

## A Finale to The Cantanna Story

By Sam

It all began when Ekstien found her and brought her to Montreal. That's where A.J. met her. She was about twenty then and her hair was black like the night and her eyes as green as leaves just washed by rain. That was 1946. I was with A.J. in Montreal when he met her. I remember those singularly careless days: I watched the love affair flower and bloom; I saw the shadows fall over it slowly but irrevocably; I came with them back to Halifax and was through it all with them, right up to the horrible revelation of her past and the pathetic conclusion that followed.

You see, she was married to Ekstien and there was a child. But we did not know this then. I only knew A.J. and Catanna were in love and that things had to run their natural course. The marriage explained why she was continually going back and forth to Montreal. Of course Ekstien adored her, he must have, for he knew of A.J. and yet kept financing her trips. She said to me once: "I can't stand him, Sam. He's too weak in his love. I admire strength". But these domestic troubles were only incidental.

A.J. soon saw the impossibility of the situation. Love became pity and he knew her trouble was deep, that in her soul there was the evil gnawing of a dark past. And I remember well the night she told us all.

It was one September evening after we had known her a year. She told us how Ekstien had found her. It was 1945—in Europe—in a prison camp. She was a Spanish prisoner when the Army detail came into the camp. Ekstien noticed her at once for she was well dressed and well fed, a marked difference from the other prisoners. It was a simple explanation: a

beautiful girl who had known luxury and who couldn't face the degradation if there was a way out. There was. So she sold her body to her captors and lived out her days in bondage but in security.

So that was the girl Ekstien brought home and adored, and, perhaps, justly pitied. The girl who desecrated her beauty and of whom, it was said, had once stabbed an overly amorous paramour when fulfilling her unpious duties. And she was haunted by many an evil memory: good and evil warred within her and she fought bravely for the higher life—but she had been too deeply mired in the mud. Yet we cannot judge her. We can only sympathize. I recall her tears, and A.J.'s stony silence: "Am I to blame?" she cried. "I didn't ask for war. I didn't ask for the calousness of war."

Finally A.J. forced her to go back to Ekstien. It was the only answer. She wept and said she didn't know how to take serenity or the good things of life. It was pathetic; but she went.

But then one day in November a life that had known only violence ended in violence. As Ekstien said to us: "She had no heart. I guess she was just mixed up inside."

About the violence. She left Ekstien for a drive one afternoon. She kissed him goodbye and he thought it meant she was going to try to love him. But her drive was a one way affair. She rolled the car over a steep embankment and it came to rest as a ball of twisted steel. They found her in the wreck, glass in her lungs, looking with sightless askance at the uncomprehending sky. She wore a defiant and supercilious smile on her bleeding lips and they say she was like a lovely rose wilting its life away.

I want you to marry me. I want you to be the mother of my children."

The co-ed was flattered but suspiciously, she demanded: "How many children have you got?"

He: Is my face dirty, or is it my imagination?

She: Your face is clean, but I don't know about your imagination.

## T-Square

Hope springs eternal, or so the poet said. Anyway, undismayed by their fall from first place in Inter-Fac sports a few weeks back, the Engineers are now once more at the top of the heap and holding onto a slim lead over Law and Arts and Science. The \$64 question is, of course, how long will our precious margin last, and that is anyone's guess.

The basketball squad added its quota of points last week by downing Commerce 36-24 in a scrappy but hard fought game. Don Smith produced his usual number of excellent plays; at the close of the contest with about one nth of a second left. Bob Knight swished the ball through the hoop with a set-shot from away out that would have had Ozark Ike biting his nails!

And the hockey squad? Manager Bud Kingsbury and his not-so-merry men would perhaps appreciate a discreet silence at this point, but suffice it to remind the pessimists that the pucksters have not lost all their games this season. How many they have won, though, is a question better left unanswered!

(Late flash by bush telegraph) Hey, Snapper, want a marshmallow?

## Politics at the ISS Seminar

When a large number of students from various countries gather together, a very natural subject of discussion is politics and political philosophy. The second annual ISS Seminar in Holland last summer was no exception. The diversity of political backgrounds made these discussions all the more interesting.

The Canadian group was the most conservative group at the seminar and the only major group to stand for private enterprise. Although there was a sprinkling of "radical" CCF supporters, the majority of the Canadians tended to the Liberal or the Conservative points of view. The British group included both Tories and Socialists. On the whole, students from Continental countries were socialists; the Scandinavian group was the most solidly socialist block. The Germans and Italians, with their background of militant nationalism, were concerned mainly with understanding the new conception of a democratic framework within which either the socialist or the free enterprise system could work.

The question of communism naturally occupied an important position in the discussions. Since there were no communists present to defend the communist doctrine, the discussions centered around how to prevent the spread of communism. Dean de Konick of Laval refuted the communist philosophy, and it was generally accepted at the seminar that communism was not a practicable system for the West. Perhaps one of the most controversial proposals for stopping the westward expansion of communism was European Union. Although this proposal was favourably received by all the Continental students, albeit with some slight misgivings, the British students, Tories as well as Socialists, objected strenuously to the proposal as being very disadvantageous to Britain; it might be noted that the Tories objected notwithstanding the fact that their leader, Mr. Churchill, is at present the most prominent backer of European Union. Due to the fact that the seminar was held in Holland, considerable attention was paid to a practical experiment at present being carried out in European Union. The object of Benelux is complete economic union, to be achieved by degrees in a year or so. The Dutch admitted that they were encountering many difficulties, but they were quite confident that ultimately they would achieve their goal. It is to be hoped that this spirit will prevail throughout Western Europe to form a European Union in time to be an effective check on the westward expansion of communism.

## Mock Parliament...

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Donald and Art Moreira supported the bill on behalf of the MRP. The bill was passed.

Next debated was the CCF Bill for equalizing opportunity for education at the university level. Ned Cyr pointed out that many brilliant students have in the past, and will in the future, miss university education through lack of funds, unless the Gov't provides financial help. In reply, Ron Caldwell stated that the cost of such a plan would be too great to be met by the Government. Mr. O'Hara concurred with Caldwell's statement. Moyra Seegar of the PC Party replied that DVA had done a good job in the past and that it was time to do the same for others with intelligence—but no money. Charlie MacIntosh for the MRP stated their unanimous approval of the Bill, which was then passed—not without opposition.

The House quieted as Weldon Mathews, leader of the PC Party rose and made a motion that a vote of non-confidence in the government be given. The Opposition looked very smug—they knew they had a majority in the House. The Government expecting as much, didn't look very interested. Windy O'Neil and Art Moreira discoursed on the vices of the Government very lengthily. However, the House was far more interested in what Mr. Moreira was dangling in the air while speaking. Apparently it was an old heirloom of great value to him—a bottle opener and a feather on a chain. Bob Grant also spoke on the motion and then a vote was taken. The Government was defeated by a vote of 50 to 32.

In conclusion Doug Robertson spoke a few very well chosen words in saying that this had been the best attended and most enthusiastic Mock Parliament in many years. He went on to thank Mr. Fraser for having given so much of his time and ability in being with us. And for once the Liberals and the PC's were in complete accord, as W. Mathews reiterated the sentiments of Mr. Robertson. Rod Chisholm, leader of the CCF party thanked Mr. Batt, clerk of the House for the

## Battleground for Men's Minds Outside College

MONTREAL — (CUP) — "Too many universities are nothing but an uneasy no-man's-land between the opposing citadels of two rival ideologies," Dr. C. Frederick Frazer said yesterday in an address at McGill University. "And in a world divided . . . the defence of Western democracy depends on other than material armaments," continued the Director of the Institute of Public Affairs at Dalhousie, and Editor of the Canadian Quarterly, "Public Affairs".

"Canada must battle for men's minds. Cultural relations must be established between the countries and education must be more plentiful at home." All this should be done on a popular plane, that is, by the people, not by governments, according to Dr. Frazer. The Soviet Union has done it on a government plane, with the result that the intellectual resources of the Russian people have been mobilized in one direction—to Communism.

### D.V.A. CHEQUES

D.V.A. cheques for the month of February will be issued at the following hours on Monday and Tuesday, February 27 and 28, in the Men's Residence:

10:00, 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 p.m.

Students are asked to please make an effort to appear at the hours above stated.

### NOTICE

The Newman Club will have a Communion Breakfast this Sunday at 9:30 in the club rooms.

exacting job of recording the proceedings, also thanked Mr. Fraser and all present for their contribution to a very successful Mock Parliament. Mr. Fitzpatrick, of the MRP lead the "three cheers and a Tiger" for the Speaker, who in return said that he too thought this had been one of the best Mock Parliaments, with just the right blending of seriousness and humour." He left the House amid sincere and noisy applause.

## Joke Pot . . .

And what did the Professor say this morning?

Nothing.

Naturally, but just how did he express it this time.

A college senior was rushing a pretty co-ed. "Don't you get it?"

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