



THE FAN

JEAN LESAGE, D.C.L.

Once again another great man has walked from our red-bricked walls clutching a D.C.L. in his hot little hands. In fact, it would seem that he couldn't leave our campus fast enough. His absence was noted at the sod-turning ceremony and reception at Lady Dunn Hall... no doubt he was in a hurry to return to his beloved Quebec...

There is not very much we can say about his Convocation address other than it was a rather poor time to give a lecture on Constitutional Law. His ideas on provincial rights in the B.N.A. Act are obviously not those of the Fathers of Confederation. His words on the so-called "French Canada" makes one wish that General Wolfe had been able to finish the job he started so long ago.

It is nauseating to see the way this country bends over backwards to please one province. Ever since the Quebec Act, the Province has been given almost everything they could wish for: their own civil law, religion and language to mention a few. This is a great deal, when we consider that the British won the country. It is common today to see English men and women humiliating themselves by speaking French to our Quebec friends who understand English perfectly well...

The French Canadians are a minority in this country and if the French in Quebec want the financial equality they have been so strongly fighting for they should not expect everyone to make so many silly exceptions for them. In short, we should all "tow the line", everyone doing his own share... there are no such things as "Minority Rights", however there are certain Privileges... and these are only privileges...

It is often said that should Quebec become independent, the rest of the country would join the United States... wouldn't that be terrible???

It wouldn't be any worse than looking like fools to the rest of the world, as we do now. It isn't worth keeping this marriage together... since it is already on the rocks...

We can only hope that in his pursuit of provincial rights and nationalism, Dr. Lesage will not let the monster of Civil War loose. A politician will take the path of least resistance, he will go whichever way the wind blows at any given time. What seems to be the ignorant wish of the uniformed masses is the most advantageous course for him to follow. On the other hand, a Statesman will lead the people, explaining the reasons for taking a certain course. Which road will Dr. Lesage take? It seems strange to us that in spite of his sense of nationalism and spirit of independence, he brushed off the recent protests against nuclear arms in his province as "A Federal problem, not provincial". He was right, of course, but it is too bad that he doesn't take this view in every matter, instead of just when the going is tough...

We believe that a French Canadian is as much a Canadian as one who speaks English. The sooner the people of Quebec realize that not only are they entitled to all the rights and privileges of citizenship but are also subject to all the responsibilities, obligations and duties, the better off we will all be...

RETURN OF THE NATIVES...

Once again, we have seen that "fly by night" organization come and go from our campus... Treasure Van has cleaned up again. The name "Treasure Van" gives us all the wrong impression. They come to the campus with all sorts of junk, with a very high utility, of course (anyone for a fur-lined tom-tom?), and leave with the "Treasure" from your pockets. As a result, students will be spending less on "useful" articles. It is both comical and sad to see a student pay an outrageous price for an article which originated in Japan, refusing to buy its American counterpart in the stores downtown, simply because it was made in Japan... even for half the price!

Every year, the World University Service of Canada throws the sympathy story at us in the best Madison Avenue style, by using all the means of communication made available to them... free. We are told that they do wonderful things with the money but when you ask they just say they send the money to "headquarters"... this makes Al Capone sound like a high school student...

The ironic thing about this organization is that they are trying to do so much for students in foreign lands when we have so many students in our own country who are unable to complete their own education due to lack of funds.

We suggest that the S.R.C. ban the Treasure Van and W.U.S.C. from the campus in future years unless they can show what they are doing with the money and that it is really a good cause. This isn't a "two-bit" organization as last year alone Treasure Van made over one hundred thousand dollars...

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A conference "who's who" of authorities in various fields continues to grow for the three day gathering at the University of New Brunswick this month for a look at relations between Canada and the West Indies.

Miss Elizabeth Wallace, associate professor of political science at the University of Toronto, will participate in panel discussions on West Indian Development Saturday, Oct. 26. The conference, sponsored jointly by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and UNB, will be held Friday, Oct. 25, to Sunday Oct. 27.

Aim of the meetings is to call attention to the future development of Canada and the West Indies with stress on trade and a look at related problems in the Atlantic Provinces. The conference has been titled "Commonwealth Partners in the West Indies".

Prof. Wallace has special interest in the West Indian political scene and the economic and social problems of the Caribbean. Author of "Goldwin Smith: Victorian Liberal", she is working for the CIAA at present on a study of the short-lived federation of the West Indies.

Prof. Wallace was graduated from the University of Toronto with the bachelor of arts degree and from Oxford University with the doctorate.

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— From an essay, "Oxford as I see it", by Stephen Leacock
... contained in "My Discovery of England," 1922.

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