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DON'T FORGET

WHEN YOU'RE DEAD, YOU'RE DEAD!

Tonight the SCM Film Society will present one of the famous Bergman films--Wild Strawberries. This film has been an outstanding success from the time of its production in 1957. In the event that it is not available, we have chosen another excellent Bergman film, Illicit Interlude, as an alternative.

Immediately after the film, those interested are asked to gather in the Common Room to hear Dr. Ruth Kajander and Professor M. Gnarowski give their impressions of the film. The subject will then be thrown open for discussion. Coffee will also be available. See you in Room 16 at 8:30 tonight.

Editorial

The Encyclopedia Britannica defines a national anthem as "the official patriotic song of a country". At this time I want to make a reflection on, and perhaps draw some weak conclusion from, our attitude towards Canada's two national anthems. (Although "Oh Canada" is not official, I am considering it in a loose application of the term anthem since it shares equal honours with its official counterpart "God Save The Queen".)

One had only to attend the opening assembly of Lakehead College to have noted the apathy and lack of patriotism that we confer on these two selections. At the theatre, as the feature ends, practically half the audience rushes madly to the door to escape the few second wait it takes to play the first six bars of "God Save the Queen". I am sure patriotism is the farthest thing from the minds of people at dances as the anthem is played at midnight.

I am not advocating that we should be enthusiastic or even nationalistic, for I firmly believe that the type of nationalism entailing pride and strained emotions is one of the worst forces for evil in our modern world. What I am saying is that I think that we are all being hypocrites. We articulate "God save our gracious Queen", yet we never stop to realize that we are invoking Almighty God to prolong the life of some removed person to whom we attach the title "Queen". This in my opinion is a foolish prayer in the first place. Again we sing "Oh Canada, we stand on guard for thee", but we can't be bothered to stand at attention even for the time required to play this selection.

The words in themselves are not a sham, but the fact that we perpetuate this meaningless formality is only sheer hypocrisy. And what are we going to do about it? -Probably nothing.

....Sharon Moon

The question of survival after death is seldom deeply considered by contemporary man; this reflects partly a personal fear of the particular problem of death and partly a general apathy toward matters of value in life. Christianity teaches that there is a "post-mortem" existence; this teaching is offered as truth and not as wishful thinking. Yet a little philosophic reflection upon the matter seems to show that the Christian teaching may express little more than a noble hope, and that really WHEN YOU'RE DEAD, YOU'RE DEAD.

Today at 12:15 in Room 12, Rev. Gordon Jardine (Broadway United) sets forth the Christian position; Dr. F. M. Doan, Associate Professor of Philosophy, offers his thoughts on the matter. A Question Period will follow. Everyone is welcome.

OH NO, NOT AGAIN!

One can almost say without fear of contradiction that the biggest monopoly in free enterprising America is the New York Yankees. Unlike the old trusts of Teddy Roosevelt's day, the courts can't touch the team that has won the American League Pennant 13 of the last 15 years, and the World Series nine times over that span. After the Yankees wallop the Dodgers (who haven't even the power of the Giants) in no more than five games, the Yankees will have made it ten World Championships during that span.

Ever since they purchased a fellow by the name of Babe Ruth in 1920, the Yankees have finished first in the American League 28 times and have lost the Series only seven times. Indeed this is a monopoly. The World Series is becoming a sickening annual torture which the American continent must bear with for a week every Autumn, as Mel Allen, the "how about that" broadcaster, and the ever powerful Yankees put in their annual appearance against whatever meek and humble opposition the National League offers. The outcome is a foregone conclusion. The Yankees have too much power, too much pitching, and a bench that could probably win the National League Pennant. We can only hope that the day won't be far off when Yogi Berra gets to see a World Series...on television that is. Thank God hockey season is near!

..K. Mucha

TREASURE VAN comes to Lakehead College
October 21-22-23.

CO-OPERATIVE CAPITALISM

Jesus taught that life is a process of growing, and that the world is a proving ground. We begin with a variety of talents, and as life progresses, opportunities for the utilization of those talents open up before us. He accepted as a fact of life, the unequal distribution of these natural gifts, and offered no explanation. He stressed very forcibly the importance of launching out adventurously in the face of unknown risks to discover ones capabilities, and to capitalize on them for the development of character. Talents, like muscles, must be exercised, nourished and developed or they atrophy and lose significance, hence the grim warning of Jesus, readily proved by experience, "For the man who has will always will forfeit even what he has." The need for ambitious determined struggle towards maturity of personality is nowhere more clearly put than in the parable of the talents Matthew chapter 25. The plain truth is 'If you don't use, you lose.' This however is not a green light for a course of unlimited exploitation for self-aggrandizement. Jesus taught co-operative development of personal capital. The second great command is to love one's neighbour as oneself; to seek the highest good of the other person as naturally and enthusiastically as one pursues one's own best interests. There is no place for ruthless and solely self-regarding capitalism. Jesus' way of life may perhaps be described as 'co-operative capitalism.'

....John Guy

SCM BOOK ROOM

The SCM Book Room is again providing its services to the students of Lakehead College. The purpose of the SCM Book Room is to provide the students with outside reading in fields related to their courses and to allow students to browse around in the atmosphere of a good book store. The SCM Book Room has paperbacks in the fields of Economics, English, History, Philosophy, Theology, Political Science, and French. The Book Room is located in Room 9 (Language Lab) and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:00 to 1:30.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STUDY?

The two main requirements for a good place to study are quietness and plenty of reference books. Both of these are provided by the College Library. The former is ensured by a second year student who is there also to help any new students who are not yet acquainted with our library. The latter requirement is certainly fulfilled by this, the best academic library at the Lakehead. In addition to the usual daytime hours, the library is open every night, Monday to Friday 6:30 to 9:30, and Saturday mornings 9:00 to 12:00.

SOUTH VIET NAM

Southeast Asia very rarely escapes world attention. Several years ago it was Laos. Last year it was the India-China dispute. Since then we've had the Malaysian Federation crisis, Burma's nationalization of foreign properties, Thailand's fear of communist aggression, Ceylon's nationalization of oil refineries, and a host of other events. However, no nation has received the attention that South Viet Nam has. The Western Press has virtually crucified the South Vietnamese government. Certainly the press has been unfair to say the least. My first complaint is against its use of the term "Roman Catholic". It has continually called the government of Ngo Dinh Diem, the President, a Roman Catholic government. It is true that Diem is a Catholic, as are most of his cabinet and officials. The Western press is virtually holding Diem up as a typical Catholic politician; however experience has shown that this term should apply only to his religious affiliation and not to his political philosophy. Certainly we don't refer to the governments of De Gaulle or Chancellor Adenauer as Catholic governments.

Indeed, the Western press should examine the nation more closely, and the situation that prevails there, for the country is 90 per cent Buddhist while only 10 per cent Roman Catholic. The Buddhists claim that the Catholic bosses of Viet Nam are mistreating them and are taking all the gravy, made possible by the million dollar-a-day aid of the U.S. This is a serious problem faced by the U.S. in its attempt to beat Communism in Asia. But while Diem has failed to unite the country in fighting the Communist gorillas, he alone is still in there doing battle. In fact, he is the only one right now who can oust Communism. If he has been corrupt, then the U.S. can accept part of the blame. As in all American foreign aid programs, the U.S. tends to give money to poor nations to fight poverty and the Reds and the money falls into the wrong hands. They aided Mr. Diem, now they must suffer with him. To conclude, peace will only be restored in Southeast Asia, chiefly South Viet Nam, if the Buddhists and Catholics unite in their efforts to obtain a solution. The Buddhists too, must show more willingness to fight Communism, rather than accept it as they have done in North Korea, North Viet Nam, Burma, and Ceylon. Perhaps we shouldn't completely abandon Ngo Dinh Diem in his fight.

...Ken Mucha

LAKEHEAD COLLEGE MUSTANGS VS ST. VITAL BULLDOGS, 7:30 Saturday at the Port Arthur Stadium. Let's have the whole student body out for this game and support your team.

First meeting of the PHILOSOPHY CLUB will be held Tuesday evening, October 15.