

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations  
 Sir,  
 I should like to congratulate you on your verbatim report of Prime Minister Diefenbaker's recent speech. Those who speak in public are often haunted by fears that their words will be twisted and their ideas misrepresented by the press. I feel sure that our leader's heart is warmed by the certain knowledge that, at least at Dalhousie, he can speak without fear of being falsely accused of saying something.

Sincerely,  
 D.M.  
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 Immature

Sir:  
 After reading last week's editorial in the Dal Gazette, (Nov. 15, 1961), it becomes very obvious (and very gratifying to know too) that we have such an unbiased and liberal minded (note play on words) college newspaper. But surely the visit of such a distinguished man as Daddy John Diefenbaker deserves a little better coverage than that poor excuse at a joke which the editor deemed funny enough to splash on the front page and then waste a hole (no mistake in spelling) editorial to explain his idiotic actions.

Really, isn't it about time that the Gazette grew up and stopped being controversial for the sake of being controversial alone. Please excuse the spelling mistakes, but I'm only nine years old, just the right age to appreciate your last editorial. I tried to get my older sister to help me with this letter (she's 10) but she said that the editorial was too immature for her and that she couldn't be bothered with such tripe.

Sincerely,  
 An unbiased reader  
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 Dishonour

Sir:  
 It has been for many years customary for established newspapers to confine editorializing and bias to the editorials. I see that The Dalhousie Gazette of Wed. November 15, 1961 did not

follow this custom. Even the Toronto Star one of the most Liberal Daily Newspapers in Canada would not dream of attempting to dishonor our Prime Minister in such a way as the Gazette. This is the second derogatory swipe taken by this publication at Mr. Diefenbaker. The first one was excusable and even amusing; this is not.

In your editorial you explain the front page by stating that the Prime Minister addressed us at a nursery level, since he told us a few jokes—unlike the editor some people like funny jokes. They contribute a great deal to a speech. As for being treated with intellectual disdain, I wonder if Mr. Diefenbaker was a little too intellectual for the Gazette reporters—he used common sense in his speech.

Perhaps on the other hand; according to C.J.C.H. T.V. news director Joe King: "The reporters covering the PM's speech simply do not know how to report."

I feel that Mr. Diefenbaker put across two central points: (A) That we are the future leaders of our country (A fact that really should be drilled into each and every one of us, especially the editors of the Gazette) and that we endeavour to be responsible and intelligent leaders. (B) Once we get an idea we should stay with it and see it put into use, regardless of what criticism we may get from the Gazette Staff and others. In so saying Mr. Diefenbaker would have a seconder in Mr. Joseph Conrad, were he still alive. I refer you to his *Heart of Darkness*. Indeed the Bill of Rights is such an ideal put into effect.

Just one more question: Could the editor of the Gazette do any better?

I really enjoyed the oration of our great Prime Minister—The greatest since Arthur Meighen in 1926.

Sincerely,  
 J. R. Smith, Arts

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 Good-bye, Mr. Schultz

Sir:  
 Finally Mr. Schultz has attempted to write something original in his column, and what a disaster

the effort has proven to be! Any modicum of intelligence one might have liked to attribute to Mr. Schultz falls by the wayside after a reading of his nauseous and flippant treatment of Canada, Canadians, and their queen.

Quite rightly, Mr. Schultz noted that in Halifax, there is not a consensus regarding the form of the national anthem. But while his observation was in order, he utterly amns himself by trying to resolve the question in an arrogant and ignorant manner, paying no heed to Canadian experience, but relying solely on his own unqualified opinion and his own fatherland precepts, smacking of strident nationalism. This, sir, is not the sane Canadian outlook on nationalism, and Mr. Schultz should be made aware of the fact.

Having made his observation, what Mr. Schultz fails to do is to look to the rest of Canada to see how the matter has been resolved. Had he looked to central Canada, for example, he would find that "O Canada" and "God Save the Queen" have been fused into a form of Canadian March, which acts as a tribute to both our nation and our constitutional monarchical system of government. However, the puerile Schultz fails to look for such a compromise, which is in such accord with the Canadian experience.

Instead, Mr. Schultz proceeds to attack the Canadian monarchical form of government. Had he done so in an intelligent manner, explaining his case ably in relation to the principles of good government, and demonstrating a sound understanding of politics, one could counter his arguments in similar fashion. But, as usual, the intelligent course of action is the one Mr. Schultz fails to take.

The prepubescent Schultz forged ahead with his diatribe. "While it is not for me, or for that matter Canada, to pronounce . . ." cries our pompous little columnist, but after a moment's consideration, his exalted egoism gets the better of him, and he soon decides that he can pronounce authoritatively for all of Canada: "Canada has found such items as the Queen's visit both indifferent and extravagant." No doubt, like Joyce Davidson who once thought that she could speak for "a majority of Canadians," his patriotism is only skin-deep, and quite likely he, like Miss Davidson will soon romp down south of the border to prove that nationalism can be most exciting until another country offers better opportunities for quick material gains.

If Mr. Schultz sincerely wishes to be a good Canadian national, then let him study at length Canada's historical development, Canada's present constitutional arrangement, and the theory of government. Once he has established an intelligent foundation from which to argue, then may he effuse at will. However, when Mr. Schultz lacks any education in such matters, Mr. Editor, it must be deemed unwise to allow that callow youth to burble in such an emotionally opinionated way, lacking completely any qualifications.

If this is the level to which Mr. Schultz's column aspires, it is high time we buried it.

Sincerely,  
 A Canadian  
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 Annoyed

Sir:  
 As an American, I could not help being annoyed at an article appearing in the *Gazette* entitled "America in Decline". The author A. St. G. Abbott, apparently feels that the United States is a decadent society ready to come crashing down at any minute. The author of this provoking essay feels that the average citizen of the United States is merely trying to be a "good mixer in a mediocre society". He goes on to compare the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag as putting "the claims of Caesar before God." In summation of his article, Mr. Abbott refers to himself as an objective impartial observer.

Throughout the entire essay, there is evidence of rash generalization and little specific facts. Mr. Abbott tells the reader that he has gathered his extensive information from one totally biased book, by a man who is merely knocking and exaggerating some of the country's weak points, and from a West Indian friend who had worked in several parts of

the United States. With this knowledge behind him, the author proceeds to knock down a country, which he has obviously never visited, and one that he knows little if anything about. It is completely erroneous and almost ridiculous to make biased generalizations about anything that one knows nothing about. Yet, Mr. Abbott proceeds to call himself an impartial observer and infers that he has the ability to pass judgement on this country.

The author refers to America as "a non-Christian, hypocritical, blindly unrealistic country, determined on committing suicide by assisting her enemies." He infers that if America was judged by a series of controversial foreign policies and by a book condemning the United States, it would appear as if the U.S. was on its way out. There is no doubt, in my mind, that if one judges anything by a biased book, naturally one will have a biased opinion. Similarly, if one judges a country merely by its weaknesses, or seeming weaknesses, one is bound to get a dim view.

When one considers the way the people behind the Iron Curtain are kept ignorant of the United States by the Soviet government, it is extremely unfortunate that someone so close to the United States as Mr. Abbott cannot see the real potentials and ideals of this nation.

Sincerely,  
 Edward J. Schwartzberg

### GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Sir:  
 I was most appalled by reading in the Gazette of Nov. 15, the article by Mr. Rolf J. Schultz, on the national anthem of the British Citizenship and all of the comforts of life in Canada is in no position to later question his written promise to owe allegiance to our Sovereign.

Mr. Schultz also forgets that Canada would not exist as a potentially resourceful country as it is today, had she not had the valued British courage and leadership behind her in two World Wars.

It is for this reason that Canadians are still fortunate in being able to continue to sing "O Canada" instead of being overtaken and forced to sing "Das Deutschlandlied" sixteen years ago.

Sincerely,  
 Robert Chambers (Sc. 3)

### Down With Schultz

Sir:  
 Mr. Schultz's column is not the best entertainment at any time, but last week it reached a record low. How a person could be a university undergraduate and know so little about Canada and her constitution is quite remarkable. In itself this might be deplorable but harmless, but when the same person is in a position to inflict his naive and irresponsible ideas on the reading public through a newspaper column some action is clearly indicated.

The first and most obvious error that Mr. Schultz makes is to suppose that the Queen is the Sovereign of Great Britain alone. It should be pointed out that she is also Queen of Canada, the Governor General being her personal representative in this country. The 'personal' part should be stressed, for the Governor General plays a purely constitutional role and is not an agent of the government in Britain.

"Canadians are attempting to become more independent from both the United States and Britain than ever before", Mr. Schultz writes. It is perhaps ironical that he should be so concerned with Britain's colonial policies towards Canada, while this country is being dragged slowly but surely into the economic clutches of our neighbor to the south.

Another and perhaps the most important aspect of the Monarchy in Britain and Canada is that the whole constitution would collapse without it. The Canadian constitution is made up of a number of interdependent parts. Without any one of these parts none of the others can function properly, so before Mr. Schultz decides to do away with the Monarchy completely, perhaps he should consider writing a new constitution to take the place of our present one.

Sincerely,  
 A Monarchist  
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 CURFEW

Sir:  
 In regards to your recent article on Magistrate Inglis concern-

ing a curfew for sailors. I think a great many people are being unjust in their attitude. Let us consider the incident.

Without relating the actual news story it suffices to state that the Magistrate was concerned with the increasing number of street brawls. Whether the statement in question was uttered emphatically or not, no one except those close to the Magistrate may say.

Must all who read the press accept at face value a statement as it stands? Does no one think beyond the statement, to the problem of street fighting, and ways in which it can be stopped?

Further, I submit that Magistrate Inglis is in a position to be fully cognizant of the situation in question. It is on his shoulders that the quest for a solution appears to fall.

I suggest therefore that the Magistrate did not mean literally that a curfew for navy personnel should be imposed. It was merely a slip of the tongue. Different suggestions can come to mind for solving a problem. Let us not be too quick to dismiss them.

I do not profess to know what the Magistrate was thinking when he made the statement, but assuming the foregoing to be correct let us give the man the benefit of the doubt.

Sincerely,  
 John H. Swain, Arts  
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 THE MUSE AGAIN

Sir:  
 At the risk of prolonging the unfortunate Muse-Gazette dispute, I would like to express the views of a Newfoundland Dalhousie concerning the controversial "John, the Baptist" article which appeared in the Oct. 25 issue of the Dalhousie Gazette.

Newfoundland has always been a victim of an extremely slanted mainland press and this same mainland press has, I think, been prone to frustration at the apparent aloofness and indifference with which we Newfoundlanders have shrugged off your best efforts.

However, I feel that while the article in question was definitely printed in bad taste - appearing during the opening of the new multi-million dollar Memorial University, which in the near future could quite possibly equal Dalhousie's excellence in academic achievement - it certainly did not warrant the sudden abandonment of the traditional "splendid isolation" policy followed by the Muse up to this point. Viewing the article as a whole one cannot help but conclude it is merely a satire on the policies and politics of our Prime Minister. At the same time, though, one cannot fail to detect the subtle overtones with unjust reference to the people of Newfoundland.

Thus, even though the boys of the Muse were undoubtedly a little hasty and much too boisterous in their condemnation of your article; and even though I agree wholeheartedly with your refusal to apologize, I am sure that you must accept a certain measure of responsibility for this very unfortunate turn of events.

Sincerely,  
 Divided Loyalty, Science '62

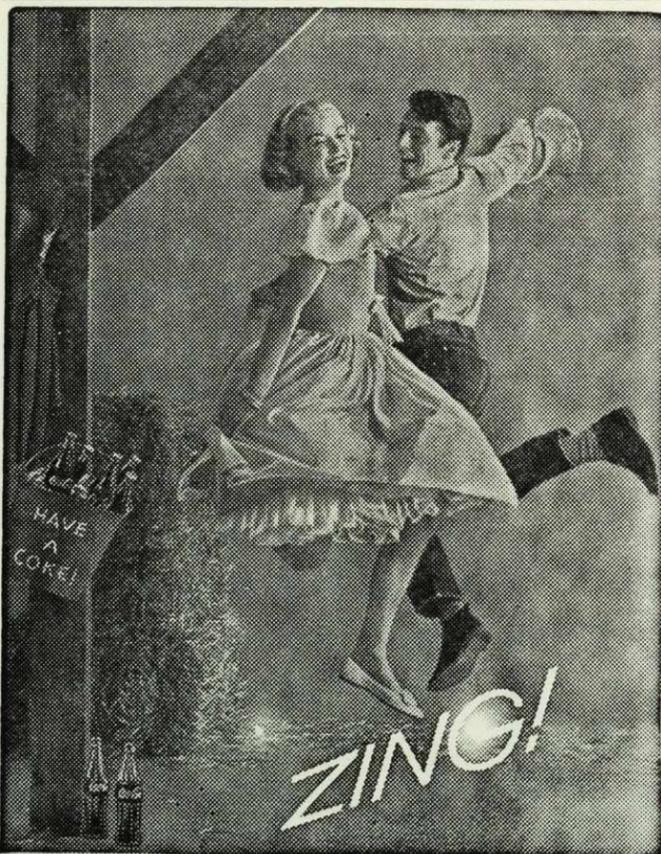
## 11 Countries Meet in Asia

MANILLA, PHILIPPINES (CUP/COSEC) — Representatives of 11 countries met here this term for three weeks of study and discussions at the Second Regional Co-Operation Seminar in Asia.

The seminar, opened by General Romulo, Philippine ambassador to the United Nations, centered on discussions of the student press, travel and welfare, as well as on the role of students in national reconstruction and community development and regional co-operation.

Discussion of contemporary Asian questions were of particular interest to the 33 delegates. Independence and nationalism, neutralism, economics of development, changing patterns of education, language problems, prejudice and discrimination were the major topics of the discussions.

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