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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 blatantly 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 afraid 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 expediently into the political tug-of-war; while in Russia, the Crimes committed in the name of democracy are sickening.

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 destroy.

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-

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"There's a good type for the fraternity!"

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Poll Says "NO" To Customs Union

There has been much controversy of late over a possible Customs 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?

Answer:

	Males	Females
Yes	24	5
Undecided	—	1
No	54	6

Do you think economic union inevitably leads to political union?

Answer:

	Males	Females
Yes	41	10
Undecided	2	—

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(News Ed's Note: In a February issue of the Brunswickan a report from the Newman Club stated that in a discussion the Newmanites had aired their views and generally were in favour of a union of Canada and United States).

NOTICE

ALL TEAM MANAGERS and SOCIETY EXECUTIVES must submit complete budgets for the year '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 HOBBY

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

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NATIVE NEW BRUNSWICK HANDICRAFTS are discussed on CFNB.

FLYING TO SELL

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

Andy Fleming was in favour of turning all the funds over to the SRC at the first of the meeting. Tom Prescott, one of the founders of the Club, took strong objection to many statements made by Fleming. In the motion-making-withdrawal-defeating meeting Prexy Robinson had a hard time to keep the SRC from sudden bursts of argument claimed the floor. At one time Toft, John Boynton, Prescott, Fleming all had the floor and throwing "words" at each other. Robinson managed to right ship a man even keel again. In the end things down Robinson resigned. "I see Fanjoy is just about to resign his resignation."

Several motions were made and withdrawn while numerous motions were defeated in one of the meetings of the year.

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

Don Cox put before the proposal to supply his team with 10 jackets at \$10 each. Cox maintained that winning time Championship, the some time for the UNB Team, merited the jackets. amended the motion to res jackets at \$12.75 each. The ment whipped through nicely. jacket-donating motion was out promptly by Verne Cox mark that the motion was rejected.

After considerable debate question of NFCUS joint Virginia Bliss motioned Council back the feelings in a telegram sent Mob Har George Robinson and Ed The telegram was to the effect NFCUS should send observer to US conference to be held in this summer but should not. An amendment by Hay and put the motion to the vote. whole student body was satisfied.

At the last minute two of were quickly rushed through Council meeting: (1) the of the Student Telephone to the SCM for next year, approval of the Freshman proposals for initiation.

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