

North America:

A Fool's Paradise?

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Hate!
Shout hate into every home.
Learn to hate unsparingly. Hate!
Carry it to all quiet alleys.
Teach flowers to hate. Hate!
Everywhere and at all times,
Even hate while at the coffee
table, Hate!

Be now my friend, be my
companion,
Lead the hand that's on my
sword. Hate!
Return to my pen. Become the
song of all songs. Hate!

And no love? No love!
Only hate can seek revenge.
Hate!

And rising in hot hate now is the
working class against its
enemies!

This poem was translated from the German in an East German newspaper called "Freedom". It was translated by Hans Foerstal, a graduate from the University of New Brunswick in Engineering, a former resident of West Germany, who is today a Canadian citizen. Mr. Foerstal spoke at the University of New Brunswick last week on his experiences as a student in Germany at the Free University of Berlin, through the auspices of WUSC and the International Affairs Club.

He stated, "I think it is a tragic thing that the population of North America, through its insularity, peace, and prosperity, is so far from realizing the actual world situation and conditions."

Mr. Foerstal gave a concise analysis of the political situation in Berlin where the eastern part of the city, which was formerly the Russian zone of occupation after the second world war, is today Communist. He pointed out that West Berlin has enjoyed an economic boom in the past few years to such an extent that the people are becoming too engrossed in their higher standard of living. On the other hand, in East Berlin Mr. Foerstal pointed out, "The success of infiltration of Communist socialist ideology into every day of life is complete. Education has been taken over completely."

He went on to describe how even opera programs are instruments of propaganda: with a performance of "La Boheme", pictures are issued of the slums of Paris. "From museums to kindergartens, all must bow to the doctrine," he said.

The control of economy in East Berlin is so rigid that black-market activities are ignored by the government, with regard to such articles as batteries for radios or motorcycle parts. Newspaper articles are written in a primitive style, with "usually very childish headings."

Mr. Foerstal declared that traffic control is occasional between the two zones and is usually quite lax during nights when there are theatre performances in one zone or the other. He praised the international press of West Berlin and maintained, "It is only through the personal commitment of learning a language and culture that we come to know others and partake of their world."

He insisted that the western powers do not have the dignity that they should have, that the ideals of democracy at best are

a secondary concern to hungry, unemployed people.

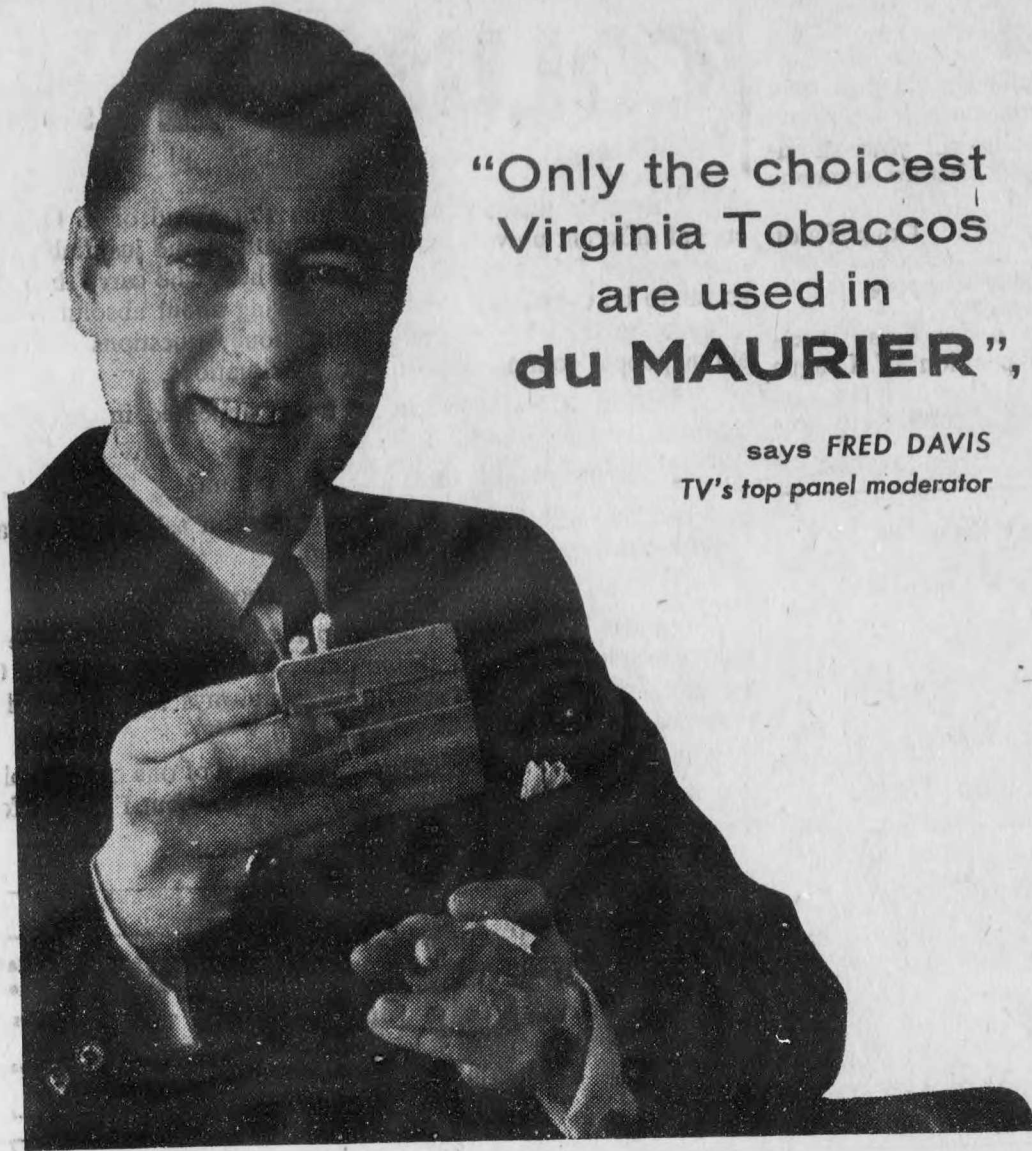
With regard to the East German attitude, Mr. Foerstal recalled an almost total lack of curiosity, self confidence, and a firm belief in the infallibility of their government. "They don't want to know any more."

Insisting that Canada's role is to bring the colossus of America and the colossus of Russia together, Mr. Foerstal stated, "We are not doing our part now. We have a great position in the world to fulfill, in the political sphere, especially."

He also advocated a program of more practical help from the western countries to the underdeveloped ones, such as enabling foreign people to be trained in technical methods on a larger scale in our economically advanced countries.

The objective view of a UNB student is more than valuable. It presents more vividly a situation of which most of us are aware only from the dimness of headlines. But is Mr. Foerstal justified in maintaining the view that prosperity has dulled our awareness of reality?

There are approximately seven-hundred students at the University of New Brunswick. There were twenty-two people present at Mr. Foerstal's lecture.



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