

Point of View

The Common Market

by Daniel Lingeman

"It just won't happen. Public opinion is against it and this will prevail in the end." — Lord Beaverbrook, CP news item, Oct. 21, 1961.

Britain is thinking of joining the two politico-economic groups. It will be interesting to see whether she will do so or heed Lord Beaverbrook's alarm. With all respect to the Chancellor, the odds may be against him, as they have been for the most of the century. It is not essential to be an admirer of "Tory leaders in the United Kingdom" referred to by Lord Beaverbrook, to wonder whether they are really as Machiavellian as they have been made out to be. After all, they do have electors to face every few years, and, if they are talking of joining the European Common Market, it is presumably with their electors' interests in mind. If not, the Labour Opposition would soon remind them of this.

It is hard to see how the E. C. M. could damage Canada. On the contrary, it may well increase the demand for Canadian goods and please the Glassco commission by substantially reducing the number of our commercial representatives, since, if and when the dream of European unity becomes realized, we will be dealing with one and not a score or more of nations. As for the Commonwealth, it should still be in existence. Moreover, there may not be one, but two—our own, and the European—bound together by ties of friendship and trade, with Britain providing an important link between

the two politico-economic groups.

While it may be profitable to criticize others, it is also a rather good idea to put one's own house in order and initiate policies of one's own, rather than admonish policies which may prove useful in the long run. Britain's virtue lies in planning ahead. In Britain, planning is not a taboo as it too often is here, at least in government. Thus, most of us admit to the necessity of planning most activities, but not when it comes to government. Eventually, however, we may come to learn the importance of government planning. We have a cultural lag to overcome and it does take time for new ideas to be accepted.

In the meantime, let us try to get out of our shell, stop carping at the British and Americans. It is not to our advantage when we infer, often too hastily, that policies by others will be harmful. In the past we have made some very useful suggestions to the UN and other international organizations. Today our representatives in the UN are advocating a count on fallout. Perhaps the best way to gain support in the future for ourselves and our ideas is to support progressive measures by others and not to merely invent fancied grievances. The European Common Market is a case in mind.

PRAVDA JOKES

One day Kennedy got Khrushchev on the phone and said:

"Look here, K., you believe in peaceful competition. Instead of an arms race, let's you and I rave over a hundred yards of the Sahara Desert. If I win, then the world goes Capitalist. If you win, then the world goes Communist."

Khrushchev, who can never re-

sist a trial of strength, in spite of his age, took up the challenge. The race was held, with Ferhat Abbas and de Gaulle as umpires. Alas for Karl Marx, Kennedy won.

For two days, Pravda was silent about the result of the race. Then on the third day, it came out with a banner headline:

KENNEDY LAST BUT ONE.



Camera Club

Ambitious Camera Club plans indicate a highly successful year for amateur photographers at UNB. Negotiations to obtain space in the Art Center for a permanent display of photographs are under way and a special exhibition, possibly featuring a selection of prints from across Canada, is being planned.

Camera Club members, whether beginners or veterans, will be greatly interested in this year's program. Early meetings will be concerned with talks or lectures on the printing and developing of black and white pictures. After the fundamentals have been grasped, such advanced techniques as processing of color films and prints, use of filters, various types of color films and special purpose films will be presented.

For those who wish to do their own processing the darkroom in the basement of the Forestry and Geology Building is available, courtesy of the Geology Department, and is very well equipped.

The Camera Club functions best with a large and active membership and it is hoped that many students will take advantage of the opportunities offered by this organization. Meetings will be held every two or three weeks and the time and place will be announced by bulletin board notices.

PURELY WHIMSICAL

with Wayne Anderson

I have contemplated suicide, chronic alcoholism, and theft, but none of these would really solve my problem. I doubt even if Ryder Hart would be of much help. The solution, I am afraid is beyond both of us. Perhaps my relating the disturbance will be of some therapeutic value.

You see, I am a normal, carefree student—in fact, I am extremely carefree for I still haven't bought my books, without which I can't really be expected to do much work. It is not that I am negligent; I have, in fact, even saved the vast sum of money necessary for such purchases as my courses require. It would seem that the focal point of the problem is the UNB Bookstore. They just do not have the books.

I went down town. "Yes, ma'am. UNB texts." She gave me a sympathetic smile, but no texts. My heart sank right down to my hush-puppies. Noticing this, she hastened to add that she thought they could be found at the UNB bookstore. I thanked her and left, not wishing to destroy her child-like faith in the efficiency of her business competitors.

It seems that our bookstore can buy and resell the books prescribed for our courses at reduced prices, so they have the field to themselves. Good for the University. I suppose it means extra revenue with which to build UNB bigger and better. But not good for the students. We just do not get enough books to go around.

Classes have been in session for over one month, and here I am short three of the six texts being used in my course right now. It is rather frustrating when the prof says to read pages 81-125 for the next day, while I sit there blankly watching all those who, having books, are eagerly marking the pages. I picture them in the evening reveling in the assigned tasks, having a ball, while my lack of reading material compels me to fill my evenings with girls and movies. Better planning at the bookstore would preserve students like myself from such mental deterioration.

I have heard several other students voicing similar complaints. They too have a sub-conscious drive to compensate for their inadequacy, a need which, if not fulfilled, could turn into all kinds of frightful neuroses. We do not want warped students. In the name of normality, we must have books!

The fault might lie with the professors. Perhaps they fail to make accurate estimates of the size of the classes. Whatever the cause of the trouble, one fact is evident—a little better organization and foresight is necessary if we are to have our books in time. It would certainly be appreciated.

A possible solution: If each professor would take a few moments from one of his final spring lectures to ask the students which courses in his subject they plan to take next year, he would have a fairly accurate idea of the number of books required.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Constance H. Richard, a native of Boston and a graduate of Wellesley (B.A. '57) and Radcliffe Colleges (M.A. '61), has been appointed lecturer in the department of Classics, replacing Dr. M. E. Milham, who

is on sabbatical leave.

During the summer of 1958 she studied at Mexico City College and in 1959 at the University of Madrid. From 1957 to 1959 she taught Latin and Greek in day school in Illinois.

Interviews for students seeking part-time employment will be held in the Conference Room of the Student Centre from 7-9 p.m., tonight, Tuesday, October 31st. This part-time employment starts immediately and full-time employment this summer, with opportunity for travel across Canada.

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