

IN FAVOR OF FANNY

Wish we were in Vancouver. We too would stand in the park and sing and chant. The Gateway salutes Fanny and her friends. We appreciate people who believe strongly enough to take a stand. We appreciate the

methods which the sons and daughters of freedom have lately turned to. We go so far as to appreciate some of their requests. We would like to see Canada and B.C. unbend, come down off their pedestals, and negotiate.

IN FAVOR OF VETS

NEED

The need for a School of Veterinary Medicine in the Canadian West is unquestioned both by federal and provincial governments. In 1958, a committee headed by Dr. Andrew Stewart, then President of U of A, estimated that Western Canada would need another 540 vets by 1980. Even if construction was started immediately, it would be almost ten years before the first class of graduates was ready to begin

practice. This all points to one course of action: immediate settlement of cost-sharing questions, immediate settlement of the question of where the school is to be located, and an early start on actual establishment of the school. We commend the action taken so far, while deploring the fact that it has been so long in coming. Continued vigorous and aggressive consideration of the question is mandatory.

COST

An conservative estimate of the cost of establishing a Veterinary faculty in the West is \$2,500,000, according to the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association. This sum sounds impressive, but compared to the \$40,000,000 lost annually in Alberta alone due to livestock disease it shrinks considerably. The cost of establishing the school is only 1/16 of the cost of losses for one province for one year. The Government of Alberta recognizes this fact. In a telephone interview with Harry Strom, Minister of Agriculture, The Gateway was told that Alberta has offered to build the school if the federal government will share the

capital costs. We feel that other Western provinces should be expected to contribute to operating expenses on a per student basis. This would be necessary because of the high operating costs of a veterinary school. Costs in the U.S. average about \$2,000-\$2,500 per student per year, in Quebec about \$3,000, and in Ontario, about \$4,000. This adds up to a figure well in excess of \$500,000 per year. Since all four western provinces would benefit from the college, it is reasonable to expect them to contribute directly to the operating costs.

LOCATION

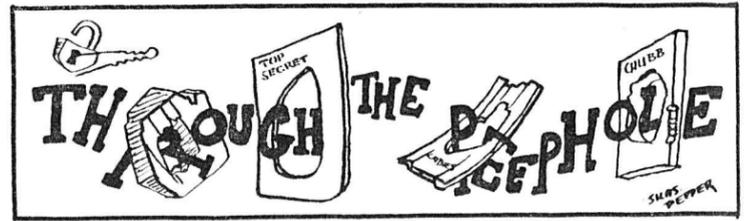
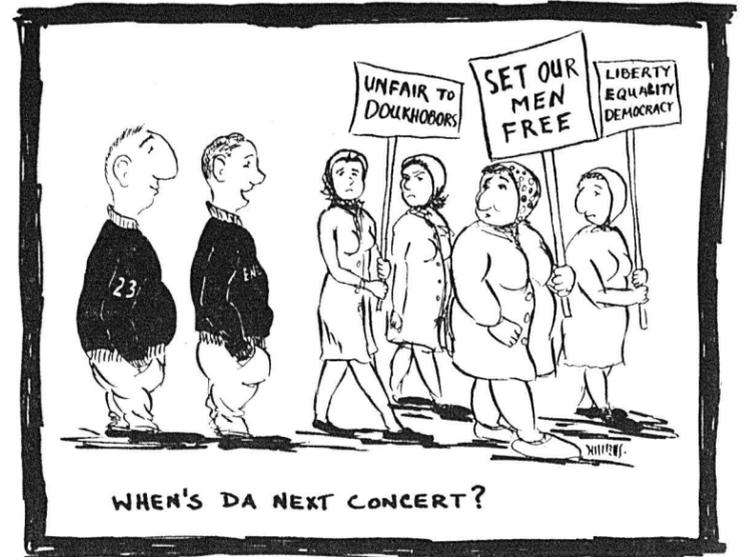
Location of the Western college is the second half of the problem. Without any exhibition of characteristic modesty, we believe it would be folly to establish anywhere but in Alberta, in Edmonton. An examination of facts bears out our statement. Alberta is now the chief livestock producer in Western Canada, with income from livestock equivalent to 78 per cent of the income of the other three provinces combined. We are the leading producer of sheep and cattle, second in hogs, and third in dairying in all of Canada. The Gordon Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects forecast the greatest expansion in livestock will occur in Alberta. Growth in 1961 amounted to a 9 per cent gain, greatest of any province.

Any veterinary school must be surrounded by a high livestock population in order to provide opportunities for clinical experience in the senior years. This thriving population already exists in the Edmonton area. Affiliation with a university is necessary because of the dependence on other faculties and departments such as agriculture, biochemistry, zoology, pharmacy, even medicine . . . already here. Members of the faculty here have recognized the need and expressed a desire for a Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. The livestock industry and farms of the west need veterinarians. On the grounds of interest, livestock production, forecast growth, existing facilities, and need, we must claim such a college for Alberta, the University, and for Edmonton.

FACETIUM

It has been suggested by Zachary T. P. Winterbottom that in addition to the large livestock population around Edmonton, the campus

abounds with numerous pathological specimens of the swine and canine species which could provide budding vets with unlimited experience.



with Manfred H. Rupp

Some unholy afterthoughts on an unholy occasion . . . If you are as avid a reader of Edmonton's GREAT newspaper as I am, you probably missed Mr. Dean's Christmas gift list on December 22. I suggest on addition: "To the Edmonton Journal, whose publisher so glories in his belief that he is running a genuinely independent paper: a second newspaper for Edmonton!"

And now that Pogo has returned from his involuntary trip to the desert, we wish a long and peaceful coexistence to him and Mr. Dean.

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Associated Press reports that a hopelessly lost sucker has been salvaged for our cash-register culture by Dr. William J. Bryan Jr., president of the American Institute of Hypnosis. The poor guy had SANTAPHOBIA!! Santaphobia is defined as an abnormal fear of Santa Claus, a malaise which increases in direct proportion to the amount of drooling good will and dissonant Xmas carols absorbed into the system of the consumer in December, and before. The patient had not been able to stand the sight of Santa for 18 years. So while normal good Christians were sandbagged by holly wreaths and fat Santas to contribute to the salvation of capitalism by buying now and paying later, this poor sucker just couldn't purchase a thing. But fear not! Hypnosis has cured this misfit, who can now again dig the beauties of Yuletide commerce and has been turned into a useful citizen.

This should be reassuring news to the Chamber of Commerce. Have some hypnotists ready for the abnormal guys, and the rest can start playing their crazy carols right after the Grey Cup Game.

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We are happy to report, also somewhat belatedly, that the House Un-American Activities Committee went and did something original about the spirit of Xmas, and Peace on Earth even. They're going to investigate it! Chairman Francis Walter has mailed, on December 23, his subpoenas to ten "Women of Peace".

Like "Merry Patriotic Christmas and Why are You for Peace and other Plots?"

This, of course, is a difficult situation to be in, for the Un-American Committee I mean. So here they are expected to expose this insidious menace called pacifism, when at the same time the whole nation has gone nuts and sends cards saying Peace on Earth. Actually, Mr. Walter has a long tradition to look back on. It seems that about 1930 years ago the Un-Judean Activities Committee had the equally unpleasant duty to investigate one of their peace movements. Like turning the other cheek and such similar kinds of subversive goings-on.

We can only express our sincere hope that Mr. Walter will find enough time, in his holy crusade, to go and wash his hands once in a while.

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