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FALLING OFF THE MERCY SEAT; or
THE HOUR OF INDECISION

Today at noon, your friend and mine, Dr. Tom Miller, plans to be, in his own words, "rejoicing on the Mourners' Bench." He is going to try to explain why he is not a Christian.

Through a comparison of both recent and contemporary trends in Christianity, he will examine and question the validity and the apparent improvement of the contemporary theology. Also, the differences between contingent and absolute articles of faith will be scrutinized carefully.

The conclusion will entail a study of the mechanics of "de-conversion" and a prophecy on the future of Christianity, compared with other world-wide faiths.

This is today, at 12:15, in the Seminar Room in the University Centre.

An open-end discussion will follow the talk, and the other eminent member of the History Department, Dr. George Rothney, says he plans to be on hand to refute any heresies that might arise.

POST-ELECTION MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who aided in my campaign; the electorate who were interested enough to come out and vote; and the committee, headed by Mr. Elo, who most efficiently organized and conducted the elections.

We on the executive of the A.M.S. Council shall endeavour, through co-operation among executive, council members and faculties and with the assistance of everyone in the University, to make 1964-65 a successful school year.

At the first meeting of the A.M.S. Council on Wednesday, April 1, 1964, in the Board of Governors' Room, by-laws and resolutions will be introduced that will be of great importance to the efficient functioning of next year's council.

Everyone is welcome to attend this and all future meetings.

...Carol Bell

Editors Note: Limited space does not permit us to allow the other candidates to thank those who helped and supported them.

To the Students...

University Centre; University, no: Centre, yes; a typical community centre. Last Wednesday evening three hundred bridge playing women took over our centre, our cultural centre; why, probably because the Moose Hall was too expensive (but then the Moose Hall does not wish its high standards to fall). I know that we must keep up good relations with the town folk, but do we have to do this at the expense of our reputation and, at length, our tradition. Are we going to stand by and watch the administration turn our Union Building into a Hall, or see them rent the Great Hall out for a wild stag or a rummage sale? We were given the understanding that our new building was to be a cultural centre. Now the administration seems to be defining culture as Mrs. Jones telling all her friends about Miss Smith's new baby over a hot cup of coffee and a bridge hand. Is our Student's Union building to be degraded in this manner for a few dollars; are we going to let our souls be sold to the devil for this meagre sum, and at such an early date? What is of prime importance at our college, its educating capacity or its money making one? If they wanted to make money so much, they should have incorporated a pool hall and a bar into our building.

Student's Union building; the only Unions we seem to have seen lately are the carpenter's, the stage worker's and the musician's. The Student's?...can't use the cafeteria because they're playing bridge; can't use the game room because they're using it for a coat room; can't play records because they won't fix the record player; can't use the auditorium because the doors are locked; can't use the senior lounge because it's the 'senior' lounge (and besides there's an art exhibit there); can't use the building because it's probably been rented out for the annual fireman's ball. Where is the student supposed to go? We were better off in our old common, common room. Now we're being driven back to our last remaining retreat, a small corner in the library. Let's make a stand. Let's have a united offensive. Let's show the administration that we might be mature enough to be trusted with our new building (so they'll leave some doors open). Let's demand the standards that our new building is entitled to. Let's ensure ourselves from being sold out again to a bridge club. Let's make sure we are not permanently evicted from our new building.

Our demands should be simple and twofold.

1. The students should be assured of having at least one room in the Student's Union Building, namely the cafeteria or game's room, at all times.
2. Low rentals for the use of the Student's Union Building should be given to those groups which are pursuing cultural interests, whereas the price for all other groups should be prohibitive.

INCOME TAX TIME AGAIN

How long, in an increasingly competitive industrial world, can the Canadian people prosper with a tax system that relies largely on punitive income taxes to provide the vast sums needed by modern governments? The fact is that taxes cannot much longer carry the burden of government spending without seriously crippling human incentive. It can no longer be continued on the grounds that it is socially justifiable in that it distributes wealth more equally, for few families today are without cars, TV sets, etc., and those few who are going hungry probably wouldn't be if our economy was booming.

Since the government need no longer take from the rich to give to the poor then, it must use its taxing power to promote economic growth. And this is the very reason why income taxes should be scrapped, for our top-heavy, share-the-wealth tax system actually discourages the enterprising and energetic. It is no longer the inheritors of great wealth who are having their fortunes redistributed. Instead, it is the high earners and the successful corporations that are being soaked—precisely the people and the organizations that provide the drive needed for national progress. What then is the solution? Very simply it means that we must consider an indirect system of taxation and rely less on income taxes. Any dissenters need only look to Europe to see the benefits of this, for it is there that countries with the highest growth rates have relied heavily on taxing goods and services rather than people and profits.

There are regions like the Lakehead, with its stagnated economy, all across Canada; regions where the problem of creating new jobs and attracting new industries is a chronic one. And yet what paralyzes growth and blunts incentive more than our present soak-the-rich theology. It's time we looked for a tax system that would reward effort and foster initiative. Perhaps then many of our problems would begin to iron themselves out.

LAKEHEAD COLLEGE CHESS CLUB vs. FORT
WILLIAM CHESS CLUB—Tonight—7:30—
University Centre. Spectators Welcome.

RHINOCEROS PARTY

Several weeks ago we featured an article on the newly formed political party in Canada—the Rhinoceros Party, in which we outlined their platform. In order to keep you up to date with the activities of the party (the party which will undoubtedly be swept into office in the next election) we felt that a follow up article is warranted.

A battalion of brilliant thinkers in the Rhinoceros Party of Canada is constantly at work framing new and enlightened policies to cope with the problems of the age. One of the major problems in Canada is the fact that we have been exporting far more to Britain than we import, and the Rhinoceros Party would like the gap to be narrowed. To do this, the party has several proposals.

1. Import Rolls-Royce cars for all officers of the Canadian army, from the rank of lieutenant up. A Rolls-Royce is a prestige item—a status symbol—and it would enhance the grandeur of the military.
2. Import night sticks, like those used by the London police, to arm all our soldiers below the rank of commissioned officer.
3. Import Christine Keeler to put a little life into the dull Ottawa political scene.
4. Import wise Conservative policy-makers to lend a hand to John Diefenbaker and Leon Balcer. The Rhinoceros Party feels they may have burnt themselves out by thinking up the idea of a senatorial committee to revamp the Canadian constitution.
5. Import the material for construction of our war tanks from Britain's Sheffield silver and copper mines.

In the event these proposals cannot be implemented, the party has another solution—"a real Rhinoceros solution."

Party leader Dr. Ferron says it consists simply of "paying more for what we currently import and demanding less for what we export."

On the domestic scene, The Rhinoceros Party disagrees with Prime Minister Pearson on the idea that bilingualism is a national problem.

"The party realizes it would be a wonderful thing if all of Canada were to become bilingual, but we are for maintaining the status quo," Dr. Ferron says.

"Bilingualism is okay for Quebec, but we are not for changing everything in the rest of the country."

The party proposes that Canada's two "bicultural experts," Davidson Dunton and Andre Laurendeau, be dispatched to Cyprus to help solve the troubled island's complex problems.

"Dunton and Laurendeau are now recognized as world authorities on biculturalism and we feel that they would do well in Cyprus."

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