

After the Performance . . .



. . . the Cast Relaxes

Glee Club Show 'Finest Ever Staged'; Direction, Acting Defy Criticism

Machum and Hartling Star in Most Entertaining Play in Years: Critic Points Double Moral

By MORTON NORMAN

●LAST FRIDAY NIGHT'S performance of "You Can't Take It With You" pointed a double moral: one of course the obvious and intentional, and which, for the sake of argument, is neither here nor there. But the second moral (none the less obvious) is, however, much more pertinent: that one should not attempt to stage a play in the Gym on the night of the Engineer's banquet. It just won't work.

It was a bitter lesson to say the least—and perhaps the least said the better. But the fact remains that on Friday night Dalhousie missed an opportunity to enjoy the finest production the Glee Club has ever staged. And I hope—out of sheer spite—that we don't easily forget it.

If I had not felt so darned sorry for the cast on Friday night, I don't think I could have been persuaded to see the play again. I didn't want to spoil it. But I was curious to see just what the Glee Club could do before a truly appreciative audience. Well, I found out. And the result was so far above Friday night's performance that there was simply no comparison. It was excellent in every way, and one of the most successful and entertaining things I have ever seen.

Play Well Chosen

The play, to begin with, is an exceptionally good one, but not because I think Grandpa's philosophy very profound or moving. In fact, I agree with Mr. Kirby that the idea of "letting life come to you" is a bit preposterous — especially with characters like Donald roaming about. And in spite of a good, steady income, I still think I'd find it a bit difficult "to relax and enjoy life" with a basement full of fireworks, and Mr. De Pinna supervising things. In short, the Sycamores were all a bit crazy, and under the circumstances, I don't think Grandpa's philosophy the least bit applicable. Not to me at

any rate. But I still think it's an extremely interesting and amusing play—if nothing else—and only requires a good, rousing hamming-up to be successful. For that reason, it was an exceptionally good choice, involving less risk than almost any other play that might have been chosen. The script says that in the house of Martin Vanderhof "one question asked"; and that might, conceivably, explain away a whole multitude of sins.

Fortunately the play was extremely well cast, and the direction superb. Mr. Pigot deserves enormous credit for keeping the play precariously, just on the edge of burlesque. Which was highly appropriate; for with the exception of some very tender and appealing love scenes (which terms I use loosely) the play is sheer and utter farce, from beginning to end. Any other interpretation might have been interesting, but certainly not successful.

First Act Slow

My only criticism with the play as a whole was that I found the first act rather slow, and that I was a bit disappointed with the performances of Marion Withrow as Alice, and Lyn Burnett as Paul. Both seemed to have had much more confidence on Friday night—possibly because they felt that after the invasion nothing mattered anyway. In Miss Withrow's case, the audience's reaction on

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Federal M.P. Delivers Lecture; Sketches House Personalities

● ABOUT 100 DAL students had the pleasure of hearing Mr. E. M. MacDonald, Conservative financial expert in the House of Commons, speak about 'non-political politics' in Room Three of the Arts Building, last Wednesday. Mr. MacDonald, accustomed to the ways and wiles of college students, since he is a member of the Board of Queen's, entertained his audience with clever and complimentary sketches of the leaders of the various Canadian political parties and exhibited a keen sense of humour in the discussion of active participation in government affairs by the electorate.

Mr. MacDonald included in his discussion the topic of education, especially college education. In stressing what a student should gain from a college course, he quoted Churchill's recent statement that education should "broaden the minds, elevate views, and arm moral convictions". This was not the case, however, in actual practice, said Mr. MacDonald, adding that most students left college practically convinced that the world began in 1900, and considered such things as politics and government unworthy of their attention.

Democracy exists in only a few countries today, said Mr. MacDonald, and the foundation on which it rests, in these countries, is the party system. Only in nations with the party system in practice are there truly free elections, and Fascism can happen anywhere, even in these nations, if people are apathetic to national and international problems, and do not support the political parties.

Because of the existence of par-

ties, minority groups get a fair chance in our country, Mr. MacDonald claimed, as the defeated group always has an opportunity in the following election. He maintained that "elections without parties is like a card game with every card wild".

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Election Tues.; Polls in Forrest Bldg.; Men's Res. Common Room

The Dal student body will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 5th, from 9.00 A.M. until 6.00 P.M. in order to elect representatives to the Student Council and the various student societies. The polling booth for members of Forrest campus will be in the main lobby of the Forrest building. All other students will cast their ballots in the Common Room of the Men's Residence. Students must present their Students' Council Ticket at the polling booth.

Students Pack Gym to Hear Candidates Give Platforms

● CLOSE TO 500 students were in attendance in the Gym, Tuesday noon to hear candidates for the Student Council and D.A.A.C. leadership, speak. Council prexy, Larry Sutherland, presided over the meeting and informed the gathering that the Council had decided to drop its request for an increase of \$5.00 in student fees, but would still ask for \$3.00 for Pharos. He then introduced the speakers.

First to greet his cheering supporters was Clint Havey, Law nominee. Havey impressed the audience with his excellent style of address and spoke quite capably about the reasons why he thought the students should elect him, mentioning that his opponents had committed plagiarism on several of his platform planks, as had he on theirs, thus eliminating any need for a discussion of the three platforms. Havey also stressed the fact that his age gave him an advantage in experience over his youthful opponents.

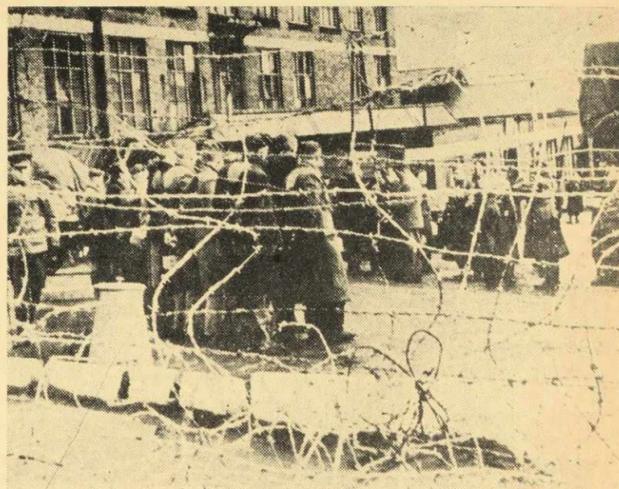
Supporters of the Med candidate, Dougger Roy, received the next chance to give their man vocal encouragement. Roy stressed the salient points in his program, which included better campus unity, improvements in the athletic setup, and a better showing of Dal spirit.

Third candidate for the presidential post was Bill Mingo, Arts and Science nominee. Mingo urged the audience to vote for the man best qualified for the position, rather than vote for a platform or a party. He openly accused Law and Medicine of exhibiting poor Dal spirit and said their candidates could not look out for the best

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I. S. S. Open Campaign On Campus for Dollar per Student

Want Voters to Sign Over Caution Deposit



● THROUGH THE LINES of barbed wire can be seen P.O.W.'s forming up under the watchful eyes of their German guards. These are the men the I. S. S. assisted during the war.

What Is The I.S.S.?

A constituent organization of the World Student Relief with headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland. The only international organization exclusively concerned with the welfare of students regardless of race, religion, or nationality. A center liaison between students, professors, and universities throughout the world. A co-operative organization through which "have" students help "have not" students. An agency for the promotion of universal student solidarity based on common interests, aims and achievements.

What Has It Done?

In peace time I.S.S. has used its funds to equip libraries and centers of recreation for students, to subsidize those in need, to promote international student exchange and international conferences. It aims to keep students everywhere in touch with one another and to further international co-operation. In war time I.S.S. acted primarily as a relief organization specifically for students in prison camps and occupied territories of Europe and China. I.S.S. representatives having had access to prison camps in Germany, brought books and study materials thus enabling students to continue their work towards a degree. Where necessary, notably in China, I.S.S. provided students with food and medical supplies. This aid was made possible by contributions from students of 14 different countries. In the period 1937-45, nearly \$1,850,000.00 was administered for student relief in 18 war devastated lands.

What Is It Doing?

In Europe the I.S.S. is chiefly concerned with the rehabilitation of displaced students and the reconstruction of universities in war ravaged countries. This program includes supplementary feeding, student loans and self-help projects, the upkeep of hostels and an international sanatorium for tubercular students. In China the present living conditions of the students are so deplorable that a very large proportion of the funds allotted to that field are being spent for the purchase of living essentials.

What Can We Do?

The very least we can and must do is to give generously. Be sure to sign over your Caution Deposit to the I.S.S., and make personal contributions to Connie Archibald, Alec Stewart, or to members of the Council or the S.C.M. Last year Acadia raised \$1,000.00 and Mt. Allison \$1,377.84 as compared with Dalhousie figures for 1945 of \$400.59 and for 1944 of \$592.58. THE OBJECTIVE IS ONLY \$1.00 PER STUDENT—SURELY DALHOUSIE CAN RAISE \$1200.00

What the I.S.S. Did for Us . . .

● IN MY EXPERIENCE as a P.O.W. for three years I can vouch for the value of the International Students Service. The libraries in our camp to a large extent were supplied by the I.S.S. Anyone desiring a book or a set of books merely wrote to that organization's Geneva office, and in due course, the request was usually granted. Books provided us "kriegies" with our most important and most enjoyable form of recreation. They were indispensable to a healthy state of mind. From a purely practical point of view I would like to point out that nearly 17,000 P.O.W.'s applied to write examinations during the war. Many of the books required for study purposes were obtained through the I.S.S. The work of the I.S.S. in aiding the youth of the liberated and conquered countries of Europe to re-establish university libraries is a vital one.



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GORDON S. BLACK.

● YOU WERE ASKING me about my experience with the work of the International Students' Service in actual practice. During recent years I studied for some time on the continent. Unfortunately I was not welcome at the best German Universities, but the Germans very kindly kept men in a nice quiet spot and erected a barbed wire fence to ensure that I wouldn't be subject to outside distractions while working.

As you probably know, classes were held in all prison camps on almost every conceivable subject and there was a constant need for text books for both teachers and pupils. During the eighteen months after the fall of France, all Red Cross transport was engaged in bringing food to us and it was upon the I.S.S. that we had to depend for books.

They did an excellent job in finding books in English in all parts of Europe and sending them to us. Later in the war they sent from England a constant supply of books, correspondence courses and information on educational matters, in answer to requests from the prisoners. A large percentage of the books in our well equipped libraries carried the stamp of the I.S.S. All prisoners were very grateful for the help given and I think that the I.S.S. certainly deserves any assistance we can give them to help carry on their work.

HARRY BURNS.

You Will Be Required to Show Your Students' Council Card When You Vote on Tuesday.

● FINAL INTERFACULTY debate to decide Bennett Shield winner will be held Tuesday, March 5th, Room 3, Arts Building, at 7.30 p.m. Arts & Science (2) will meet Law (1), the subject being, "Resolved that development of Socialism encourages war."

SUPPORT THE I.S.S.!!
SIGN OVER YOUR CAUTION DEPOSIT
WHEN YOU VOTE ON TUESDAY