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LETTERS

"DIRTY" LIBERALS

Sir: I have just been reading your paper of Feb. 6, 1963, and I wish to make a few comments on it and also on earlier issues.

Perhaps you may have heard the term "dirty" Liberals. I believe I have found a good example of this. I notice in your latest paper a picture of Smallwood reading The Gazette. Also earlier, Pearson was pictured reading it also. An issue a few weeks ago had some "dirty" suggestions on its front page. Therefore I suppose only Liberals would dare be pictured reading such a paper that has previously published such junk. Please, how about dropping your Liberal partiality and becoming impartial.

I would like to comment further on your ludicrous issue, which I mentioned above. In your paper of Feb. 6, there is a letter written by a Mr. James asking for more smut. I am just wondering what happened to his ideas of morals, especially since he thinks a college paper should publish such junk. If you, Mr. Editor, should dare attempt it again, I would hope that whoever has authority over you would see fit to fire you.

On the last page of your paper there is an advertisement by a well-known brewer of firewater. I believe that at least 50 per cent of the Dal students are under 21. Are they trying to tell us that drinking is the thing to do when we are 21? Are they telling us that because everyone else does it, we should do it? Perhaps they are suggesting that we let this stuff go to our heads instead of

education. If you were at all respectable you would not permit such ads, even though their wording may not seem harmful.

Sincerely,

John A.C. Wilson

(We welcome the ad in question. We also like the "firewater" produced by the well-known brewery, as do many of our "respectable" friends. In fact we are just off to a liberal (small l) pub to consume some. Beer anyone?-Ed.)

MISLEADING

Sir:

We wish to protest what we consider to be false advertising about the Train Trip to Acadia's Winter Carnival. Signs in the Old Men's Residence stated that the train fare, Four Preps Concert Admission, etcetera, would be included for the single price of three dollars. To a lesser extent, the tickets also gave this erroneous impression.

Admittedly, this would appear to be an unheard-of bargain, and as such, most people realized that things were not as they appeared. However, it is the responsibility of the promoters to ensure that their advertisements are sufficiently lucid to prevent any misconception.

We appreciate the work of the Freshman Class Committee in organizing this event, and we realize that they wished to ensure its success by selling as many tickets as possible. However, any purpose, commendable as it may be, does not warrant promotional material of a misleading type.

Sincerely,

Peter Conley, Lindsay MacDonald, Reid Packer.

EDITORIAL

ZANY POLITICS AT DAL

Ottawa has nothing to match Dalhousie for zany politics at the moment.

For the past few days campus politicians have been scurrying around preparing for the model parliament which opens this evening. The NDP have apparently been the most successful in their machinations for with only 14 of the 65 seats in the House they have talked the other two parties into letting them form the government.

How this came about we are still not certain. Apparently the NDP leader on campus decided that model parliament is a continuing affair - with which we disagree - and that since the NDP were the government when parliament was dissolved last year they have the right to form the government this year.

The Tories seem to have accepted the idea in order to keep the Liberals out, and the Liberals are still wondering what happened to them.

Admittedly it is an interesting attempt to hang on to power come what may. In fact the Dalhousie NDP's will be setting a constitutional precedent for what it is worth. But we hope that they do not believe that this could happen in federal politics, as one of their leaders has suggested. It would be the height of irresponsibility for a party that could not even form the official opposition when defeated to attempt to form a government. Not even Mr. Diefenbaker would attempt it - we hope.

However, as a gimmick to attract people to the model parliament sessions it might work quite well.

ANOTHER COMMITTEE

We have the distinguished honor of being members of the Committee to raise Fifty-Million Dollars to be used for placing a statue of John Diefenbaker in front of the Parliament buildings.

This Committee was in quite a quandary about selecting the proper location for the statue. It was thought not wise to place it beside the statue of Arthur Meighen, who never told a lie, nor beside MacKenzie King, who never told the truth, since John Diefenbaker could never tell the difference.

After careful consideration, we think it should be placed beside the statue of Christopher Columbus, the greatest Tory of them all, in that he started out not knowing where he was going, and arriving, did not know where he was, and in returning, did not know where he had been, and did it all on borrowed money.

Five thousand years ago, Moses said to the Children of Israel:

"Pick up your shovels, mount your asses and camels, and I will lead you to the Promised Land." Nearly five thousand years later Bennett said, "Lay down your shovels, sit on your asses, light up a Camel, this is the promised Land." Now Diefenbaker is stealing your shovels, kicking your asses, raising the price of Camels, and taking over the Promised Land.

If you are one of those citizens who has any money left after paying taxes, we will expect a generous contribution from you for this worthwhile project.

AMEN.

The material for this space was subversive so they took it away!

