

LETTERS

Sir:
Mr. Abbott, in his letter to you last week, trotted out the routine discovery that 'liberals' can see nothing but virtue in coloured men. I must protest: he must think I agree with him on at least one topic. So I should be grateful for the courtesy of your columns to announce that I have misgivings about Moise Tshombe: he seems to me to embody qualities other than virtue. Duplicity, for instance.

In any case, my objection to Mr. Abbott is not that he is a racist, but that he fills his column with tiresome eulogies of charismatic leadership — as if it had some peculiar excellence sui generis. He seems to value de Gaulle, for example, not because he is a good man, nor because he had done good, but because he is a powerful and determined man. This, Sir, strikes me as rubbish. Your political correspondent would so well to study power, not to worship it.

Yours sincerely
WILLIAM H. JAMES

BUCK JEERED AT TORONTO

TORONTO (CUP) — The aged frame of Tim Buck, leader of the Communist Party in Canada, swayed under an onslaught of boos, hisses and jeers at an overflow meeting at the University of Toronto.

Fellow-travellers seemed outnumbered by loudly anti-communistic students. Throughout Buck's address on 'Canada and the Common Market' his hecklers became more and more inflamed.

One angry young man cried 'Did the Communists kill your parents?' to the suggestion of 'Grow up!' by a more tolerant listener.

Persisting through the explosion, Mr. Buck warned that the Atlantic Trading Community is 'bound to result in a process of political unification under West Germany.'

ON CAMPUS

Thursday, Jan. 25
12 noon WUSC Panel Discussion Room 234
SCM Lecture Series Memorial Room 8:00-10:30 — Skating

Friday, Jan. 26
Med Society Dance — Dal Gym
Dal Com Movie, Room 21
Pharmacy Ball - Nova Scotian Hitel

Saturday, Jan. 27
Skating 3:00-5:30
SCM International Dinner, Pine Hill.

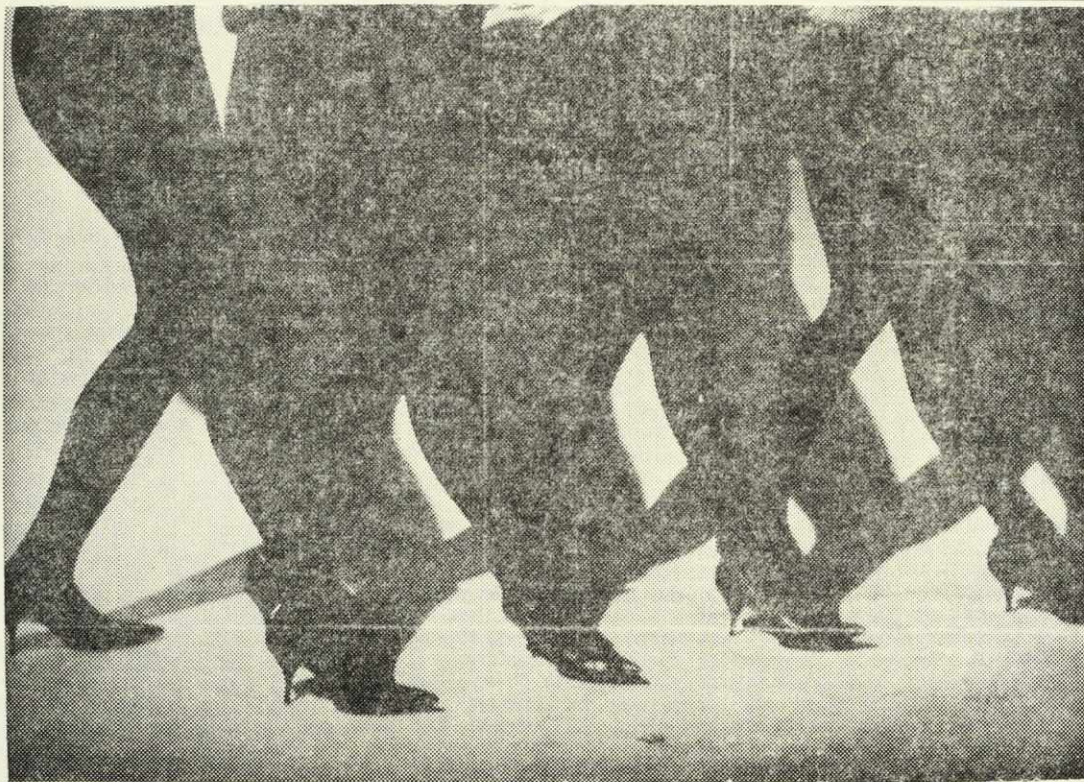
Monday, Jan. 29
Hockey: Dal vs. fourth place
Nursing Ball — Lord Nelson Hotel

U of A student expelled from MRA conference

EDMONTON (CUP) — A University of Alberta student was expelled from the Moral Re-Armament conference in Petropolis, Brazil last month for refusing to arms in the holy war.

Bentley Le Baron, features editor of *The Gateway*, was invited to attend the international MRA "Assembly of the Americans" — halfway through the proceedings he was sent back to Edmonton.

"I would have been glad to keep my mouth shut and just listen and learn," Mr. Le Baron said. "But it seems to be part of their program to insist on some sort of firm commitment from anyone attending such a conference. And when we realized that there was a definite divergence of feeling in my case, they asked me to leave."



YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE LEGS LIKE THIS to try out for the Black and Gold Review to be held March 12 following the "X" hockey game. All societies should be represented. Entries must be sent to Black and Gold Committee, c/o Council Office, by February 1, 1962. To make the '62 review, your entry is needed. Censoring will be practically unlimited. (Photo by Risley)

Soviet studies for McMaster

HAMILTON (CUP) — A department of Russian studies has been established at McMaster University.

Dr. H.G. Thode, university president, said the establishment of the department 'gives full recognition to the growing need for Russian language and related courses in the university's arts, science and engineering curricula.'

He emphasized that the new department will facilitate Russian orientation and research in both arts and science. 'It will also provide courses dealing with the U.S.S.R.'s cultural, economic and scientific development.'

Chairman of the department, Dr. Louis J. Shein, said an honors course, qualifying graduating students to teach Russian at the high school level will be offered.

Dr. Shein said the courses will 'give unlimited scope for honors graduates in industry, journalism, and government where Russian-speaking personnel are sorely needed.'

"They were, for the most part, quite decent and gentlemanly about it," he added.

MRA is a world-wide 'ideological offensive' against communism and various other ills which trouble mankind. According to the late Frank Buchman, founder of MRA, the evils in this world stem from a failure to live by 'the four absolutes': absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness, and absolute love.

"They knew that I was very interested in the problems of international relations, and in a new kind of society based on a new kind of man," Le Baron said. "That was behind their decision to send me to Brazil. They knew that I was committed to the notion of personal integrity and intelligence as a basis for social regeneration."

"We found agreement on the thesis that improvements in social structure must depend on improvements in individual 'morality' — not the other way about, as the Marxists have traditionally claimed."

"What the MRA people didn't realize (nor did I), is that we were to disagree quite forcefully over methods," Le Baron reported. "I have no quarrel with their aims, and inasmuch as they are genuinely changing many lives for the better, I am an enthusiastic supporter."

"But I am not personally attracted to some of their methods," Le Baron said he found their "strongly militant orientation" to be inconsistent with their desire for peace and their absolute standard of love.

"I was asked to leave because I stood for what they called a 'philosophic' approach, and for far too much flexibility, which they called 'moral dishonesty'. In return I labelled them 'rigid' and their methods 'mass emotionalism' — so they handed me my return ticket to Edmonton."

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The Dal-Kings SCM Saturday is holding an International Dinner at Pine Hill College. Students are invited and tickets — costing \$1.00 each — are available from SCM cabinet members or at the door. But the number is limited. Films will be shown after the dinner.

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