

# FEATURES

We urge that this year's graduation speakers refrain from frightening graduates by telling them the world is theirs.

## Late Tom Dooley's advice to graduates



### Canadiana brought to life — Travellers win ovation —

"We can afford to be idealistic because we are not making a living off singing". This statement readily sums up the aims of the Travellers and the reason for their unique approach to folk-singing in Canada.

In an age when commercialism and the selling of records seem to be the chief aims of any artist or group, this attitude is indeed refreshing, for the Travellers are interested mainly in making us realize that being a Canadian carries a meaning. We are a nation with our own traits, our own eccentricities, and, as witnessed last Saturday night by 1400 Dalhousians, our own folk music.

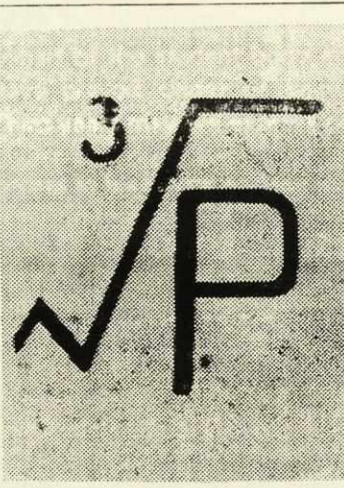
The first part of the programme included folk songs which originated from most of our Canadian Provinces. After intermission the group sang a patchwork of songs from around the world, including Israel, the Ukraine, Scotland, India and...

The ensemble worked with an intriguing accompaniment of mandolin, cello, and a five-string banjo added excellent balance. Tonally and expressively they achieved unanimity in the creation of mood and atmosphere, except perhaps for their opening number, where a greater degree of harmony would have been welcomed.

Perhaps the group showed itself to its best advantage in the performance of the African music, chants of the Bantu and other tribes. Their ability here to harmonize in these difficult but hauntingly rhythmic chants was remarkable.

One complaint which can be made with some justification was the absence of audience participation in song. Although one such song was offered, a warmer and more intimate atmosphere would have been achieved had others followed.

Otherwise the concert was excellent both in material and presentation.



By SONY METIE

The 3/P is a symbol with numerous connotations. To a physicist, it signifies that the radius of total destruction by a thermonuclear weapon varies as the cube root of the power. To others, the apparent simplicity of this symbol is typical of many "facts" coldly presented to the public as an attempt to underrate the true nature of an atomic war.

One not infrequently encounters in civil defence booklets such statements as: "The radioactivity in fallout weakens rapidly in the first hours after an explosion," or "From five to fifteen miles from the centre of the explosion there may be many survivors." Such statements have a semblance of truth, but no attempt is made to present the public with their true consequences.

In Canada, we cannot expect more than 15 minutes warning of a nuclear attack. Nonetheless, it might be possible for some people to reach a shelter in this time. For those remaining above ground, the first sign of the blast would be a flash many times brighter than the sun and lasting several seconds. At Hiroshima, some of those who stared directly at the flash from a point beyond the area of immediate destruction were described as follows:

Their faces were hollow, their eye sockets were hollow, the fluid from their melted eyes had run down their cheeks. . . Their mouths were mere swollen, pus-covered wounds."

It is time to appraise the situation more realistically, to recognize the horror of nuclear weapons, and to realize that with modern nuclear weapons, no one can hope to be victor in a Third World War.

Ed.'s Note:

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley founded MEDICO in 1958. MEDICO is the Medical International Cooperation Organization. Living a life of sacrifice similar to that of Albert Schweitzer he brought healing and comfort to the villages of northern Laos. Dr. Dooley could have established a very lucrative practice in the United States but he preferred to work in the jungles. The editors of THINK Magazine wanted to know why.

They wondered what makes a man spurn the comforts of western civilization for physical discomfort, backbreaking work, the company of misery and the constant challenge of an almost impossible job. They wondered, as most of us wonder, if he regretted his decision.

Five months before his death in January 1961, the editors of THINK asked Dr. Dooley if he would write a letter to an imaginary student graduating from medical school. Would he set down some advice for the young man as he took his first steps in life?

Dr. Dooley's letter was published in the February THINK. The letter is so challenging that we feel it has a message not only for young doctors but for all young graduates and freshmen.

We have taken the liberty of arranging excerpts from the letter into the following message. Remember this message is from a young man not much older than ourselves. Dr. Dooley died of cancer at the age of 34. He was dying as he wrote this message.

Dear Graduate:

"You have been given much by parents and teachers. Use it wisely, for others. You have worked hard and learned a good deal, but because you are out of the stress of the doing does not mean that you are yet in the peace of the done. You will never be.

. . . This passing and precarious time in history will demand much of you. It will maroon the hesitant, but inspire the brave. Stand up and shout, 'This is my time and my place in this time!' And seek that place. The state of total gratification is for cows, possibly for birds, not for man. Seek greater things than the material.

Do not aim for just a socio-economic position in society. Seek something beyond the splitlevel ranch house and the two-car garage. Become supremely aware of, and intimately involved in the great issues of your day. You have the potential for great deeds, and today demands great deeds. Human deeds. Principles enunciated and hopes expressed are not enough. Remember this.

All the information you have acquired has certainly distilled itself into certain beliefs. Your beliefs may be scattered, rough and unclassified, but you do have them. You are well trained. You are aware of the sadness of mankind. The greatest attribute of you is that indispensable and essential aspect of your human spirit. Learn how to utilize the fiber and core of your heart.

There is a great deal more to living than just existing. Believing is a fine thing, but placing those beliefs into execution is the real test of strength. You commit a sin of omission if you do not utilize all the power that is in you.

Isolation and indifference in world affairs are completely past and over. You can no longer be just a doctor or just a researcher or just a teacher. All men belong to me. All men have claims on man. And to the man with special talents, this is a special claim. This is your challenge. It is required that man take part in the actions and passions of his time at the peril of being judged not to have lived at all.

You and I are the heirs of all ages. We have the great legacies of music, art, literature and our own medicine. We have been born and raised in freedom. We have justice, law and equality. But we have overlooked the uglier side of our inheritance. We have also the legacy of hatred, bred by careless men before us.

We have the legacy of abuse, degradation, and the inhumanity of men blinded by prejudice, ignorance and personal spleen. To people like you and me, richer in educational opportunities than many, this is a special legacy, and a challenge. To accept the ugly as well as the beautiful and to answer this challenge is a privilege and a responsibility. Accept it without fear.

The history of mankind constantly repeats the exclamation that the only way man can achieve his own happiness is to strive for the happiness of others. Today demands a deeper emphasis on the brotherhood of man. This concept was not so important in the times of our fathers. It is now. The Brotherhood of Man exists as definitely as does the Fatherhood of God. And we must not forget it.

The world is made up of persons. Internationality is only a conglomeration of individuals. All individuals yearn for something human. Bring the talents of your degree, and the spirituality of your heart, to distant valleys like mine.

Dedicate some of your life to others. Your dedication will not be a sacrifice. It will be an exhilarating experience because it is intense effort applied towards a meaningful end.

So along with my congratulations on your graduation I send my wish that you will utilize yourself as a force of unity in the fragile peace of today. And that you will know the happiness that comes of serving others who have nothing.

Sincere best wishes always,  
Tom.

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