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It all depends

The way that a man conceives of himself is essential to his whole political and moral make-up.

If he sees himself as a whole and completely developed independent human being, he will have different political aspirations than if he considers himself open to development and very much dependent on other men.

Even though these questions of dependency and the individual's relationship to society are probably at the root of much of the political confrontation today (be it Vietnam, Greece, or even in Canada) they are the last questions which are discussed when international topics arise.

There are, we well know, those who conceive of government merely as a service organization, providing roads, schools, even old age pensions, in a sort of ferris-wheel allotment. They know that barring unexpected or premature death, they will receive a service in return for every quarter they deposit in Ottawa's insatiable ticket box.

There are, on the other hand, those who consider the government to be a reflection of the values of the whole society, an organization which, through proper and free debate and polarization, can determine the over-all good for their total society. What is "good" for a drug company may be very "bad" for society as a whole. In fact, in light of the possibility of a single action appearing to be good to the individual while actually being harmful to the aggregate, at least one of the other of these values is a false one. (This is of course assuming that such values have any sort of objective continuity).

It seems most reasonable that the concept of individually determined morality is the one at fault. Some would even go so far as to say an action's merit can only be established when

that whole part of society affected by the action is judge of the merit.

Furthermore, it is unreasonable for man to pretend that he can be self sufficient and self fulfilling. One can only see oneself as a reflection of and in comparison to others. A deformed, limbless cripple can only know through comparison with others of the human race, that he has not the full facilities which could be his. A physical mirror is not sufficient. He can only see his faults through comparison with others.

Presumably the thing which gives man his humanness is the fact that he is rational. It is the exploitation of the potential which this rational character gives him which should presumably be his goal in his development.

Just as the mirror and comparison with other visages can allow a man to judge his physical self, so comparison and interaction with other minds are necessary to provide the criticism, polarization, analysis, and hopefully synthesis which allow real progress of man's intellectual state.

A man's humanness, then, is dependent on other men. First of all, he can not even conceive of himself except as a reflection of others. And secondly, the development of the potential derived from his rational character depends on men working together. Man owes his existence and civilization to his society. He owes progress to his society. Society is not separate from him. He is a part of it, and it a part of him. Having achieved material comfort and some degree of educational progress (both, no doubt, by borrowing from and synthesizing various minds that have preceded him) he cannot suddenly disown any responsibility to society. Just as the great minds have given to society before him, he must conceive of his role as helping society to progress and liberate itself.

Canada speaks out

FROM Toronto Star
Canada's call for an unconditional halt to the American bombing of North Viet Nam has, predictably, met resentment in Washington.

A Star dispatch yesterday said administration officials regard it as "unwarranted public meddling" in American affairs.

The United States is so powerful that it can, if it chooses, disregard cautionary advice from both friends and foes — except when it collides with the vital interests of that other super-power, the Soviet Union.

But since the manner in which Washington handles this immense power can obviously tip the world balance toward peace or war, its foreign policies are everybody's business. We would all have to pay some part of the horrible price of a nuclear World War III.

This may justify any nation, even the United States' best friend, in speaking out when it judges that the U.S. is taking an unwarranted risk or blocking a possible avenue to peace.

The Canadian government so judges the American bombing in Viet Nam, and External Affairs Minister Paul Martin used the most appropriate public forum to say so when he spoke to the United Nations General Assembly. So the accusation of meddling does not stand up.

As Mr. Martin was careful to point out, no one can promise that a bombing halt would bring Hanoi to the conference table.

A 37-day cessation in late 1965 and early 1966 failed to do so. The Ho Chi Minh government, whether from stubbornness or from excessive mistrust of U.S. intentions, has already passed up opportunities to gradually negotiate the Americans out of Viet Nam.

One thing seems certain, though — that Hanoi will not allow itself to be bludgeoned into suing for peace. Far from sapping North Viet Nam's resistance, 2 1/2 years of American bombing has stiffened its determination. It has also prompted more Russian military aid to Hanoi, heightened the danger of Chinese intervention, and disgraced the United States before world opinion.

Whether it leads to peace or only to a limitation of the war, an end to the bombing is urgently needed. Mr. Martin and the Pearson government deserve credit for adding Canada's voice to all those, inside and outside the United States, which are trying to restrain the perilous excesses of American policy in Asia.

There are occasions when any self-respecting nation should take a stand at the risk of incurring Washington's displeasure. This is one of them.



Thanks Anyway LBJ, We Don't Want It Back!

Key new development

Canada's forthright stand surprises Viet observers

By WILLIAM R. FRYE
The Toronto Star

EDITOR, THE GAZETTE, SIR:
Upon reading the last issue of the Gazette, I came to one conclusion. It is largely composed of trash. I am embarrassed that such a paper comes out here. I believe that it is the responsibility of the press to represent the people that they are serving. The Gazette does not do this.

For example, I feel that the paper is far too oriented towards the leftist views of the editor. The news about the NFL may be fine in small quantity but it is neither meaningful nor relevant to most of the students here. The editor has every right to his own views, but he does NOT have the right to hoist them on the rest of the student body.

Also, the news is not accurately reported. Why was Ashworth's brief on the Senate entitled "Another Berkeley or the Student Discipline, 'The Gestapo'"? It was not intended to be such. You do an injustice to both our president and to the students who are led to believe that this is true.

As it is, the students are not being fairly treated. Campus news is being kept to a bare minimum and even that is not accurate. It is unfortunate indeed that students have to rely on such a rag to learn about their university.

Jennifer Johnson
ARTS IV.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The significant new element in Viet Nam diplomacy, top UN sources say, is that now for the first time, North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries such as Canada and Denmark have spoken out publicly against the bombing of North Viet Nam.

Previously the public pressure on President Johnson in this direction has come from neutralists like UN Secretary-General U Thant, from the Soviet bloc, and from France. NATO allies have kept their dissent private.

The reason for the switch is, in part, immense pressure from public opinion within NATO countries, and in part a haunting fear of Soviet bloc and/or Chinese intervention.

Specific reports of an "agree-

ment" by Moscow and Peking to send large numbers of volunteers to fight with the Viet Cong are discounted. But the impelling logic of events, it is said, points toward a wider war if something is not done urgently to de-emphasize it.

MARTIN

Nothing can be done without a bombing halt, it is now being said both publicly and privately. This was, for example, the thesis of Canadian External Affairs Minister Paul Martin in the 122-nation UN General Assembly Wednesday.

Danish Prime Minister Jens Otto Krag also told a Washington audience the same day he did not "consider it realistic to get negotiations started" without a bombing halt.

Both men said they realized the United States would be taking

a risk. They did not publicly define the risk, but its dimensions are considered obvious.

It is that the United States would be trapped in a prolonged, inconclusive negotiation while the war continued, with the enemy fighting at newly acquired, though relative, advantage.

Against this risk, excellent sources here are offering the following informed estimates:

—That in such a situation, the Soviet Union would exert meaningful pressure in the direction of a settlement. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has avoided saying so, but high-ranking Westerners here who have talked with him believe it to be the case.

AMBIGUITY

—That North Viet Nam would, in fact, negotiate. There has been apparently carefully calculated

Your Council

By PETER CRAWFORD

It is an old adage that you must crawl before you can waddle, and it can safely be said that the Council has reached this stage. I would suggest that the over-night seminar this past weekend has contributed immeasurably to this, their present situation. At their own expense, eleven of the members spent Saturday evening until Sunday afternoon in discussing their role as members and the role of the council on campus.

Dennis Ashworth said, "Our purpose is not only to give a service or to entertain, but to educate in the broadest sense. Thus a new concept of the council as Legislators and not merely Administrators has come into force.

This change will not be easy, as is evident in the resignation of Ann MacDonald of Graduate Studies. Her reasons for resigning seem to be that she feels council should merely be concerned with issues which can be put into effect on campus with the least amount of trouble.

Although this is one attitude, it is certainly much too narrow to be acceptable to an academic community.

I would suggest therefore that the council made the correct decision in accepting her resignation in the light of what they hope to accomplish this year.

The Senate brief that was passed last week calling for student representation on the Academic Senate of the University is a good example of the direction in which the Council wants to go.

A conflict of opinion will be brought into the open again at the next meeting. Bill MacDonald (Law) passed a motion to have the Declaration of the Canadian Student discussed at the next meeting (Next Tuesday, Room 234 of the A & A). As well, it will be decided on which resolution of the CUS Congress should be discussed (another first at Dal).

In two weeks time we shall see another first. For those members of the student body who do not know their President, Dennis Ashworth will be speaking in the canteen, probably in relation to the student representation on the Senate. Questions will be answered, so get to your representative, or drop into the Council Office in the Canteen if you would like to learn some of the basic factors involved.

ambiguity on this point in both the public and private statements of Hanoi. On one private occasion a North Vietnamese official gave three different responses in the same conversation to the question of whether there would be negotiations if the bombing stopped.

JUSTIFY

Nevertheless, experienced diplomats here believe there has been enough from Hanoi to justify the conclusion there would be talks — at least between the United States and North Viet Nam, and quite possibly on a wider scale.

It could not have been easy, they point out, for such close allies of the United States as Canada and Denmark — particularly Canada — to make a public break with Washington.

Goldberg's softer statement of the American position last week — the fact that he made preconditions for a bombing halt implicit rather than explicit — is welcomed here as improving the American posture in the UN.

Political Science Lecture

A. F. Plumtre, authority on international finance and principal of Scarborough College, University of Toronto, will deliver a public lecture at Dalhousie University on Oct. 10.

Sponsored by the department of political science, the lecture The Atlantic Countries and Aid to the Third World will be given at 8:30 p.m. in Room 117 of the Sir James Dunn Science Building.

Mr. Plumtre, before taking his position at Scarborough College in 1965 spent 20 years in Canadian public service. He served as assistant deputy minister of finance in Ottawa and as an executive director of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington, D.C.

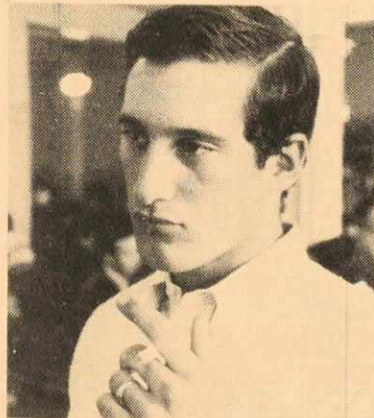
In addition to his earlier career as a public official he held posts with the department of external affairs, in its economic division in Ottawa and also as minister-counsellor in the Canadian delegation to NATO in Paris.

During the 1930s, Mr. Plumtre was assistant professor of political economy at the University of Toronto. Both in the university and in government his main work has related to international finance, particularly international finance. His best-known book, Central Banking in the British Dominions which was published 25 years ago, is still considered a basic contribution to the subject.

Mr. Plumtre received his education at Upper Canada College, the University of Toronto and King's College, Cambridge, and also acted as associate editor of Saturday Night for a time.

Interview

Dave Osherow, Science Councilman



Linda Gillingwater
managing editor

Thousands of Americans are fleeing from the States, Dave Osherow, Science rep, is one.

The draft he was trying to dodge wasn't Uncle Sam's but Hugh Hefners, Jersey-born Osherow says that he is tired of American students attitudes toward education "which is in Playboy." For his fellow Americans "the sum and substance of being in college beyond getting a degree is to have a blast and get drunk."

He is here for another reason and, he noted, "this is truism." "I was looking for a small school giving me an opportunity to participate in a meaningful way at an organizational level."

In past years Osherow has led the male cheerleaders, the basketball statisticians and "a bunch of other things."

This fall Osherow headed up the orientation programme. "It was considerably more successful than in past years, he felt, because of the "more mature approach in orienting

freshman." Hazing was nonexistent.

This year's batch of freshman will complete a degree programme in three years. Osherow feels the course should have an extra year, "to give yourself a period of soul searching, re-evaluation of goals, motives, and one's philosophy of life."

There are opportunities and facilities at Dal he noted but "enough emphasis isn't placed by the Administration on the maturation process."

Dal is limited further because of its isolation. In order to pro-

mote a cultural and academic atmosphere on campus the administration and campus organizations should "be bringing in people to introduce students to new ideas and to explain the old ones to them."

In the present set up students are forced to choose a career, he said, "before they have evaluated themselves as persons in a Western culture."

Next year another refugee from the Playboy philosophy will join him. Dave is engaged to a Bostonian Biology and Economics Education major. She will support him for the next four years. Because they can only see each other in intermittent periods during the year, when he is not "doing my homework", Dave spends most of his leisure time "reading whatever I happen to get a hold of very fast", doing council business, and attending Sunday afternoon concerts — except when it rains. He unfortunately missed Eric Hawkins and his dance company because "I'll be damned if I'll go out in the rain."