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DOUG FISHER HERE FRIDAY

As a supplement to the regular SCM noon-hour lecture series, this Friday at 12:15 in Room 6, Mr. Douglas M. Fisher, N.D.P. Member of Parliament for Port Arthur, will speak on The Effect of Regionalism in Canadian Politics. As well as being a dominating figure in the House of Commons, Mr. Fisher is the nation's most widely syndicated political columnist, and his comments on the above subject should prove most interesting.

Today's regular noon-hour meeting will feature FOLK SINGING in Room 4 with Rev. John Guy

For some time people at the Lakehead have been complaining that they are not hearing enough from the Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology. They point out that a university should be playing a major role in the life of the community in which it is located. In this respect they compare us to such well-established universities as those found in Toronto and Kingston.

Last term I chaired a meeting of the two local mayors on the subject of amalgamation. They suggested that the Lakehead College should take it upon itself to make a detailed study of the amalgamation question and submit a report to the local city councils. Last year former Lakehead Planning Director, Harry Parsons, told us that the college has an obligation to study local problems and recommend solutions to them.

My feeling is that, while we could be doing more for our community, most people are expecting too much from us. In the first place, we still haven't granted our first degrees and until we have graduate students here we can't do too much. It also must be remembered that there are only slightly more than three hundred full-time students enrolled at this college at present.

Most faculty members do not have the time to do much in the way of research into local problems because they have their own classes to keep them busy.

As a solution to this problem, I should like to make a recommendation to the administration of the college. I think it would be logical to use some of the money which was recently donated to the college to hire a full-time faculty member who would have no definite lectures to give, but who could study local problems and give reports and make recommendations to different organizations. This individual would represent the college in

whatever he did and would, in a sense, be a good-will ambassador of the Lakehead College. His work would definitely aid the development of Northwestern Ontario and he would be an invaluable asset to us. I would strongly urge the administration to consider such a move so that the Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology will be able to play a major role in the growth of this area.

.....Len Anderson

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SCM STUDY GROUPS

SCM Study Groups will all begin next week and continue, as advertised, for six to seven weeks.

Dr. Fonda's group on Existentialism will be held in Room 15, from 12:00 to 1:00, beginning Monday, January 27th.

The discussion group of the Cliches which will be led by Dr. Miller will begin on Tuesday, January 28th, from 12:00 to 1:00 in Room 14.

The Honest to God seminar under Rev. Gordon Jardine will begin Tuesday, January 30th, in Room 15 from 12:00 to 1:00.

Students in Dr. Fonda's group are asked to read the first 25 pages of the Myth of Sysiphus for next week, and those studying Honest to God are asked to have the first chapter read. Books are available at discount in the SCM Book Room.

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SCM CHRISTMAS CONFERENCE

On December 27th some 80 Canadian university students gathered at United College in Winnipeg for the S.C.M. Western Region Christmas Conference. This group of students, from various fields and levels of

study, were to spend the next five days together in a broad range of activities centred around the conference theme: "The Individual in a Mass Society."

The host group chose four aspects of the general theme to be presented through a special address each day. A psychologist from the University of Manitoba set the context for the other various aspects of the theme in his "keynote address"; he attempted to demonstrate how pressures of modern "mass society" adversely affect the individual and what opportunities people could use to creatively overcome the social apathy which to some extent inhabits each individual from developing his potentialities.

His somewhat pedestrian presentation, with an often too extensive elaboration of ideas which were common knowledge to most of the delegates, was thrown into sharp contrast by the stimulating and incisive analysis presented by Professor George Swinton (of the Fine Arts faculty at U. of M.) under the heading Art as the Courage to See.

Professor Swinton illustrated (among other things) how some modern art forms, which seem rather meaningless to the observer, reflect the particular artist's belief in the meaninglessness of life: that is, the artist's painting is bound up with his view of the nature of man and the world, and if he thinks that life in essence has no real meaning, then this will be reflected in the form of his painting.

The third theme talk, by Dr. Wm. Nicholls from U.B.C., was entitled Religion and Secularity. Dr. Nicholls tried to find a common basis in the world's religions, and argued that they all postulate "another world" in which there are being(s) to whom man can relate himself.

He went on to hint that maybe the Christian "religion" was a perversion of what Christianity should be in the modern world and that, therefore, the person who wants to be a Christian should exchange his occasional retreat to the "religious club" for an attempt to discover what is deeply significant in the common or secular areas of life and then meet it with a Christian spirit.

The final theme address was delivered by Dr. Jaenen of the United College history department; his discussion of Propaganda in a Mass Society outlined the general nature of both the open and the subtle forms of propaganda which have a pervasive effect on our society.

The conference theme was dealt with in a second form by means of seminar groups. Each delegate chose to take part in two of the eleven groups; each group met three times and attempted to relate its particular topic to the general theme. Topics included Politics and International Relations in a Mass Society; Mass Media of Communication; Advertising and Dissemination of News; Philosophy in a Mass Society.

Worship services (which were led by the Lakehead unit) and the Bible Study sessions

were also orientated toward the conference theme.

Social activities etc. included tobogganing, visits to Winnipeg's "coffee houses", an evening at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and another at the Manitoba Theatre Centre for "Mid-Summer Night's Dream", and, of course, the New Year's Eve party.

.....Chuck Spicer

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WAKE UP YOU BLOCKS, YOU STONES, YOU WORSE THAN SENSELESS THINGS!

You have exactly twenty-five (25) days left. February 15 is the deadline for literary contributions to the Year Book. We will take anything—short stories, editorials, poetry, scathing satire or sweet sentiment. There has been VERY little response so far. Your Year Book can only be what you make it. A Year Book without a good literary section is like a foreign movie without English sub-titles...you can see what's going on, but you will never know what they were saying or thinking. It's all up to you.

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CANADIAN UNIVERSITY SERVICE OVERSEAS

In recent years there has been a rapid increase in Canada's contacts with the countries of the less-developed areas of the world which contain the majority of the world's population. Many of these countries are just entering upon independent nationhood. Most Canadians are very much aware of the imperative need for our country to play our part in assisting them to achieve adequate economic and social progress.

Canada has, of course, a number of official aid programmes for the less-developed countries of Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. One of these, Canadian University Service Overseas, formed in 1961, co-ordinates, develops, and promotes opportunities for overseas service for recent Canadian graduates. It aims to arrange for the placement of suitably-qualified men and women in countries which request their services.

For the most part, teachers for secondary schools are needed in these countries, but teaching experience is not a requisite for placement. Engineers, doctors, nurses and other personnel are also required in these areas.

With the first students graduating from Lakehead College in 1965, it is perhaps most worthwhile if we start thinking about forming a Local Co-ordinating Committee here, as there are in most other universities and colleges.

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Beware of the man who says he is boss in his own home...he will lie about other things too!