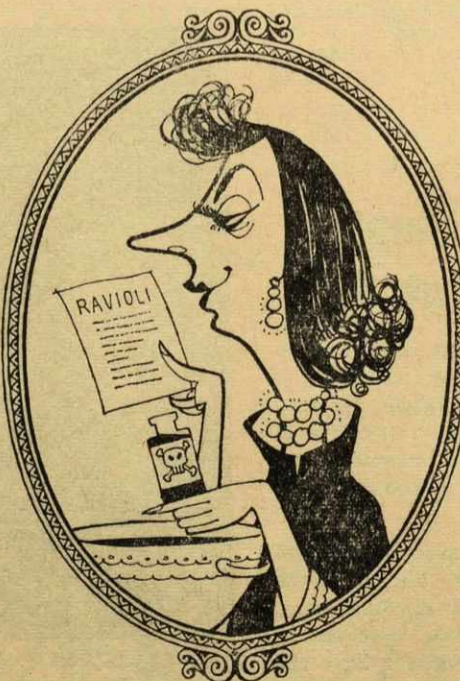
Peters asks pay for newspapers

For five years, Donald Peters has provided the "Chronicle-Herald" for sale in the Old Men's Residence Canteen. In return for this service his reward is, frequently no more than 10 cents per day. One may surmise that this is mighty slim pickings for hauling some forty-five papers onto campus.

Donald states that there are rarely more than three or four papers left, so there is obviously a demand for them. However, his receipts always tend to fall considerably short, as some odious individuals obtain their news but fail to put the necessary eight cents in the container. On some days he says he loses as much as eighty cents. After much consideration, Donald is contemplating halting the service. Another fine reflection on the sound principles instilled by a university training.

Whatever became of:

Lucy Borgia, CLASS OF '02?



It is a tribute to our Home Ec. course that the name of this little girl is celebrated wherever food is eaten and wine is drunk. Lucy, early in her course, gave unmistakable evidence that food to her was not merely a means to an end but an end in itself. Herself a sparing eater, she encouraged guests to enjoy each meal as if it were their last. With a few simple ingredients, Miss Borgia could produce a banquet to end all banquets. Her Omelette a la Fine Toadstools is still talked about in hushed voices. The few contemporaries who survived her, often recalled this gentle lady diligently tending her little kitchen garden of Deadly Nightshade, Foxglove and Hemlock. You don't find cooking like Lucy's in the college cafeteria these days.

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