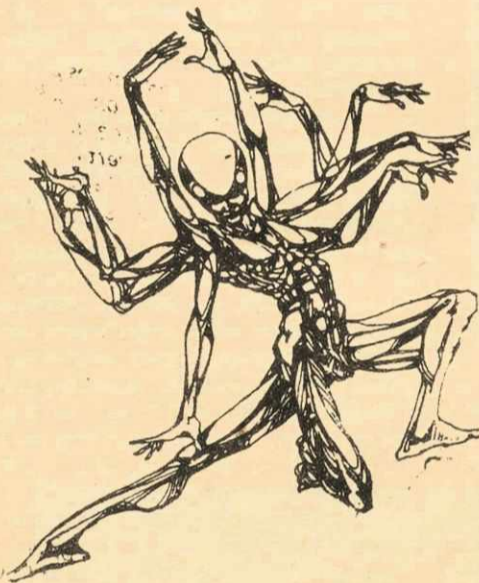


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NOT signed by another person's name (disfigured enough to confuse the naive, but another person's name nonetheless). Why does the editor of the Gazette feel that it is **necessary** to protect the anonymity of this cowardly mystery person at all?

As infantile and vacuous as the "letter" seems, three points need to be made:

1—The letter is not a joke. It is a political attack on DSM and CPC (ML), but it is an attack WITHOUT ANY ARGUMENT. This is an insult to the intelligence and integrity of all students. We are **not** apathetic morons in need of patronizing demagoguery, in-jokes and preaching at—we deserve the facts and viewpoints upon which to make up our own minds on these issues, and this is precisely what the Gazette should be offering.



The fact that the "letter" is enthusiastically agreeable with the Gazette's position on the question cannot be merely coincidence. Rather than open itself to democratic debate on the subject of its campaign for incorporation, the Gazette has single-mindedly portrayed any opposition to its plans as a reactionary assault on "freedom of the press", and has even invoked the ghost of Joe Howe. The editorial and "letter" of last week simply put the icing on the cake, continuing the one-sided slurs and

implications **EVEN IN THE FACE OF DEFEAT AT THE POLLS.**

If the Gazette sincerely wishes to promote a democratic student press, you should practice what you preach, stop using the Gazette as your exclusive podium, and allow intelligent debate—even when it hurts.

2—Nowhere did the "letter" actually criticize **anything** about Dal Student Movement's point of view, even though this view is well known to anyone who read one of their leaflets. Among 11 other points, DSM proposed that a democratic student press be available to **all** the students and that this be guaranteed by full **REFUNDABILITY** of student fees to any student who feels the press does not serve his interests. Why is this proposal so easily ignored if you are concerned about a democratic press and worried about what DSM says? Whose interests does it serve to hide this from the students?

3—It is not incidental that the "letter" is ended with the four letters RCMP, in fact this constitutes the entire armament for the attack on DSM. Mention the communists in the same breath as the RCMP and presto!—instant equation of your opponents with the police. But a technique which might scare already frightened children will not necessarily scare the students of Dalhousie.

The **BIG LIE** technique has been discredited for decades, but there are always those who are desperate enough and bankrupt enough to dust it off and give it another try. Assert a lie of fantastic enough proportions about your enemy and it is useless for him to deny it—absolutely no evidence or scientific argument is required—only a lofty perch to shout from and a complete lack of integrity.

I believe that the "charge" made against DSM is far less incriminating to them than it is to its maker, whoever he/she is. If the Gazette's position is in need of "defense" of this nature, you should seriously think about where this position will take you.

Sincerely,
Mike Malloch.

No future in seperatism ?

by Eric Lawson

Michael Cross, of the Dalhousie History Department, doesn't see much of a future for Quebec separatism.

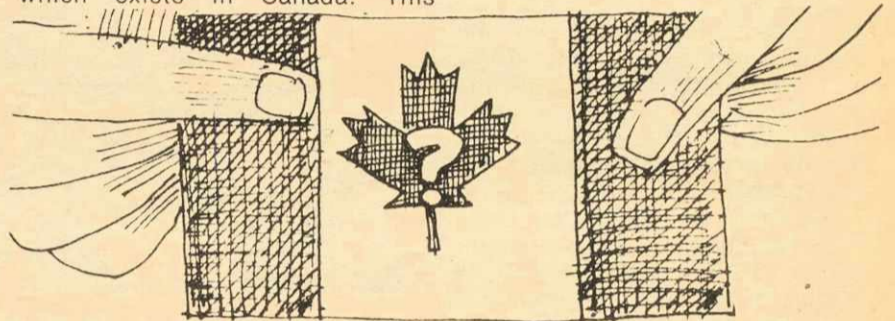
Speaking at a lecture Tuesday evening in the Arts Centre, Cross expressed his opinion that multi-nationalism is the most important issue facing Canada today, and that Canada must deal with its place in the world economy as its primary problem, not internal politics.

Tracing the recent history of Canadian nationalism, Cross outlined that through a series of government studies, ranging from the Gordon Commission of the mid-1950's to the recent Simons report, Canadians became aware of the degree of foreign ownership which exists in Canada. This

although decreasing, remained pervasive.

However, Cross feels that it is in the economic sphere that nationalism has really lost out, producing no significant level of independence and leaving our branch-plant economy open to the vagaries of international trade fluctuations.

It is from this point of view that Cross approaches the national unity question. Cross feels that the nature of Canadian federalism, for example fiscal redistribution to the economic benefit of the poorer provinces, must be preserved, and that Quebec must remain in the union, if Canada is to remain powerful enough to combat the powerful multi-national corporations.



awareness created a powerful nationalist movement in all aspects of Canadian life, calling for Canadian control of the arts, the media, the economy, and politics in Canada.

None of the various nationalist lobbies, ranging from Canada First to the NDP left-wing Waffles, made much progress, and American control of the arts and culture,

In Cross's words, "like it or not, Ottawa is still the only game in town", and it is only as a strongly unified state that Canada can take a stand against such actions as the recent INCO layoffs. For this reason, Cross urges a withdrawal from concerns of national unity and a return to the concern of a Canada casually battered about by multi-nationals.

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