



on second thought

—Peter Outhit

SCOOP

*For the good that lacks existence
From the editor's desistence
And the financier's insistence,
And a higher circulation.*

I suspect that two of Canada's great newspapers, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald and Mail-Star, are like other newspapers in that they fold equally well, or poorly, weigh about the same and sound just as loud when they hit the front door at 7:15 a.m.

But comparison are odious. Instead of further paralleling them with other publications I should like to illustrate a few qualities our locals possess which appear to be unknown to other newspapers in cities of comparable size. For instance, who can resist the complete candor and imaginativeness with which stories like this pour hot off the linotype:

HOLD MEETING

A meeting of the Grand Atlantic Lodge of the Society for the Propagation of Athenian Telephone Directories will be held in the Lord Nelson Hotel Friday.

Guest speaker will be the Hon. Xerxes G. Papoulooskas, who has chosen for his subject "The Development of the Greater Athens Telephone Directory between August 6, 1958, and September 23, 1959".

Mr. Papoulooskas told the Mail-Star that there was no special import in the choice of those two particular dates, but said that he had always felt that period has received less publicity than the others, like January (when the Athens Directory is printed).

or the unbiased objectivity of a good obituary:

VETERAN DIES

Soc Rates died suddenly in Athens Monday. He was 70. Born in Athens, the son of Sophronicus and Phaenarete, he lived there most of his life. He was an army veteran, having served abroad with the infantry for several years, and later, as a city councillor, was well known for his contributions to debates.

He is survived by his wife Xanthippe and three sons, all at home. Remains are resting at Plato's Funeral Home, Crito Corner, Athens. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

and the behind-the-scenes coverage of a typical social event:

SMITH-JONES

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the house of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones East Shad Bay, when their daughter Jenny Jones was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony to Franklin D. Smith, Lower Sheeboom.

Mr. J. Jones officiated.

The bride looked lovely in a pink and white tulle gown trimmed with Chantilly lace just sprinkling of petit-de-fras-fois. The shotgun wore a silver sheen and a lovely wooden handle.

More than once as I glanced through the shipping page I've seen this sort of interesting little item:

OVERDUE SHIP ARRIVES

The Scandinavian fishing vessel "Brut" arrived in port today. "All these ships!" said Olaf Trygadson, skipper of the 1500-year-old Viking ship which entered Halifax Harbour early this morning after 14 centuries at sea.

Only danger during the long voyage, said Trygadson, was that supplies would not hold out. "We were a little worried at times," he said.

The 13-ton vessel had lost its rudder in high seas during the fall of 1479, he said, but a makeshift implement had been constructed from oars.

The newly-refitted ship will leave for Sweden tomorrow. Unable to get in touch with his wife by telephone, Trygadson expressed some anxiety about the state of his homestead.

The beauty of the local newspapers is that they let you think for yourself. One never knows where the most important items will appear, which is a challenge to read the whole newspaper. Why, only today at the bottom of page six, column 7, I read:

EXPLAINS RAT PROBLEM

"Giant rats," said Sergeant J. R. Mulrooney, spokesman for the provincial RCMP, "will completely destroy Halifax at midnight tonight".

An army of the savage rodents, he said, would ascend from central Halifax sewers at about 11:30 p.m. and by 12:15 would probably have devoured all of the city's 136,000 inhabitants.

RCMP headquarters declined to give further information. "Get in touch with us at 12:30" said RCMP Director P. Honysoit - Wickersham while stepping into his car.

"The phone number will be Vancouver 3244," he added.

One Argument in a Complex World

Combined Universities Campaign For Nuclear Disarmament

By GEORGE MARTELL, Associate Editor

The appeal of a movement such as the Combined Universities Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, which has appeared on the Dalhousie campus, is perhaps a reflection of one of the brighter aspects of the 20th Century. The nuclear age may yet have one virtue that will set it aside historically in any consideration of the morality of war. The unbelievable horror of an atomic war, while it has produced much rationalization, has led to some clarification in the minds of many thousands of people of the issues that are at stake. One can hope the clarification process may continue.

The problems concerning the prevention of such a war are immensely complex if one accepts the present world complex of power and finds it necessary to work within this complex to add his tiny contribution towards the securing of world peace if it consists primarily in maintaining a balance of terror.

However, there are many who do not accept working within a certain world order, which is forever a shifting nebulous thing. This results often in a sweeping simplification of the problems at hand and has today generally emerged in unilateral disarmament.

One line of thought, quite devoid of ethical considerations, moves only in the field of nuclear disarmament. Relying on the practical expediency of such a move to prevent North America from suffering the woes of a nuclear attack, it puts its trust in the nuclear arms of its allies, conventional weapons and God. This is essentially the position of the two campus political parties, and seems at best rather muddled thinking and at worst outright hypocrisy. James Eayrs has remarked: "There is no moral grandeur in foregoing atomic weapons in our own arsenal while accepting the protection afforded by atomic weapons in the arsenals of our allies; and while providing, by our exports of uranium concentrates, the raw material for those weapons."

A second simplification has far more validity so long as one accepts certain Christian absolutes especially concerning the killing of another man and the dignity involved in simply living one's life. It is outright pacifism in every sense and naturally includes the removal of nuclear arms unilaterally in every country possible (including the U.S.).

The Combined University Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CUCND) of Canada, which is currently asking for the support of students here, appears on the surface to be somewhere between these two positions. However, it is well to be sympathetic in the face of what seems to be glaring inconsistencies in view of the volatile nature of the subject and the necessity of gaining public support. ("Canada could disarm unilaterally with no military, strategic, or political loss, and with immense moral, political and strategic benefits to herself and the rest of the world" — policy manifesto CUCND). In spite of statements such as "Canada assuming leadership of the non-nuclear powers by this moral gesture" and the limiting of unilateralism to the abolition of nuclear arms, the organization should not lose its meaning to those in the complete pacifist tradition. It can be argued that one has to start somewhere.

The CUCND is "a university student and faculty campaign for the unilateral denunciation of nuclear weapons by Canada (in the interests of the survival of our people.)" At present it sees its role as providing "massive pressure group" uniting all the students of Canada in protest. It has groups on about six Canadian campuses and is connected with the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in England led by Bertrand Russell. Its Charter and some relevant passages from its policy manifesto are printed below.

THE CHARTER

IN FAITH AND IN REASON, WE AFFIRM OUR CONVICTION that nuclear arms are wholly evil; that, short of war, their very existence imperils present and future generations; and that, in the event of war, nations which condone their use will be committing suicide and will be guilty of the murder of the rest of mankind.

AND WE DECLARE OUR AIM:

To secure their total abolition. TO THAT END

We call upon the Government of Canada to renounce the possession, control and use of nuclear arms, and to do so immediately as an example to other countries.

KNOWING THAT

By the Government's own admission, there is no defence for the people of this country in a nuclear war;

Retaliation will mean the ruthless annihilation of other innocent people;

Every argument used by Canada to justify her possession of nuclear arms is valid for other countries who do not yet possess them;

Fears engendered by nuclear threats are turning every international disagreement into a crisis and thus increasing the risks of total war;

The money, manpower and materials wasted on nuclear arms could be devoted to peaceful purposes for the benefit of mankind.

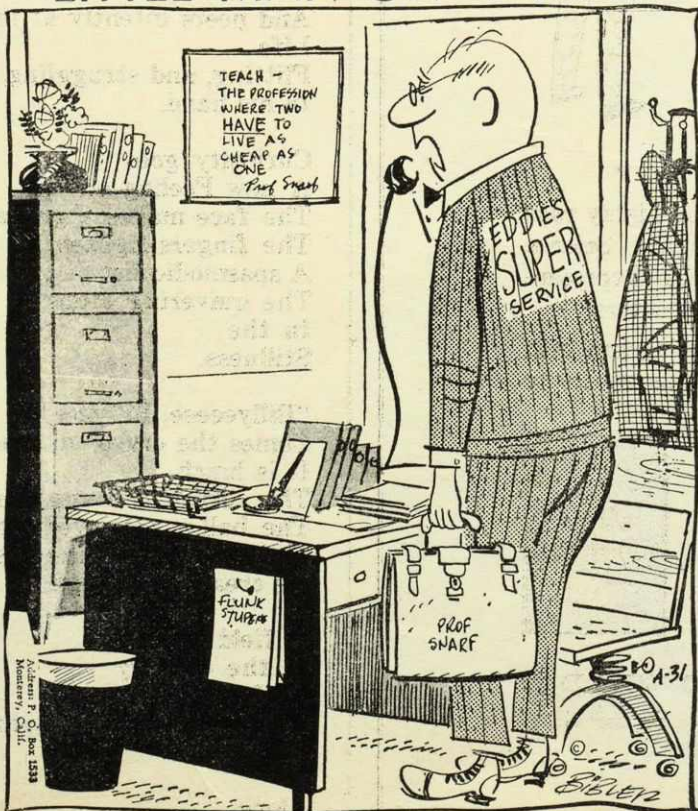
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EXPORT

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



TEACH — THE PROFESSION WHERE TWO HAVE TO LIVE AS CHEAP AS ONE Prof Swarf

EDDIE'S SUPER SERVICE

PROF SWARF

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