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## Editorial

INVITATION TO DISASTER

The other day a high U.S. official was bounded by reporters to make a statement to the effect that the world was in a state of crisis. This would hardly seem important in a world where momentous news events are being formulated each day. Yet newspapers and radio in both the United States and Canada gave the incident high rating for news value.

This official is only one in a long line to utter such soul-shattering statements. It is becoming more and more difficult to hear any public or private official saying anything but that the world is now two worlds, the U. N. is a farce, the Red Menace is upon us, and so on.

The effect that these officials seemingly want to produce is one of fear and hysteria. They are the chief exponents of the present crisis and seem to desire a more critical state of affairs by their very attitude. The real crisis is the question of the survival of man. It is not the crisis of political and economic conflicts which are blattantly hurled at us from Moscow, Washington, or Ottawa.

Man is continuously living in a state of crisis but not of the type some people would have us believe. We are told that we must preserve our way of life, yet it is only now that government and industry appeal to us, supposedly trying to educate us to what that way of life means. A daily radio program from Toronto optimistically tells us that in this great land of ours we have complete freedom of expression, yet not many miles away, in Quebec, school teachers are afrad to open their mouths because if they should disagree with the policies of M. Duplessis they are called Communist and subject to possible arrest. In the U. S., President Truman did not even get to first base with his civil liberties program because of the anti-Negro (thus anti-democratic) feeling in that country.

In Europe, the red herring of Trieste has been thrown epediently into the political tug-of-war; while in Russia, the Crimes committed in the anme of democracy are sicken-

The familiar situation has occurred several times in history and its curses are fairly plain to see. Whenever our political maturity has not been balanced with our economic or spiritual maturity, we begin to disintegrate and are ripe for the rule of demagogues who lay claim to economic and political panaceas, and ripe for charlatans whose "mouththings" create the very attitude they wish to de-

The way out is not clear. Certainly our local leaders in government, industry, or education do not offer a solution. If radio speakers have nothing constructive to say, they usually tell us to be scared or admit that they are scared along with us. Fear is a negative process for establishing that dimly remembered feature of Atlantic Charter fame. Our national leaders seem equally as mystified and fearful of the world situation.

We might start by living up to the standards which we believe to exist. We might practise what we preach. We might start now to teach the truth about those vague terms democracy, justice, and equality, instead of having, to listen to a blast of corny propaganda descending on us in one garbled swoop. We might start by recognizing that facts are only a means to an end and not an end in themselves. They are the tools of thought by which to hew a truer course.

We must recognize that advance in technical education is not always an advance in human knowledge. At one extreme we have the atomic bomb while at the other we pro-(Continued on Page Seven).



## Poli Says "NO" **To Customs Union**

There has been much controversy of late over a possible 'Custom's Union with United States. The union was first advocated this year by an editorial in Life Magazine and was quickly picked up by several Canadian publications of which the Toronto Saturday Night expressed the strongest views against such a union.

In a poll of UNB student Wendell Watters chalked up the following results:

Are you in favour of an economic union between Canada and the United States?

Males Females Undecided Do you think economic union in evitably leads to political union?

(News Ed's Note: In a February issue of the Brunswickan a report from the Newman Club stated mit complete budgets for the year that in a discussion the Newmanites

had aired their views and generally were in favour of a union of Canada and United States).

ALL TEAM MANAGERS and SOCIETY EXECUTIVES must sub-'48-'49 to the S. R. C. Treasurer in October, the exact date to be set by the treasurer, in the fall.

> VIRGINIA BLISS, S. R. C. Secretary.



EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IS BETTER FOR A

Learn what New Brunswick is doing to encourage handicrafts among its peoples.

HOBBY

EVERY TUESDAY eve at 7.30 NATIVE NEW BRUNSWICK HANDICRAFTS are discussed on CFNB.

In a hectic three-hour verbal ing SRC meeting the Flying was given permission to sell it plane, keep \$1,000 from the sa return the remainder of the pr to the SRC Treasury.

Andy Fleming was in favo turning all the funds over to th the first of the meeting rom Prescott, one of the found he Club, took strong object many statements made by 5 In the motion-making-withdr and-defeating meeting Prexy on had a hard time to keep when sudden bursts of ar claimed the floor. At one tim Toft, John Boynton, Prescott Fleming all had the floor and throwing "words" at each oth ore Robinson managed to ric hip o nan even keel again. In g things down Robinson re I see Fanjoy is just about to l

Several motions were ma withdrawn while numerous were defeated in one of the neetings of the year.

The first item on the ager the disposal of \$900 worth Bonds. On motion of Doug it was decided to turn these over to the Student War M Centre Fund.

Don Cox put before the the proposal to supply his eam with 10 j ackets at \$ Cox maintained that winning e Championship, the e time for the UNB Team, merited the jackets. mended the motion to re ackets at \$12.75 each. The nent whipped through nicely acket-donating motion was ut promptly by Verne Cor nark that the motion was re After considerable debate estion of NFCUS join Virginia Bliss motioned i council back the feelings n a telegram sent Mob Har George Kobinson and Ed he telegram was to the e FCUS should send observe S conference to be held i is summer but should not In amendment by Hay and out the motion to the vot whole student body wa sdef At the last minute two of re quickly rushed the ouncil meeting: (1) the c of the Student Telephone the SCM for next year, a approval of the Freshman

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