

# HAQQ PRECEDES BILLY GRAHAM HERE BRIEFS

*"good account"*

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Akbar Haqq, (may his tribe increase) is an evangelist. When addressing a group, however, he does not appeal to the emotions; he does not use gimmicks; he does not shout; and unlike that eager horde of fundamentalists, he does not expect the immediate conversion of his entire audience. In fact, if I was

claimed to offer a positive answer. Christ came "that we might have life and have it more abundantly."

At Dalhousie the following day, Dr. Haqq — arrived at this point by a completely different route. Having described modern man's alienation from the living God and his resultant "Non-being", he went on to claim that



Dr. Haqq talks with SCM'er. (Photo - Munroe)

not afraid of prejudicing the reader against him, I would even say that he is dignified.

During a two-day stay in Halifax, he spoke on three occasions. In each case his talk, though plainly evangelical in intention, could have been viewed as an objective and scholarly dissertation.

Speaking to an audience of Engineers and Theologs at Pine Hill on Tuesday night, Dr. Haqq stated that throughout history, men had encountered demanding "existential" problems, the solution of which was a matter of life or death. Negative solutions making life bearable, on the one hand by denying oneself the pleasures of earthly life, and on the other hand by seeking the annihilation of the individual, had been found by Mohammed and Buddha. Christ, in contrast,

man is distinguished from the animals not by his rationality, but by his capacity to choose and his capacity to believe. In deciding to follow Christ, he exercises these capacities. This destroys the thesis that faith has no valid basis.

For people who are not inclined to make life-long commitments on the spur of the moment, Dr. Haqq's approach is of tremendous value. By making clear exactly what is involved, in a "leap of faith" and what the results are, he comes as close to convincing one of the validity of Christianity as is intellectually possible. "Jesus," said Dr. Haqq, "was an honorable gentleman, so we should give him a try."

Dr. Haqq has a B.A., two M.A.'s, a Ph.D. and seven children.

## UJA "White Book" Blasted by "Varsity"

The U. of T. Varsity has touched off another conflagration. An editorial on January 15 spoke of "disguised extortion" in the methods used by the Toronto United Jewish Appeal in raising funds. The UJA is a charitable organization concerned with soliciting money (mainly among Jewish Communities) to be donated to various charities aiding Jewish persons. To facilitate this, the Toronto Appeal (among Appeals in other centres) prints a "White Book" every year listing the amount each donated. The Varsity charged that this is a coercive method, forcing contributors to give a socially acceptable amount or face public embarrassment.

The paper's stand resulted in two articles in reply in its next issue.

Clayton C. Ruby, a former editor of the York University paper, wrote an article backing the Varsity. Part of it read: "The best thing that can be said about the UJA is that it works. It is probably the most effective means of obtaining great sums of money."

"But is this enough to justify it?"

"Is this enough to justify my act of giving?"

"Or must I consider the motives from which I give? And if this motive is simply concern for my status in a particular

gilded ghetto, shall I then feel proud?"

"I am just as concerned with the harm that is done to the giver as I am with the benefit to the recipient."

"When we institutionalize shallowness and coercion, we do a great deal of harm to ourselves. I find it degrading."

"The 'White Book' of the United Jewish Appeal puts a price on my humanity; this practise reveals more about my community than I can view with an easy conscience."

Donald R. Schwartz, President of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at U. of T., printed an article supporting the UJA's position, part of which follows:

"The Jewish Community has a long tradition of supporting its own indigent. In order to do so it must collect funds in competition not only with other charitable organizations, but — also with modern advertising which puts constant pressure on the individual. Granted the methods are not always as we wish them to be. However, given the situation (as it exists), a realistic approach to the collection and distribution of social capital (q.v.) is necessary. Unless criticism is well thought out, and a constructive alternative expounded at the same time, the only ones to be hurt by such state-

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ments as your editorial and (Mr. Ruby's) article are the ones who at present benefit from the selfless endeavours of those who participate in these campaigns."

This dialogue points at a conflict that has flared behind the — scenes in Toronto's is Jewish Community for some years.

THE HALIFAX SITUATION

Halifax has its United Jewish Appeal also, though it is conducted along slightly different lines. A "White Book", similar to the one used in Toronto, was compiled and distributed for the first time during the 1960-61 drive.

Plans for another one this season are extremely tentative, and executive members of the UJA express the opinion that it is not likely to materialize. Little need for such a device is felt, due to the manner in which funds are collected in this city: unlike Toronto the great majority of donations are made at a dinner convened for the purpose attended by almost the entire Jewish Community, during the course of which the amount and donor of each gift is publicized.

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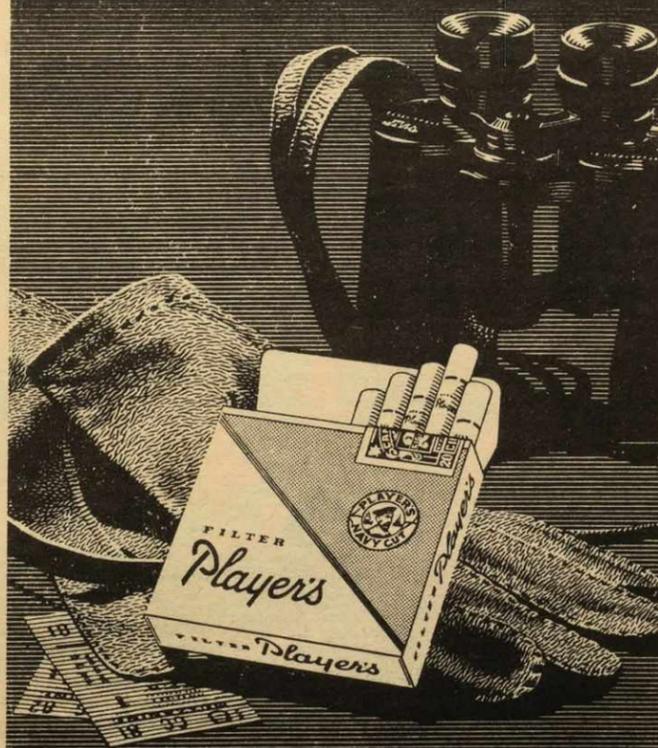
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