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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In view of Dalhousie's withdrawal from the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union last spring the editors of the Gazette reprint this editorial from The Brunswickan, believing that it will be of interest to all students.

## M. I. A. U. Revision Due

Once again the students of this University have been victims of a lack of good faith on the part of certain other Maritime Universities, members of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union. This latest move has resulted in the cancellation of the Intercollegiate Track and Field Meet, to have been held at St. Francis Xavier this week. This cancellation came after several weeks of vigorous training on the part of our own track team.

The incident is another in the increasingly frequent withdrawal movements made to member universities when matters unfavorable to them are accepted by the majority. In this instance (Acadia and Mount Allison disagreed with the principle of holding the annual track competition in the fall. While several valid reasons for this stand were put forward, the majority of members felt that the meet should be in the autumn. Only when St. Francis commenced preparations for the event, these dissenting Universities forwarded information to the effect that token representation only would be made at the meet. This situation was highly undesirable from all standpoints and in consequence, St. F. X. felt justified in calling for cancellation.

It has become apparent that the M.I.A.U. has ceased to carry out the aims of its charter. Dalhousie's withdrawal last year, and the previous difficulties encountered with other Maritime affiliates have shown the ineffectiveness of the organization.

Nor has U.N.B.'s participation in the group been the result of continued measures favorable to this University. For example, last spring an attempt was made to have the dates of all contests for all sports fixed at the annual meeting. This was a measure designed to enable our own Council in particular, and those of the other Universities as well, to budget fairly and regularly for all sports. Adoption of such a measure would have eliminated many of the headaches the S.R.C. has each fall in the setting of the levy. Needless to say, the measure was defeated because of the uncertainty of several Universities. No trial of the method was even permitted.

This University does not want to leave the M.I.A.U. The need for such an organization is apparent. What we desire is a competent body of representatives from all Universities interested in entering Maritime Intercollegiate competition. More than that, we must have bargaining in good faith. The time is ripe for a complete revamping of the M.I.A.U. Pettiness and coercion must be eliminated. These past stains should be removed and a fresh start made. We are not attempting to prove that our own record is pure. We ask for a complete reorganization of the Union with an eye to promotion of Intercollegiate sports in a fair and able manner. It must be up to our own Amateur Athletic Association to initiate such a move.

## RULE, BRITANNIA!

In these days when the peoples of the world are being fired by the fanaticism of nationalism, and when the last of the great Monarchies is being contemptuously defied in Egypt and Iran, the Gazette looks at imperial England and at the place of its Royal Family in these times which are witnessing the decline and fall of the British Empire.

Recently we experienced the excitement of a visit by two world celebrities to our Province and University. We have also noted the anti-Royalist issue of the University of Montreal's paper which resulted in certain 'retirements'. Without going into the justification and rights of publishing those spiteful sentiments or the informative implications of such suppression of the press, let's look at the broad concept of monarchy as such.

To begin with the golden era of Kings and Empire has faded. There was a time when imperialism and the elevation of the strongest at the suppression of the weak, was taken for granted. So much for mankind's infirmities. Those were days of absolute monarchies, of the divine right of kings duly appointed by God, or so it was believed. Today, with the world's greatest monarchy but an echo of the greatness it knew, and with the rise of the banded weak against the strong under the poisonous spur of nationalism and the sadistic whip of ignorance, when the lion of England fawns to the snarls of the desert jackals, just what is the place of monarchy?

We further clarify the field for this point by stating that England's weakness does not depend on its kings, or indeed, does its strength. Kings no longer lead their countries. In a world where the echoes of old imperialistic wrongs—the exploitations of a past era when the lion roared for China's opium and snarled decisively for the Transvaal—have re-awakened, and can at last be heard, what use then has monarchy?

The basic presumption is that it exists in all its pompous popularity and prestige. This we have seen. We note the paradox between the greatness of its pageantry which does not reflect the weakness of its sponsor. Further we have seen this popularity extend to its Dominions, as in Canada, where the more gentle road to independence was followed; and though we have a king in name only he is a popular one. Perhaps the same impersonal excitement would be in evidence if Truman or Tyrone Power or Churchill came to visit us, for 75% is idle curiosity—the

People will only attend an event if they think they will be missing something. Therefore if you used a bit of propaganda in your columns it wouldn't hurt a bit.

Also, where is this "apathy" your paper is talking about? I haven't seen anything serious on the campus, but if your articles continue they are liable to make the students believe that there is such a thing.

In other words, why don't you get some life in your paper? It shouldn't be too hard. Also what kind of a headline is this, "Writer dares students to attend"? I don't get the point and I'm sure a lot of other people don't.

Please do some enlightening.  
Yours truly,  
David Stark.

too is a trait of man—to have something to praise or thrill to and if need be, idolize.

To be an Anglophobe is permissible; but no one can look at past splendor, be it England, Rome, or Spain, and not feel a sensation of regret, and sympathy for days that used to be. Today the sympathy should be doubly intense for us for we can add to our initial emotion the realization that a monarchy is being maintained in England as splendid as ever was before, as if it were a glorious facade, and a brave one, behind the admirable pride of which lies secluded the landmarks of inevitable decline.



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## LETTER to the EDITOR

304 South St.,  
Halifax, N. S.  
Nov. 20/ 51.

The Editor,  
Dalhousie Gazette,  
Halifax, N. S.  
Dear Madam:

With reference to the attendance at hockey games in the last (Nov. 20) issue of the Gazette, there are a few points which I would like to clarify.

For one thing, two of the three games that have been played so

far have conflicted with other major events on the campus. One was Rawhide, the other was Capt. Applejack. Considering the attendance was pretty fair and it seems to be getting better all the time. Another thing, Dal is staying in the Arm League and there is no danger of being forced to drop out—period.

The result of this article will harm rather than help the hockey team. A little psychology seems to be lacking in your staff writers.

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