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DEMOCRACY vs. COMMUNISM

A recent announcement from Belgrade declares that the International Comintern, which was declared at an end during the war-year of 1943, has been resurrected, or at least brought into the open again. Nine Communist countries have joined in an open pact which seeks to combat the so-called spread of Americanism. In other words, Russia and her followers are now openly opposing the only power that can offer any resistance to the spread of Communism.

This announcement does not surprise anyone who has followed the tragic course of events since the recent war's termination — or has it terminated?

Russia has used its power of veto about a dozen and a half times since the birth of the United Nations Organization, each time to oppose a plan favored by the majority of the nation members. Through this misuse of the veto the avowed aims of the United Nations have been thwarted, and the very existence of such an organization is as farcical as the ill-fated League of Nations.

But what is to be done?— What can we individuals of a democratic country do to combat or avert the seemingly inevitable approaching strife between Americanism and Communism? Certainly the answer is not to bury our heads in the sands of complacency. Nor should we rush into the other extreme of immediate war if we can avoid it by rational thought and action. Logically there is a solution, but where between the extremes does it lie?

It does not seem sensible to abandon the United Nations in spite of its apparent failure, for ultimately a league of its kind must govern the brotherhood of the world. It may not be now, nor may it be a hundred years hence, but when the time comes the errors and problems of today should be of inestimable value for its guidance. This in itself makes the present league worthwhile.

Meanwhile, perhaps the only answer to the growth of Communism might be a League for Democracy, as open in aim and purpose as the new International of Russia and her satellites. —Or should we be idealistic supporters of the United Nations and sit back and watch for Russia's next move?

(Editorial Note: The GAZETTE invites comment on the above problem. Please restrict all letters to three hundred words.

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Sir:

Regarding a report which appeared on the sport Page of last week's Gazette, I have interpreted the report to mean that if the Intermediate Rugby team is successful in winning the Championship, then it will be bolstered by players from the Canadian team and challenge for the McCurdy Cup.

The players who fight their way to a Championship would be

likely to take a dim view of this plan. If it goes through, then the D. A. A. C. should qualify for the best "KICK-OFF" this season.

Bob Grant

Dear Sir:

While the effect of this missile on the English-Canadian rugby controversy will be negligible, I thought that possibly the ideas of one who has played a bit at both games would be of interest to the devotees of the gridiron.

I am pro-Canadian football for three reasons. First, because it is a superior team game. In the scrum of English ruggers the

crowd cannot see whether you are pulling your weight or not. In Canadian rugby anyone who hasn't his heart in the game is easily spotted. Because of the complexity of the Canadian game intricate team work is essential. True the linemen don't get a chance to handle the ball as they sometimes do in English but any college sport is primarily a team game, not an individual effort. Since Canadian football involves more team work than English hence it is a more interesting game for the player, and the school.

Canadian football is a better game for the crowd too. There is something about watching an end run develop or a pass caught that can't be emulated in any other gridiron sport. The deceptiveness of the play and speed and violence of impact have fascinated huge crowds of rugby fans for years in Canada and the States.

Finally as far as Dalhousie is concerned we should make Canadian football our major fall sport because by doing so we will be in the same class as the rest of Canadian colleges, and after a time enter into competition with them and add prestige to the university name, as a modern educational institution.

Yours truly
Joe Levison



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