

FILM SOCIETY REVIEW

by ROBERT KERR

The Film Society showing of "Private's Progress", a Boulting Brothers comedy, is not an easy one to review. The miserable quality of the print and soundtrack that were supplied to the Society, and the fact that projection suffered from the snowed-in condition of the regular projectionist, combined to make it hard to obtain a clear, general impression of the film itself.

The two stalwarts, Ian Carmichael and Terry Thomas, were up to their usual antics. Carmichael as a clumsy intellectual and Thomas as a witty villain provide a sure-fire combination. This film did a better job than most in putting their typical character parts into a successful counter-position to one another.

The irreverence of this film towards the army was rather more complete than that of most army comedies. At the same time, the stock types, such as gruff sergeants and incompetent CO's, were well worked in. The addition of a real villain not a mere pig-headed, hard-hearted

officer, was a refreshing touch, but it also took the film rather far afield from a strict army satire. Some commendable situation and character comedy was, fortunately, the happy result.

While "Private's Progress" is probably not one of the funniest of English comedies, it is mercifully free of the heavy-handed slap-stick which has dominated much British film comedy since the advent of the "Carry On" gang. Of course, it did enjoy the advantage of being produced before the impact of the "Carry On" trend was felt. The film indicated the British can do a very good job of situation comedy. The film's satire on army life was good, but in the midst of the proliferation of such films in recent years there was nothing outstanding about that aspect of this film. On the whole, "Private's Progress" provided a fair evening of entertainment, one the critic could enjoy, but not feel particularly like applauding over.

This Sunday the Film Society feature will feature "The Titfield Thunderbolt", another English comedy. This film, which centres on the activities of a small town whose railway service is about to be discontinued because of its unprofitability, could have an object lesson for Frederictonians.

IT'S ABOUT THE FORMALDAHYDE

by SCUTTLE

Rumor has it that there is a one thousand dollar reward out for the person who invented formaldehyde, an another one thousand for the man who invents something better to replace it. The true joys of working with this vile substance are incomprehensible to the non-biologist, but I will try to reconstruct them.

This "joy-juice" (as it is lovingly called) has a pungent odour which leaves quasi-perpetual stinging in the nose channels of its users. The bug-lovers have changed the old adage, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" to "Repugnance is in the snout of the victim" (Corn). Long after a rigorous lab, this formaldehyde odour can be enjoyed for hours.

The slime is another side-benefit obtained from this wonderful liquid. It just wouldn't seem right to dissect a specimen that wasn't all gooey and hard to keep hold of: why, if one could easily pin their worms down, half of the sport of playing like a surgeon would be lost forever. This slime also complicates the removing of specimens from the bottles. One no sooner gets hold of a sample than it slides right back into the container and leaves the student with a hand covered with gunk off it.

Anyone going after that reward? (by the way, rumor has it that it is the first year, Biology 100 students are the ones putting up the reward money). You would earn the eternal gratitude of all future U.N.B. You got it? O.K.? O.K.? O.K.?

P.C. PANEL

4 PARTIES - GOOD OR BAD?

by ROBERT KERR

Political maverickness on the Prairies since World War I and a failure to satisfy the public conscience by the oldtime parties, particularly in the Western provinces, were traced as the source of the splinter parties in Canada at a panel discussion last week sponsored by the Progressive Conservative Club. Prof. H. J. Whalen, Fred A. McCain, P.C. member of the N.B. Legislature, Daniel Lingeman and Ross Webster composed the panel, with Pam Keirstead moderating.

Prof. Whalen opened the discussion by tracing the development of third parties in Canada from the Liberal split during the Unionist administration of the First World War through the Progressives and Farmers' Parties to their present left and right wing successors, the CCF-NDP party and the Social Credit party. Discounting the importance of leadership in the political success of third parties, Prof. Whalen pointed to the significance of underlying factors as well as the use of mass psychology and a mixture of politics and religion which contributed greatly to Socred success.

Mr. Webster saw the small parties as an aid to careful government, but at times like the present more of a hindrance than a help to good government. He felt that Quebecers didn't know what they were doing in their

sudden swings to the P.C.s in 1958 and the Socreds in 1962, but he hoped that in the next election they might divide their vote more level-headedly between the old-time parties.

Mr. Lingeman emphasized the continuing uncertainty of what happen in Quebec. In the next election he felt the Socreds, whose recent success in that province was bad because of the irrationalism it involved but good because it had taken politics in that province out of the hands of "les notables", could win anywhere from 0 to 55 Quebec seats.

The failure of some governments by the old-time parties to govern in accordance with the public conscience was seen as the opening for third parties by Mr. McCain. At the same time the existence of 4 parties had hindered Canadian development, he felt, for only if "the pride and principles of two or more parties do not prevent them from forming a coalition can a multi-party system be successful."

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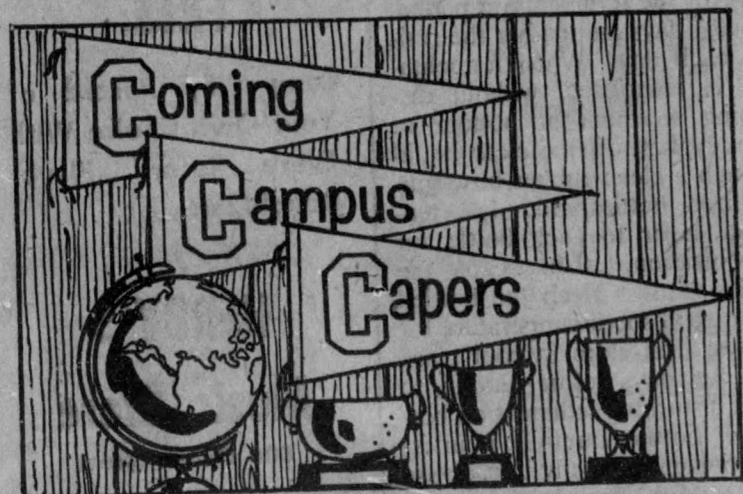
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