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The "Gleaner" Does It Again

A letter in the columns of this newspaper calls attention to very biased reporting on the part of the local newspaper, "The Daily Gleaner". We do not make a rule of commenting on other newspapers — our problems are usually of sufficient magnitude to take up most of our time. In this case, we must take exception.

On behalf of the student body at the University of New Brunswick — on behalf of all three political parties — we do most heartily condemn the editorial board of "The Daily Gleaner" for allowing biased political opinions in its news columns.

The first night of the Model Parliament which saw the Progressive Conservative Party on the government side of the house was fully reported with generous quotations attributed to government speakers.

Saturday, the Progressive Conservative Government was over-thrown. Monday's "Gleaner" reports completely misrepresented the Coalition Government's Bill and contained no remarks by government speakers. It contained voluminous reference to the speeches of the Progressive Conservative Opposition. It mis-represented the make-up of the Liberal-Christian Atheist Cabinet.

It is exactly this kind of thing which has given newspapers the bad name they have in some quarters. There is no excuse for it. It helps nobody. It hurts many.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note:

The following letter was sent to the publisher of the "Daily Gleaner" on March 3.

Mr. Michael Wardell,
Publisher, The Daily Gleaner
Fredericton, N.B.

Sir:

I should have known that it was too close to March 31 for The Daily Gleaner to present fair coverage of the proceedings of the Model Parliament of the University of New Brunswick. Nevertheless I was thoroughly shocked by the completely biased reports your paper carried on Monday, March 3.

You omitted all the facts which did not favour the Progressive Conservative Party. You printed lengthy attacks on the Liberal-Christian Atheist Government's plan for the disposal of surplus foods. But you did not even print one of the provisions of the bill, making it impossible for your readers to give it a fair appraisal.

The act did not provide for "give-aways". The provisions were:

1. Canada's surplus foods should be made available to the under developed and under privileged countries of the world.
2. Parliament shall extend loans to those countries needing and desiring Canada's surplus food, said loans being made on the condition that the funds be used solely to purchase Canadian food.
3. Proceeds from sales financed by such loans shall go to the private Canadian sellers of food.
4. Parliament shall eliminate all existing price support programs for food products.

This is the program of credit extension, and not a "give-away".

In addition your report erred in stating that the cabinet of the coalition government consisted of seven Liberals and four Christian Atheists. The actual line-up was six Liberals, including Prime Minister Proudfoot and five Christian Atheists.

I hope you will bring these facts to the attention of your readers.

Christian Atheist Party
Sincerely,
Terence McCluskey
Leader,

Less Talk — And More Action

Canadian Conference on Education

The much publicized conference on Education held recently in Ottawa accomplished very little. Like all education conferences it followed the pattern of a great deal of talking which probably will result in no future action. Costing \$56,000., the conference examined all phases of Canadian Education. In the eight workshop discussions the 850 delegates resolved among other things, that more money should be spent on education. Surely this is apparent to everyone when they observe inadequate school facilities and poorly qualified teachers in N.B. Yet latest statistics for New Brunswick show on the average people spend more of their income on alcoholic beverages than they did on education.

(Part of a contributed article by the Education Society)

STUDENTS ON STRIKE

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The university of Montreal has already sanctioned the unlimited strike.

TRI-SERVICE BALL

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