

## Forum

On Friday, March 8, a Students' Union Forum on the topic, "Politics and Exploitation in the West Indies and Africa" with guest speaker C.L.R. James, will be held at 8:00 p.m. in Rm P-126 of the Physics building on the U of A campus.

Born in Trinidad, British West Indies, in 1901, Cyril Lionel Robert James won a scholarship to Queen's Royal College at age nine (an unprecedented feat) and during the next eight years proceeded through an education in Latin, French, and Greek; in European history and literature, ancient and modern; and in advanced mathematics. His subsequent career as a teacher ran concurrently with activities in fiction writing, journalism, sports reporting, editing and publishing of many journals, and generally, in the movement toward the independence of a number of countries in the West Indies and Africa.

## Question

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Burton reports that of 40,000 cattle slaughtered during a one-week period in Alberta, 8,000 were from the United States.

The decline in demand for meat is only a short-term problem, yet there appears to be an attempt to dismantle the industry, he said.

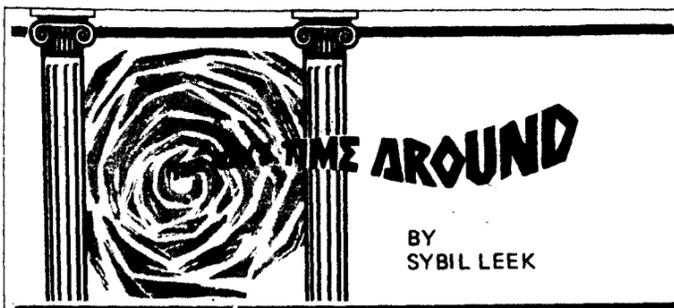
The wheat shortage directly affects beef raisers, who refuse to buy feed grain until the price for it drops.

Thus cattlemen are faced with a serious dilemma:

"People can't afford to hold cattle because it is difficult to find feed grains," Burton said. "If they sell them now, then they take a big loss."

The United States can hardly afford to lose this supply but meat prices are higher in Canada so the cattle naturally flow up here, he said.

A breakdown of the meat industry, which generates jobs in transportation, processing and other areas, would be a heavy blow to the Canadian economy, Burton warned.



## Possession is a positive attribute

When that remarkable book "The Exorcist" made its appearance, destined to become a long-standing success on the best-seller list, the world began to talk much more about possession. Could it happen to anyone? Did it really happen? Suppose it happened to YOU? These were the questions most frequently posed -- and always with a sense of horror.

Because the subject of possession has been an almost taboo word in civilized society, this is not to say it has not been known in more primitive societies. Strangely enough, the primitive societies have not always seen possession as something wholly evil; and in many societies, people with mental disabilities have been treated more kindly than we treat the insane in our sophisticated society.

In Brazil in the 1950's, the spirit of a German surgeon who had been killed in the First World War, apparently took possession of the body of an ignorant farmer. Within his body, the spirit performed thousands of successful operations, but the farmer was sent to prison for witchcraft in 1964, although many people (including doctors) had seen enough of his work to be impressed. Jose Pedro de Fretas was born in the town of Congonhas do Campo in 1918, and until 1950 it is doubtful if he gave more than a passing thought to a thing of an occult nature and certainly not to spirit healing. He was a kindly farmer who earned the nickname of "Arigo," meaning "yokel." He worshipped in his local Roman Catholic church, and in his early years despised Spiritualism.

Then in 1950 the body of Arigo was taken over by the German surgeon identified as Dr. Fritz and through Arigo, the doctor explained that he worked closely with the spirits of Gilbert Pierre, a French ophthalmologist, "Takahashi," a Japanese specialist in tumors, and a monk called Fabiano de Cristo, famous in his lifetime for his good deeds. In the next fourteen years, until his imprisonment, Arigo performed hundreds of complicated surgical operations, often doing his work before members of the medical profession. He used no antiseptics, no anaesthesia, and his tools were a kitchen knife, scissors, scalpel and a pair of tweezers. Visitors were appalled by the lack of hygienic conditions, and Arigo's unconcern with his old way of life. But there are thousands of testimonies by doctors and patients, all praising the powers of Arigo as a diagnostician and surgeon. When he was sentenced to prison for sixteen months, masses of people mourned and petitioned for his release.

He gained his freedom and immediately went back to work, possessed again by the spirit of Dr. Fritz, and continued to operate right up to the time of his death a few years ago. He foresaw his own death and was ready for it. He was a living legend in his time, a

classic example of possession. Yet who can say that in his case possession was an evil thing? Certainly not the thousands who benefitted from the intrusion of Dr. Fritz into the body of a man who might otherwise have remained an obscure Brazilian farmer.

The most amazing thing is that Arigo accepted the intrusion of the German doctor and, as far as anyone knows, never revolted against it. This, perhaps, is the small miracle which only Arigo understood. At some time in his life he must have had a revelation which satisfied him and did not put him in mortal fear for his own spirit, and he withstood the torments of prison to emerge, still as possessed as ever and still dedicated to helping his fellow men in the only way left to him.

Of course possession does not always bring such positive results as this, but sometimes it is a good idea to see the whole subject objectively and to know that on another plane there are spirits who will do good - in addition to those who will be malicious and evil.

It pays to know whom you may be likely to rent out your body to, though, and that is the main problem with possession.

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