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LIVING MEMORIALS

Last Monday, throughout the world, in huge cities and in tiny villages, crowds gathered, to stand with bared heads, in homage to those who fell in the First and Second World Wars. In Halifax they gathered before an impressive pile of granite, and at Dalhousie they gathered not at all. The reason? Because Dalhousie, as yet, has no Memorial dedicated to her fallen sons, save a series of brass plaques.

The almost universal sentiment following this war has been, "no more useless piles of masonry and sculpture—let our War Memorials be living, useful buildings." We are still awaiting such a memorial either at Dalhousie or in Halifax.

Last year much time and money was expended to determine, by means of a plebiscite, what Dalhousie students considered a fitting memorial. The results of this plebiscite were as follows: first, a men's residence, second, a swimming pool, and third, a rink. All useful functional buildings, but buildings to which we object.

First, a residence, while certainly the most essential building on the campus, seems to us to be the responsibility of the University authorities. A residence was needed here long before the war, and thoughts of raising part of the necessary funds from student contributions seem another epic in the old story of "passing the buck".

The swimming pool and rink are definitely student buildings, but they are not fitting War Memorials. What must be had is a building which will serve as the centre of all student life at Dalhousie. A Student Union building is the obvious answer.

Cultural life in Halifax is almost non-existent. What does linger on is uncentralized, and practically unsupported. Instead of Dalhousie, as the largest and most influential University in the Province, acting as the community centre for Halifax's cultural life, it is almost unknown to most Haligonians. There must be some way to bind together and integrate Dalhousie's life with that of the community in which it lives.

To come to a practical suggestion, The GAZETTE strongly urges that action be taken on a Dalhousie War Memorial. It is absolutely essential to "STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT!" Humankind is notorious for tightening its pursestrings as its ardour cools. Already certain elements in the population of this country advocate war with various and sundry other nations. Perhaps they have shallow memories—or perhaps they have not suffered as those who served have suffered.

The GAZETTE further suggests that Dalhousie and the city of Halifax co-operate in the raising of funds and eventual construction of a building which will serve as a LIVING Memorial to the dead of both city and University.

Finally it suggests that this building should take the form of a Civic Auditorium—Student Union Building—a building which would include an Auditorium, rehearsal rooms, exhibit and lecture rooms, and at least eight offices to house the various student activities.

If we, the living, are to honor the dead, we must honor them in our lives, not by standing once a year before a granite pile or graven image. WE MUST PAY HOMAGE TO THE FALLEN WITH LIVING MEMORIALS!

THE GAZETTE ADVOCATES ACTION.

(The editors invite comment from the student body on this very controversial subject—and will attempt to publish all letters which remain within a reasonable degree of verbosity.)

EDITOR'S MAIL

CAN WE TRY SOCIALISM?

Dear Sir:—
Mr. Lew Miller, in last week's Gazette, asks: "Why not try socialism?" This question implies that should socialism be found wanting after a fair trial, we could casually return to the present system.
It seems obvious, however, that a state cannot change the

basis of its economy every four years with the same facility with which we alternate Liberal and Conservative governments.
Socialism implies a fundamental change in both our political and economic systems; to say that this would be a "trial" is to ignore the lessons of the past.
Socialism would inevitably give
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CORNERSTONES CRUMPLE : COLLEGE COLLAPSING !

It all began several years ago. Began, that is. It began when somebody laid the first cornerstone. At Dalhousie, that is. Anyhow, what happened is so. The cornerstone was NOT ark-tuk-turkally and engineerikally perfect. That is, it was not without blemish. So.

All during the summer a bunch of guys, Engineers, that is, were surveying. Their surveys were all wrong. Why is this, they mused. (Yes—dear children—Engineers can muse . . .) Now these Engineers were all outstanding in their line—and could usually be found outstanding in the line waiting for the store to open (CENSORED, that was). Anyhow—they were outstanding—and being so they mused they must be right and the cornerstones wrong. Something must be done. The whole University was on the verge of collapse. (This is known as alliteration—and is a legitimate weapon used by all good journalists, even unto Editor So'lowmas).

From the library of applied dynamics and practical weaseling a rush, long distance call went out to Pres. Auto of Stoodgy Campoos. The HIGH COMMAND was in an uproar. Communiques went out right and left—also up and down. The GAZOOT was called in in an advisory capacity. Its capacity was much larger than expected, however, and it was soon called out. The news leaked out all over the floor. The GREATEST was coming. The great Sliderool MacTsquare was on his way. He was about to undertake the reconstruction of Stoodgy.

At a press conference the famed Arkitekt from Yukon U. stated, "Kilroianus erat hic . . . hic . . . hic."

Asked what changes were impending in the arkitekture of the Campoos, he slyly drew a five hundred pound, Bigger and Better than Ever, guaranteed quick results, Atom Bomb from his hip pocket, and whispered hoarsely, "There will be some changes made".

Taken on a conducted tour of Cathedral B-r-r-r-acks (open every day except Sunday, admission only 10c) he informed GAZOOTERS Fuzzter and Ghoul that he planned to redecorate the interior in pre-Paleolithic cave style to promote that "homey atmosphere", and at the same time to completely eliminate the exterior.

The Men's Residence posed another sort of problem. "Anyone with half an eye can see this structure has possibilities" quoth MacTsquare, "but what does he do with the other eye and a half?"

The interview was nearing its climax. MacTsquare asked your reporter if he would have a bottle of B— with him. Whereupon he poured five quarts down our neck, and politely asked if we felt the draught. However, knowing how to cross a street, we replied, "No tanks, we get our water from a tap."

MORAL: A stitch in time may mean that those wartime trousers will last two weeks instead of only one.

Henry—How is Smith?
Jerry Flat on his back.
Henry—Why, I saw him dancing with a dizzy blonde last night.
Jerry—So did his wife.

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