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All America and all the world mourn the death of a great leader. John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the U.S., and fourth to die at the hands of an assassin, was in office for a mere two years and ten months. Yet, he had such a great impact on the American people that already many are comparing him to Abraham Lincoln. Although his economic policies were not always sympathetic with the wishes of the business sector of the nation, Kennedy's concern for the needs of the American people as a whole and of the world's population will not be forgotten.

Mr. Kennedy's stand on civil rights and his demands for full citizenship in practice for the Negroes, were probably the most progressive steps in that direction since Abraham Lincoln, who gave his life for the negro cause. President Kennedy showed his concern for the underdeveloped areas of the world, particularly Latin America, by advocating increased foreign aid to those lands.

President Kennedy promoted world peace by signing the Test Ban Treaty and also by easing the tension between the Soviet bloc and the West. Kennedy at the same time resisted communist advances in those

areas susceptible to radicalism.

It can be said that Kennedy put America back in the space race, and helped to check Soviet aggression in Europe, particularly in Berlin. Although much of his proposed legislation was not passed by Congress, nevertheless he showed his sincerity in all that he did. His administration may have been an administration that was virtually an assembly of American brain power but rarely did Kennedy ever attempt to go beyond the heads of the average American.

Indeed, America mourns; the world mourns. Only time will tell if Lyndon Johnson and his successors will acquire that degree of greatness that Mr. Kennedy has paid for with his life.

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THE FUTURE OF AN ILLUSION

'Modern day Christian religious doctrines carry with them the stamp of the age in which they originated, the ignorant childhood days of the human race. Our religion is based on the illusory belief that there is a supreme "spiritual being" who loves equally all members of the human race. We should, then, be gratified by the embarrassment and failures of organized religion, for it is really the enemy of a mature mankind.' This is, in part, the view of religion held by Sigmund Freud, the "father" of modern psychoanalysis. In his book The Future of An Illusion he made crystal clear his opposition to, and contempt for, religion. Today at 12:15 in Room # 7, the S.C.M. Lecture Series presents a lecture by

Dr. Ruth Kajander (practising psychiatrist in Port Arthur) on Freud's view of religion and its place in culture.

films at 1:45.

All students, either today or tonight, only 50¢.

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BITS AND PIECES

Of special interest to all the card players in the common room is an article in a recent Ryersonian stating that Ryerson's principal will enforce a rule of suspension for anyone playing cards on Ryerson property, even if he has to hire a special commissionaire. Principal H. H. Kerr is reported as saying that there would definitely not be any warning for first offenders. I think that the guilty parties in our own common room should pay a little more heed to the rules posted in the common room banning card playing there during certain hours. I certainly hope that our administration will never have to take such drastic steps to control this problem.

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CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN BICULTURALISM

Last Wednesday, Lakehead College students had the opportunity of hearing Dr. Gordon Rothney speak on the historical background of Canadian biculturalism. As a sequel to this, the S.C.M. Lecture Series presents (as an "extra"), this Thursday at noon, a lecture on some main aspects of contemporary Canadian biculturalism. This special lecture will be given by Mr. Fred Caloren, who is the National S.C.M. Study Secretary. Mr. Caloren, who has studied in Canada and in Europe (Strasbourg), is now completing a tour of Western Canadian universities; he has lived in Quebec, and the problem of biculturalism is of keen interest to him. The lecture is at 12:15 in Room # 7. All are welcome.

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TODAY

The S.C.M. Film Society will present Let My People Go and La Partie de Campagne today at 1:45 p.m. in room 16 for all those who will be unable to attend tonight. The former film as we mentioned last week is by John Krish about the apartheid policy in South Africa. It has won prizes at Mannheim, Leipzig and San Francisco film festivals. Although it is only 23 minutes long, it is 23 minutes of shock, misery, injustice and revulsion. As a second film we have booked a classic among French films, La Partie de Campagne, by Jean Renoir. Therefore, if you can't attend tonight at 8:30, come to see these

MORE BITS AND PIECES

It seems that Riverside University, located in a desert area in the San Bernadino mountains, (Calif.) is having enrollment difficulties "because there aren't enough coffee houses, movie theatres, cabarets and bars nearby. Buses make only one trip an hour into the nearest town". (Ryersonian, Nov. 6, 1963) To me Riverside students are well-off compared to us. Our buses make only two trips in a whole day; we don't have any coffee houses, or cabarets; the bars are few and far in between; and, the movie theatres are not anything to rave about. But, Riverside has proven that these fringe benefits hinder enrollment. Therefore, could I make a few suggestions to the administration? Perhaps they could encourage the establishment of a night club just off campus for relaxation of the hard working college students. Ryerson has a brand new one which opened just this October. If this does not meet with approval because it would not encourage on campus school activities, perhaps we could follow the example of Trent University in Peterboro. They have hired a Toronto wine expert to advise Trent's President on the types, vintage and quantities of wines to be placed in the university's cellar. Personally I feel that there is a faction on the administration which thinks that there is enough school spirit at present and that strong coffee would produce a definitely better after-effect. However, may I point out to those concerned that the American Medical Association has announced that men who drink five or more cups of coffee a day run a greater risk of heart trouble than those who do not.

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The Knitting Club meets every day under the new parking lot. Take the third manhole cover down to the sub-sewer and walk fifty feet west to the storm sewer. No rats allowed.

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THIS WILL BE THE LAST EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER UNTIL JANUARY.

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It seems a shame, when so many things we'd like to do are sinful, that it should also be wrong to do nothing.