

Notes Released with Quite Some Unacademic Steam

"They say the Reds are mean and dirty, And, sure, won't send one under thirty . . ." So goes the chant in Common Room, While NFCUS, with more stately gloom, Exchanges pros and cons. They say, "It would be nice to have a day When East and West could get together. The usual talk at Dal's the weather. Let's change it." Good. But here's the catch: They also say, "But who's a match For propagandists trained and cunning?" (Those clever Russians! always dunning Marxism into elementary chem. Scholars. Philosophy for them? Hasn't the Eastern mind yet heard Of rationing the printed word? Or is it, p'raps, we're just plain scared?) "And", says NFCUS "we're a-feared The Press would make a loud to-do." (And who is right? The Press or you? Press men have cried like babes, by gad, Forecasting the fall of Leningrad!) "Alas", says NFCUS, "the administration Would think us readers of *The Nation* If we played host to the Russian herd." (Sworn enemies of stocks, preferred— The source—or so it seems to me— Of backers-of-Dal's philanthropy). "Rank fellow travelers' we'd be called", Says NFCUS, "and we are appalled. But there it is. The label sticks With the staying power of a thousand ticks. We can't afford it." (Sticks and stones As well, remember?, break bones). And clever theologs have seen The sly shade of a big Red Dean! "From all of this", did NFCUS say, "Russia'll make propaganda hay". At the same time, without a blush, a Bright boy said, "Why back in Russia They wouldn't let them tell the truth". Let's laugh uproariously at this youth. He has himself in quite a fix: You'll note the stories just don't mix. The admin's speeches, the Press reports, Will take precedence over sports In Pravda ('propaganda-hay', As NFCUS puts it. But fella, say, Though Press and admin may be sore, Is 'propaganda' the right word? Sure? To tell the truth is to propagandize?) "They only tell the people lies!" Enough of this. Let's stop the chatter And get on to the important matter: Invite them! It's the only way To, know for sure what they have to say. Yes, there is some Truth yet to find, And Certainty, and Quiet kind. Bull-sessions, too—a place to pass The differences away . . . Oh, has Dal not moved since '63? And must we have no samovar tea?—Archer

C.S.C. to Search For Public Service Material

This year, Canadian universities will again be visited by officers of the Civil Service Commission bent on finding students who show promise for careers in the Public Service of Canada. Beginning in late November, Civil Service Examiners will go across the country giving information and encouragement to undergraduates wanting summer employment and to graduates looking for the best fields in which to exercise their new mental equipment.

The Commission, too, has new equipment. Graduates will be glad to be confronted with revised salary scales which bear comparison with those offered by private firms. The exact figures have not yet been released, but when they are, students may be surprised at the opportunities open to them. Picking at random from classes advertised thus far, one finds that an engineer of almost any type can be appointed at a salary between \$3000 and \$4000 depending on what he has to offer in return. Physics students may begin to work in the field of meteorology at something between \$3000 and \$4000. And graduates of any faculty who are interested in administrative work may compete for salaries of \$2600 to \$3600.

The range of Government needs this year is as wide as ever. The Department of Insurance requires an Examiner of Companies in the Province of Quebec, and the Department of National Defence wants a History Professor for the Royal Military College in Kingston. There will probably be jobs for Dietitians and Ornithologists, Geologists and all sorts of agricultural specialists. In short, almost any first rate graduate may sooner or later find opportunities in the Public Service.

The Commission has in the past felt obliged to use a safe but comparatively slow method of recruiting which has resulted in job-hungry students snapping at the facile offers of private concerns. This year, however, the Commission is making a serious attempt to speed up its processes in order to cut down those anxious, uncharted gaps between application, examination, interview and offer.

With the money available, efforts are being made to solve the problem of communication. Many people just never hear about Civil Service opportunities, or else the advertising which comes their way fails to stimulate application. Publicity material of many kinds, pamphlets, charts, posters, newspaper ads, circulars, and personal contacts will be used.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

*It was the night before Christmas
And down every street
The wind was in mourning
And, oh, how the sleet
Whip-lashed men's faces
And bounced 'neath the light
Of a street lamp that stood there
Alone in the night.
And incidentally, with night in her heart
Loitered a harlot whom all had forgot.*

It is hoped that this material will also serve to advertise the real advantages of Government employment. Canadian national maturity is bringing with it large numbers of thoughtful young people who are prepared to give their country civil as well as mili-

tary service. Those who desire an intimate picture of Civil Service employment at Ottawa should arrange to see representatives of the Civil Service Commission when they make their visits to the Universities during the next month.

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