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Need of Understanding

Elsewhere on this page appears an editorial taken from a college newspaper published in the Province of Quebec in the French language.

The author of the article discusses the lack of understanding on the part of English-speaking Canadians of the French-speaking portion of the country.

The opinions and ways of thinking of the French-speaking population of Canada are almost completely unknown to the rest of the Dominion. A stray opinion occasionally seeps through but it is usually only because of its extreme difference to the Usually accepted way of things. Similarities are not of news value. When the Province of Quebec agrees with the rest of the Dominion few hear of it.

This state of things is dangerous to national unity. If one portion of the country fails to understand what the other is thinking about, they are bound to differ. English-speaking Canadians only hear one side of the story. When there is a difference between Quebec and the rest of the country they hear all about one side of the matter and very little about the other. It is unlikely that all the right is with one side.

Therefore, in the hope of contributing something to the cause of national unity, the GAZETTE has published this excerpt from a French language paper to show the other person's viewpoint. We do not necessarily agree with what is said in the article, but believe that it should be printed for the reasons given above.

A Change of Policy is Needed

Council President Sherman Zwicker has replied to the charges of the Acadia Students' Union that their students were charged exorbitant prices at the Dal-Acadia games played here a week ago.

He agreed that members of the Athenaeum staff who came here to report the games should not have been charged admission.

He stated, however, that it is the policy to charge Dal students 10c and all other students 25c until the rink and bleachers are fully paid for.

This policy is folly. It will lead to hard feelings among the already estranged Maritime universities, and may endanger the inter-collegiate leagues.

Acadia is willing to allow Dal students in to Dal-Acadia games played there at student rates if we will do the same for them. It is a well-known fact that more Dal students go to Acadia for sport events than there are Acadia students at games played here.

If we continue to discriminate between Dal and Acadia students at the gate, they would be justified in doing the same. In fact, if reports reaching us are true, they have already done so.

There is no telling how far a thing of this sort will go. A complete boycott of games could result, with a consequent lessening of interest in inter-collegiate sports.

If the present system is continued, Acadia students will have to pay 15c extra to get in to games at Dal. There are rarely more than one hundred Acadia supporters at any single game here. Is the \$15.00 extra worth it? Often about one hundred and fifty Dal students go to Acadia to see their teams play. If they are charged an extra 15c they would have to pay \$22.50 they would not have to pay if the rates were equal.

In this manner the Dal students are the losers. The Students' Council funds may be increased for a while, it is true, but the individual students who attend the games have to pay more.

The money thus raised will go towards the Rink and Bleacher funds, but is this not a rather expensive way of going about raising some extra money? Dal students pay it eventually, when they go to Acadia, and the excess goes to swell the Acadia coffers.

Let us suppose that the Council received a total of \$30. from the extra 15c charged Acadia students. The large crowd of Dal students who went to Acadia last weekend probably paid somewhere in the vicinity of \$40. extra to Acadia. The monetary loss to Dalhousie would amount to about \$10.

The loss of prestige is incalculable. The Council should consider this whole problem at length and lower the rates to allow cheering sections of other colleges in to game at which their teams are playing at current Dal student rates.

The Council should approach the Student Unions of all the Maritime universities and offer them reciprocity. A student rate of 10c should be instituted at all inter-collegiate sports events.

Any other policy would be not only unwise, but costly to Dalhousie. A new system must be set up at once, before matters get worse.

Congratulations

to—

Pete Doig, Struan Robertson—These two Council members have served on some of the most difficult Council Committees and have done all the work assigned to them without complaining. Their work on the Gate Receipts Committee has already brought in to the Council treasures a large amount of money, compared to its operation prior to their appointment to this committee. They have faithfully attended most of the Students' Council meetings held this year and have actively participated in Council work.

Lorne Clarke — Lorne Clarke acted as Leader of the Opposition and Progressive Conservative Party head in the Dalhousie Law School Mock Parliament last week. He conducted himself with dignity and decorum befitting the high station which he held. It is very easy for the Leader of the Opposition to allow his job to run away with him and unleash a stream of meaningless criticism against the party in power. Much of the high level of the debate was due to the attitude adopted by the Opposition leader.

The Kings College Debating Club — Last week two debaters from the University of Toronto's Hart House paid a visit to Halifax. The Dalhousie Debating Club was, for some reason or other, unable to put up two debaters to meet them, but Kings' College students found the time to prepare for the debate and saw to it that there was a fairly large turnout, which is essential to Oxford Parliamentary debates.

Ron Macdonald—Ron was leader of the C.C.F. Party in the Law School Mock Parliament and contributed much to the success of the whole thing. At no time did he descend below the highest level in debate and at all times he maintained strict adherence to the general policies of his party, something very few speakers were able to do. Though few in numbers, the C.C.F. Party played an important part in the Mock Parliament, due to the capable manner in which it was led.

Robin MacNeil — A familiar figure on the Dalhousie stage, Robin was the recipient of new honours Saturday night, when he was adjudged the best actor in Nova Scotia at the Provincial Drama Festival. He won this award in competition with the best acting talent in the province, including many older people who have appeared before the public for many years.

The Law Society — The last meeting of the Law Society was an example of how a meeting of the sort should be run. With one notable exception, the Law Society meetings this year have been of a very high standard, which some societies on the campus could well emulate.

Ron Downie — Ron was Prime Minister in the Mock Parliament, upon whom fell most of the responsibility for the smooth running of the three-evening event. He has also done a very fine job in connection with the Moot Courts, which this year presented a variety of perplexing problems.

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Inquisition in Quebec

(Translated from the University of Montreal Quartier Latin)

Students are always held to be the fiery defenders of liberty, either their own or everyone's rights. One of the recent copies of the Saskatchewan Sheath brings us an interesting item on this topic. A certain Christopher Strange writes an article entitled "Persecution in Quebec" based on incidents arising from the trials of Jehovah's Witnesses at Shawinigan Falls and other places, and the author, in a misapplication of principles, concluded that either liberty did not exist or hardly existed in our province. But let us listen to the "impartial" Mr. Strange speak.

"It is precisely in defence of liberty that our democratic system was built and on which it must continue to be based. That is why all must have the freedom of expressing their opinions, whether diverse or opposed . . . A distributor in pamphlets in which Jehovah Witnesses acidly criticized the authority of the government and of the clergy was condemned by a Quebec court. We know that the Supreme Court has reversed this decision and has acquitted the accused. Such incidents have incited a great number of Canadians to ask for a "Bill of Rights", to guarantee as fundamental such liberties as freedom of speech, assembly, and religion. . . . Recent events in Quebec throw doubt on the fact that the public opinion of that province is able to be united for sustaining the spirit and the law of such a bill. It is certain that these attacks against liberty are the work of a minority. (It is about time that he says this!) Other similar examples exist elsewhere in Canada. But possibly (note the assurance of his assertion) intolerance towards liberty is more widespread and better organized in Quebec than in any other part of the country." And as a conclusion he states that "Here there is an opportunity to inform public opinion and to have its pressure brought to bear on these fomenters of democracy."

Just what do you think of that? In the first place the author should put into practise his own advice and inform himself before attempting to inform others.

First: The Quebec court did not condemn the Jehovah Witnesses because they practised or preached a religion, but because they disturbed the peace and public order. Let a Catholic try to impose his religion with violence and his lot will be the same.

Second: Even supposing the Supreme Court had been right, is the author justified and authorized to attack the clergy and the government, to declare categorically that liberty does not exist in Quebec? We have always condoned illiterates and people of little learning (it's not their fault) in passing from the particular to the general. We would not expect that of a university student. However, regrettable incidents will happen. Also, on this same subject we find a report in the Montreal *Matin* of January 25, 1951. (We find some good in all newspapers) "In certain sections of the province Witnesses did not get along well with the people; they themselves provoked antagonism. The Jehovah Witnesses can believe what they wish about what concerns them. But we will never tolerate their coming and imposing their presence and their teachings in our own homes. If they want their rights to be respected, let them first learn to respect the rights of others."

We must therefore distinguish between liberty and the abuse of liberty. Authority has the right to raise itself up against abuses of liberty and to protect true liberty. The exercise of individual liberty must not conflict with the exercise of the rights of others.

If you like meditation, I invite you to read a street car advertisement written in English. It goes something like this: "If you hear someone discrediting a Canadian because of his race or his religion, tell him to shut up!" What good advice to follow.

Vianney Therrien.

Pre-Med

A successful meeting of the Pre-Med Society was held Feb. 7, in the Chem Theatre.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. H. G. Grant, head of the Faculty of Medicine, whose talk focused around the perspective medical student. He stressed the point of having a good general education before entering medicine in order to be able to understand the patient more thoroughly.

The opportunities and necessity to keep abreast of scientific achievement were also discussed. Many questions pertaining to the need of some of the Pre-Med subjects, e.g., physics and chemistry were settled in the minds of the audience by Dr. Grant. It was explained that while medicine was a long and expensive course it

does not hold the difficulties feared by many entering it, although a great deal of studying is required of the student. Before closing, Dr. Grant allowed a period for questions. President Doug Eisner thanked Dr. Grant for addressing the group.

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