



Winter scene of  
the Electrical  
Engineering  
Building



## Merry Christmas from the Staff . . .

### Peace Today . . . .

In case you haven't noticed, Christmas is nearly upon us. Associated with the Yuletide Season are such things as holidays, parties, presents, and religious observances. You will note that the Religious implications of Christmas are listed last. This is done only because society as a whole has tended to obscure what is essentially the "true meaning of Christmas" (to quote a much used cliché) and emphasize what some people have been prone to call dirty commercialism. Be that as it may, I do think that people in 1956 should give serious thought to at least one facet of the Christmas observance—peace.

There are no people on earth today, I think, that are unaware of the dangerous turn events have taken in the last decade—and especially in the last months. Life and security everywhere have been seriously jeopardized, and I think will continue to be jeopardized unless more profound thought is given to future international policies. The entire western world applauded the efforts of the Hungarians to free themselves from what is fairly widely recognized, as tyranny. Yet, if we are to assure continued freedom for ourselves and to obtain freedom for people everywhere, more concrete steps will have to be taken; more concrete than sympathetic applause.

It has been said that the Western Democracy can live in peace with Soviet Communism. I would suggest that this is a valid assumption, chiefly because there is no alternative. Consider for a moment what would happen if a breach of peace occurs and we are plunged into war. One half of the world will be pitted against the other, armed with the most destructive weapons ever conceived by man. It would truly be a battle of mastadons. As for the outcome of such a war, the late great Albert Einstein summed it up neatly when he observed: "I don't know what the 3rd world war will be fought with, but I am positive the following will be fought with clubs". If anything, that statement is optimistic.

The complexities of the current international situation make slow and deliberate consultation imperative. No lasting agreement will be reached unless both sides are sufficiently aware of the seriousness and grim determination that should characterize top level discussion. No longer must crucial international meetings become sounding boards for insidious propaganda. The time is past when statesmen can repudiate publicly, statements of fact concerning their countries which have a strong basis in fact. In the golden age of political intrigue and diplomacy the stakes were relatively provincial in nature. Today, the stakes are defined only within such bounds that will embrace every man in the world.

While disagreement may prevail as to how we achieve peace, no one, I think, can sensibly suggest that this desire is not universally held.

### Letter to the Editor

THANKS writer  
For Comments  
on Residence

The Editor,  
The Brunswickan,  
University of New Brunswick.  
Sir,

We are delighted that someone has finally taken a vocal interest in the Maggie Jean Chestnut Residence. Without unduly committing ourselves, may we say that Mr. Meloche's points are well taken. There is an unfortunately early curfew at the Residence, which has the habit (by co-incidence perhaps) of falling on Formal nights. It is conceivable that other "facets" of residence life may be revealed as time goes on. However, be that as it may, may we take this opportunity again, of saluting "Marv" for his pertinent letter.

Yours etc.,  
Some Maggie Jeanites.



Best Wishes for a  
**Merry Christmas**  
and a  
**Happy New Year**  
from the staff of  
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