

Times, Colonist to merge?

Unions start 'interim paper'

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Martlet

By DAVID CLIMENHAGA

Victoria Press management has hinted that the result of the present strike and lockout situation could be the destruction of the Times and Colonist and the creation of a single Victoria newspaper.

Locked-out Newspaper Guild members have responded to the situation by creating an "interim newspaper," the Victoria Express, to be released tomorrow and by lodging a grievance for \$250,000 with Vic Press for laying off staff without the required two weeks notice.

Vic Press management locked out members of the Newspaper Guild, the reporters' union, the

International Typographers' Union, the Mailers' Union and the Stereotypers' Union Saturday after members of the Pressmen's Union walked off the job Friday midnight.

The pressmen, with 21 members, are the workers who actually print the paper. They had been negotiating for some time over the issue of job security, when their contract expired midnight Friday they were in a position to legally strike.

Union officials with the Joint Council of Newspaper Unions which represents all five unions in Victoria emphasized the council backs the pressmen's "every move."

Negotiations between Victoria Press Limited, a branch of the

Winnipeg based F.P. Publications, finally broke down on the issue of job security, union officials stated.

The company wanted to bargain on a number of issues at once but the pressmen wanted to settle the pressmen of security first.

The pressmen want 95 per cent job security, the company would only offer 85 per cent.

Said one union representative: "Technological developments today can do people out of a job almost instantly."

He said job security is a major issue with all five unions, not just the pressmen.

Negotiations resumed briefly Monday but Clarke Gilmour, the

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Watergate North!

Gulf Islands soon swamped?

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By THE MARTLET STAFF

A Canadian-American commission set up to study living conditions in Point Roberts is now recommending to the two federal governments that our Canadian Gulf Islands become a commercialized American playground.

Point Roberts is a small peninsula south of Vancouver near Boundary Bay the southern end of which, below the 49th Parallel, is completely cut off from the rest of the United States. It is approximately five square miles in size.

The point has a long history of being a booze and snooze area for Lower Mainland British Columbians.

The International Joint Commission (IJC) appointed a board in April 1971 to study the problems facing Point Roberts' population.

In a surprise proposal in October 1973 the board recommended an international park taking up more than 3,100 square miles and including all of the Canadian Gulf Islands from Nanaimo to the boundary.

The proposal to open the islands to large numbers of Americans and concessionaires comes up for public hearing in Victoria on Thursday, December 6 in the Provincial Museum's Newcomb Auditorium at 11 a.m.

An estimate of the populations affected by the proposal indicates that almost three times as many resident Americans from the Puget Sound area would have access to the park as Canadians from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

In spite of federal fisheries restrictions on foreign sports fishing it is already the case that

66 to 75 per cent of the boats in the Gulf Island in the summer are American.

Within the proposed park area, the international joint park authority would have power to acquire and dispose of personal and real property, enter into contracts, charge admission fees and grant concessions for the setting up of business enterprises.

The International park would extend on the Canadian side from Gabriola Island off Nanaimo southeast to the International boundary in Haro Strait, and include the entire water area and all the Gulf Islands but exclude the east coast of Vancouver Island.

So far the reaction among the Gulf Islanders, whom, up to this point have not even been consulted, appears to be "like hell they will!"

The recommendations of the Board include an expenditure of 30 million dollars for the first stage land acquisition program. This is probably ten times the figure of dollars required to provide the necessary services presently lacking at Point Roberts.

The proposal contains no explanation of how the problems of Point Roberts residents would be solved or lessened by the park and its expansion into Canadian territory.

The park proposal is the result of the IJC's two year study of matters referred by the federal governments. A document of April 1971 requests the IJC to investigate and recommend measures to alleviate certain conditions of life of the residents of Point Roberts.

Investigation, stated the governments, was needed in matters dealing with the

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pressmen picket victoria press

Song contest on again

Chancellor emeritus Joseph Clearihue's on-again off-again song contest is on again.

The former chancellor had Linda Flavelle announce the contest, with a \$200 prize for the composer of the best school song, on October 10, and then withdrew his offer -- according to Linda -- November 21 because of hostile editorials and letters to the editor in the Martlet.

At the November meeting Flavelle strongly attacked the

Martlet for the allegedly hostile editorial and letters and stated she received a letter from Clearihue calling off the contest.

The minutes of that meeting read: "A letter has been received from Dr. Clearihue indicating that he intends to withdraw his offer to give a \$200 prize to the School Song Contest because of the publicity he has received."

But a report in Friday's Victoria Times quoted Clearihue as saying "I know nothing about

it." "Clearihue said the only possible reason he could see," went the Times story, "was 'there wasn't enough interest by students.'"

"The offer still stands as far as I am concerned," he was quoted as saying.

Flavelle was queried at last Sunday's Representative Assembly meeting about the

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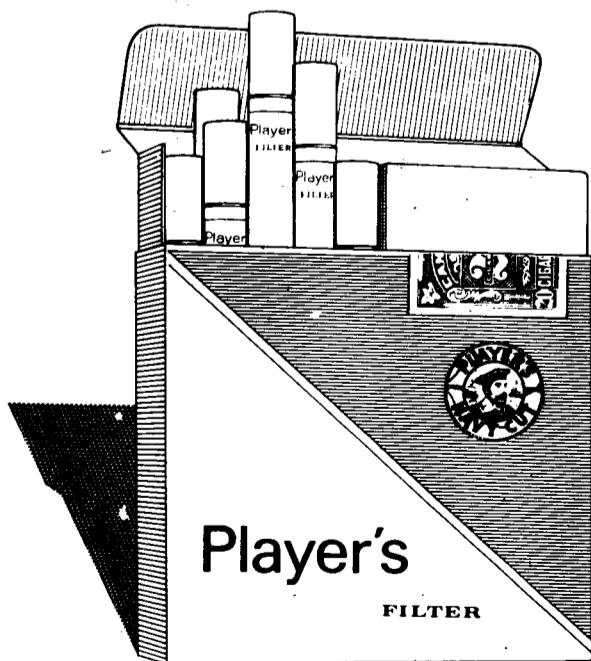
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Vic Press...

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B.C. Government mediator, called them off to allow both sides to "cool off." Both unions and management have rejected compulsory arbitration.

When non-striking Vic Press employees reported for work Saturday morning they found themselves locked out and the grievance against the company was lodged.

Union spokesmen said legal action would probably result if the company rejects the grievance. The Newspaper Guild's contract doesn't expire until January 31.

Before the situation became critical, on November 28, a letter to all staff members from Stuart Underhill, Vic Press vice-president, hinted the two papers might be amalgamated if management didn't get their way.

the Victoria Express which will publish the first time Thursday.

Guild representatives say they hope the paper will fill the role of the two dailies for the duration of the strike and help supplement union members' strike pay.

The 16-page offset printed broadsheet paper (twice the page-size of this paper) will be assembled in Duncan and printed in Vancouver. It will be published Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and sold on the streets for 15-cents.

The paper's newsrooms are temporarily located in the offices of the Victoria Labor Council on Quadra Street. Most of the Times and Colonist reporters are working on the paper.

Union representatives say the strike may be a long one --

NOTICE TO ALL STAFF

WE REGRET, MOST SINCERELY, TO INFORM YOU THAT THE PRESSMEN HAVE STRUCK THE PLANT AND THEREFORE NEITHER PAPER CAN BE PUBLISHED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. FOR THIS REASON, AND EXCEPT FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, THERE WILL BE NO WORK TO PERFORM IN THE PLANT UNTIL RESUMPTION OF PUBLICATION.

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*THE MANAGEMENT
PER: J. C. MELVILLE
GENERAL MANAGER*

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"Management still hopes a reasonable settlement will be reached," the letter read, "We want to ensure that Victoria will go on being served by its two fine newspapers and not forced into the situation of some other Canadian cities -- some larger than Victoria, like Edmonton, Hamilton and London -- where daily publication is limited to one newspaper."

Various Guild members said the amalgamation of the papers couldn't come without breaking the unions. Some said any move towards a single paper would be interpreted as a move to break the unions.

In answer to the stalemate situation the Guild has established the "interim paper",

predictions range from three weeks to three months.

Some Vic Press employees speculate this situation may be a serious attempt to break the union. "In Winnipeg (the headquarters of F.P. Publications) there's never been an organized newspaper until just recently," said one newspaperman, "F.P. is going to the Supreme Court to try and get the union decertified."

The effort in Victoria could spearhead a move against the union across the country, he suggested.

The Martlet repeatedly tried to contact VPL management but was unsuccessful.

Liberals, NDP top model parliament

The UVic Liberal and NDP parties will dominate the legislature as the university's model parliament gets under way on January 11, 1974.

Last week's election for model parliament saw good student turnout with 788 AMS members voting.

Liberals received 294 votes, NDP 280, Progressive Conservatives 153 and Social Credit 61.

Party members themselves will choose their representative

politicians and the seats will be allocated as follows: Liberals 20 seats, NDP 19, Conservatives 11 and Social Credits 4.

Student party leaders are: Louise Siew-Budd for the Liberals, Pat Routledge for NDP, Dave Buchan for the Conservatives and Diane Hartwick for Social Credit.

The legislature will sit each night of January 11, 12 and 13. Times of sitting are not yet official. All students are welcome to come and sit in the galleries.

CLUBS GRAB BIG MONEY

By JOHN GREEN

The annual Grab-For-The-Big-Money went pretty well as expected this year.

It took the A.M.S. Clubs Council almost three full meetings to dispense with about 9,000 bucks in clubs budgets.

The big winner this year was the Sailing Club who hit the Jackpot to the tune of \$1,308 of your hard earned dollars. Close to \$900 of that total was for new equipment, presumably more boats. That should make the massive number of sailors at this place willing to "splice the mainbrace" with a little of that \$278 "other expenses" money.

First runner up in the Big Money (Open Division) was the Outdoors Club with a total of \$645 followed closely by a valiant Players Club crew who came home with \$635, good enough for 3rd place.

Honourable mention in the Big Money category goes to the Diving Club who finished with \$558.28 (whoever came up with that figure sure knew what he was doing: the last...28 weeks of administrative competence, thereby virtually guaranteeing getting the amount of money requested.)

In the Political division the young P.C.'s, in what must have been a deal to remember, came away with most of the bread -- a neat \$269.

The NDP and the Liberals were left speechless with a measly \$71 and \$10 respectively. Colin Hart, a Clubs Council member said (rather threateningly) that "the Socreds would get theirs" at a later date.

In the Language club category the Slavonics Club was the big winner with \$282. French charm worked to the tune of \$160, while the Portuguese Club exploited

their patron country's wide popularity to come away with \$170. Canadian-Chinese relations improved by \$50 worth, all of it going to the Chinese Club. Last but not least, the German Club stolidly accepted 10 Big Ones.

In the Daredevil-Trillseekers-Weird Trips Division, the Rock Scaling Club paid \$452.50 to win; Fencing \$385 to place; Sport Parachute and Mah Jong in a dead heat to show at \$220.00. The rest of the field was spread with Strategy and Tactics at \$195; Flying at \$125; Golf at \$60 and Caving at \$35.

Martial Arts award was contested by only two clubs this year and The Judo gang came away with the lions share at \$142, while Tae Kwon Do got \$10.

Varsity Christian Fellowship took in \$370 followed in the race for enlightenment by the Students International Meditation Society who received \$199.

Special interest groups took a big hunk of the loaf this year with the Women's Action Group leading the way at \$324; Folk Dancing at \$308; Mature Students at \$232; Pre-Law at \$147; Square Dancing \$117; Geography \$70; Chemistry \$15; and Architecture and the Jazz Band tied at \$10.

In the winter sports-outdoors field, it was the Outdoors Club bringing home the bacon, all \$1,040 of it, followed by the Curling Club with \$390 and the Ski Club with \$290.

Council Members went at their task like readers will probably go at this story: there were 8 members at the first meeting; six at the second and five at the third. Also (and in conclusion) it should be known that according to a Clubs Council source, size of the club is never considered in assessing their budget request!

SUB expansion at last

For ten years UVic has planned to expand its Student Union Building. The existing building was completed and opened in May, 1963 at a time when the enrollment of the university was 1,850 students. Enrollment in 1973 is close to 5,000 students.

Discussion involving expansion began right in 1963, with studies and reports done every year thereafter, confirming the need for more space.

Opposition to the idea and lack of available money have delayed expansion so far, but construction is now scheduled to begin next September.

Since 1963, part of student AMS fees have been channeled every year into a fund for the building's expansion, and though building costs of labour and materials have risen tremendously over the past few years, there is now sufficient money available to begin construction.

When the building was opened in 1963 it provided modest food services, student lounges, games rooms, meeting rooms for clubs, and offices for the student government.

In 1972, extensive alterations were made on the lower floor of the building to improve the games area and the cafeteria. The use and popularity of these areas have increased considerably since renovation.

Plans now include additional office space, meeting rooms, Martlet space, storage areas, and a theatre-auditorium.

According to the Project Requirement Study for SUB Expansion, prepared in June, 1973 by a special committee, an additional 400 square feet of administrative office space is needed to provide work space for student government members and storage space for the general office.

Club meeting rooms and storage areas are also lacking adequate room, and it is proposed to provide an office for the Clubs Director and a meeting room for

the Clubs Council. There are now over 80 clubs on campus.

The Martlet will receive a small amount of additional room for machinery and layout.

Two lounges are now provided in the building, but the larger of the two, the Upper Lounge, is frequently used for special activities, which interrupts its use as a lounge. In the school year 1972-73 it was used for 140 functions such as parties, meetings, dances, concerts, and lectures.

A space so heavily used for special functions cannot be properly used as a lounge, so a new large room is planned for social activities and special functions, to be slightly smaller than the present upper lounge. Two televisions will be available there for student use.

The existing games area, renovated in 1972, has become very popular and the demand for games is increasing, states the Project Requirement Study. On this basis the games room area will also be increased.

A 300 seat theatre-auditorium suitable for concerts, lectures and film showings has been planned, since Mac Laurin room 144 is no longer adequate for all such activities, since it often must be used for classes.

The proposed theatre will have a stage and 300 audience seats on a sloping floor. A movie screen and film projector will provide the possibility for more activities to take place there.

Areas for furniture storage and a poster workshop are also included in the plans. Currently, student poster activity is done in "U" hut.

No additional parking lots will be constructed in the area of the building.

The overall project is expected to cost \$667,580, of which the university will pay \$80,000. The remainder will be paid by the AMS of which over \$300,000 is already available.



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Gulf Islands reaction

By JOHN THOMSON

"The plan is fundamentally absurd", was UVic Political Science Department head Walter Young's reaction to a proposal to make the Canadian Gulf Islands part of an international park. Young, considered part of the N.D.P. "brain trust", is a summer resident of the Gulf Islands.

Tommy Douglas, M.P. for the area, was contacted in Ottawa by the Martlet Tuesday night for his views on the subject. He said he wished to study the plan thoroughly before commenting on its proposals, but he was shocked that the resident islanders hadn't been consulted. As Douglas put it, "I would say two things: the

commission should have had full consultation with the people, and secondly, the government should not agree to any commitment except with the consent of the people of the area." Walter Young said the way the residents had been ignored was "callous and undemocratic", and that "they're being treated the same as the James Bay Indians and Eskimos".

"I don't want to pay any fee or levy when I go to the Islands", was David Anderson's reaction to the plan to charge an entrance fee to the international park. Speaking from Vancouver in a telephone interview with the Martlet, Anderson said he didn't see how the plan could possibly alleviate the problems of Point

Roberts, ostensibly its motive.

Asked if the proposal was N.D.P. policy, Anderson, a Liberal, said he didn't think it was, citing Premier Barrett's nationalistic reaction to the Point Roberts water shortage as representative of party policy. When told that Barrett had voiced approval for the plan at a meeting with the Governor of Washington State in Olympia, Anderson replied, "Oh, well, Barrett is a great guy for saying one thing one day and another the next."

On the plan as a whole, Walter Young stated that the future of the islands should be in the hands of Provincial authorities, not a federal commission, and that "the whole idea of setting them up as an international park is a bureaucrat's pipe dream".

editorials

Pig War chapter two

guest editorial by norman wright a Gulf Islands resident

In 1859 a farcical exchange of diplomatic huff and puff over a wandering piece of canadian bacon on the hoof led, as these things are, likely to do, to the well known Pig War. At that time the score ended with the US up one pig and soon-to-be-Canada short a number of Gulf Islands.

The second chapter in our disappearing islands story is about to unfold, in the same locale. There is a slight change in the cast which has been refurbished for the occasion. The Yankees are no longer neo-colonials, but experienced colonizers in their own right, while the Britishers have been replaced by a not too bright group of "drug crazed" Canadians who can no longer recognize the difference between a peninsula (Point Roberts) and a whole bunch of Gulf Islands.

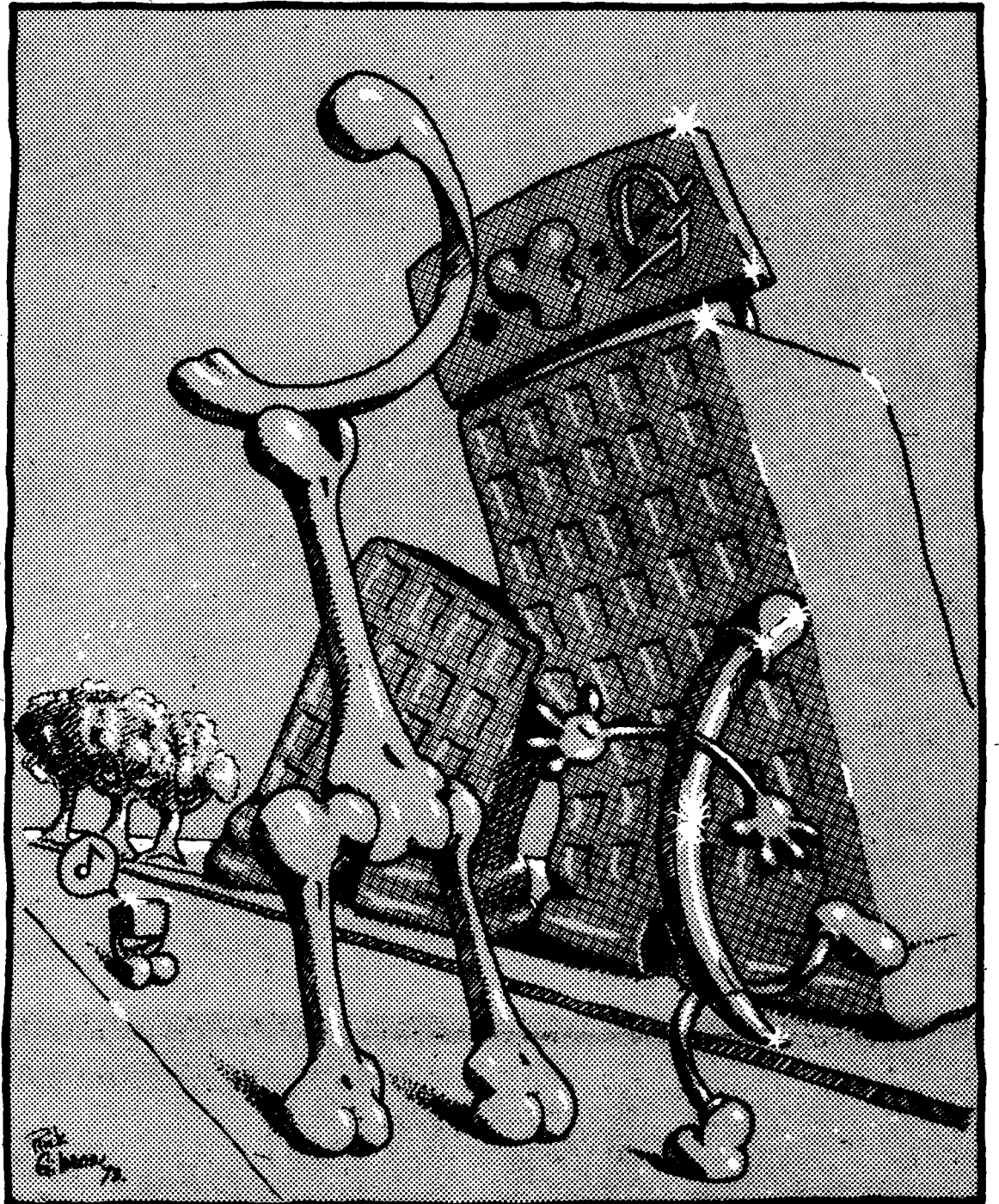
The upshot of this bi-national cultural encounter group is a proposal to solve the garbage problem (canadian) at Point Roberts by allowing four times as many Americans to dump their garbage anywhere between Gabriola Island and the international boundary in the Canadian Gulf Islands.

The proposed garbage dump is to be called an Internatioaal "Joint Park" -- Heads take note --another first for Canada and the Managers are going to be able to charge admission should they 'consider such fees desirable.'

In order to protect the Managers from the hordes of demented Gulf Islanders who will be threatening them with untold forms of bodily violence, the 'Headquarters Area for Concept B' as it is lovingly referred to, will be encased in a massive concrete blockhouse covering the entire area of what is now the quaint little enclave of Point Roberts.

This clever ploy will result in the immurring of the present residents of Point Roberts and will accomplish the original purpose for which the Joint Zanys were convened, namely, 'to recommend measures to alleviate certain conditions of life of the residents of Point Roberts.

Now if they will only name it Richard Nixon Park we can have it suitably inscribed and gift wrapped in time for Chrissmuss.



Such a little thing

As Jim Horne keeps repeating, with a look of genuine bewilderment in his eyes, 'why make anything out of this song contest, it's such a little thing?'

Quite right. It is a little thing. But we wonder if there aren't some big issues that spring out of the matter. First of all there's the business of the presidential letters -- ah, woe to us in the news business that they aren't tapes.

If Linda got a letter from the Judge that said he might withdraw his offer why did she tell the RA he was going to withdraw it? Surely her criticisms of the Martlet were just as valid without that added little bit of information. And now she doesn't think she can find the letter; well, that certainly has a presidential ring about it.

There's also the matter of Judge Clearihue's remarks reported in the Times. "I know nothing about it," he said of the cancellation of the contest. Chances are he didn't know anything about it -- we don't know what the letter said or what the Times reporter asked him. But...

Last but not least there's the matter of the Victoria Times' attitude. Their story seems to find the Martlet guilty of writing pure fiction under the guise of news. Why this desire to alter the facts? Were the folks at the Times a bit peeved because another paper -- and a weekly student paper run by unpaid amateurs to boot -- had soundly scooped them? Or what?

What's their point, anyway?

One thing is clear about this very minor matter. It indicates that some of the people involved have been a bit reticent to tell the whole story. What do these people do when faced with a major problem?

For the sake of our readership and ourselves we'd like to take a leaf from the book of Judge Sirica ask Linda to make the letter public. After all, Watergate was once just a little breakin!

letters

All letters to the editor must be typewritten and no more than 300 words in length.

You may use any psuedonym that tickles your fancy but you must put your real name at the bottom of the page...or the top for that matter, but somewhere. For heaven's sake don't put your student number on it -- we think you're human beings even if they don't.

Letters may be handed in at the Martlet office, left in the Martlet mail box in the SUB foyer or slipped under the door. They need not be attached to a brick or any explosive device to ensure they receive attention.

The letters and their contents become the property of the Martlet and cannot be returned.

The Martlet reserves the right to make editorial changes -- libelous letters, needless to say, won't be printed.

So if it's not printed, it's libelous.

more expansion

Editor:

In response to some criticism regarding SUB expansion. We would take this opportunity to

point out some facts about the need and rationale for this project.

To begin we would draw your attention to the "Interim" Health Department permit in the SUB cafeteria. We have this Interim permit because we do not have staff washrooms to conform to the new Health Board regulations. Without SUB expansion we will not only lose this permit but the cafeteria as well. And without the cafeteria we will lose the SUB Pub.

The Martlet also must surely recognize the need for more space as you have now been forced to occupy one of the Clubs Rooms. Without SUB expansion the Clubs will never regain that space. Storage facilities in the Student Union Building are also at a premium. At the moment every cupboard in the building is crammed with supplies. The difficulties of decentralized storage are obvious.

We would also draw your attention to the recent history of this campus. In 1968 there was only one residence complex and yet students were still finding housing, we now have two and they are both full. Until this year we had a library half the size of the one we have now but students were still passing their exams. The

new library however is receiving tremendous use. In 1968 there was no Sedgewick Building, Cunningham Building or Clearihue Building addition, yet these buildings are now in full use. Those who tell you they cannot see the need because the present SUB is not shoulder to shoulder twenty-four hours a day have not looked very far ahead. After all, when was a highway constructed to accomodate only the traffic passing at three o'clock in the morning?

The financing of this project has also come under fire. The project cost is approximately \$700,000. It appears to be a lot of money and is but let's look at the facts. Costs rise around 6 per cent per year - translated this means an increase in building costs of about 42,000 per year. The annual contribution to the expansion fund is only \$48,000. What this means is the longer one delays the less can be bought per dollar. If we wait another ten years this same plan will cost over a million dollars. As to ownership of the building let us point out that if we owned the SUB our costs of ownership would be around \$38,000 per year in increased staff wages alone (This

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Mr. Bremer won't rescue us

By DAVID WORTHY
special to the Martlet

Abbie Hoffman, the retired self-styled revolutionary, once declared that university students are prisoners who must be rescued from the institutions they attend.

Since Hoffman's era, however, the impassioned demands for university reform have faded away and life behind the ivy-covered walls has continued as before.

University and government officials have assumed that the disappearance of demonstrations, occupations and confrontations has also meant the disappearance of the problems which prompted the students' calls for reform.

This naive assumption is reflected in the recently-issued working paper composed by the Bremer committee studying university governance. The committee, under the chairmanship of John Bremer, was established by the minister of education to examine "the internal and external forms of university governance" and to make recommendations for changes in the Universities Act. The working paper says, in essence, that the university structure is fine as it is, requiring only minor alterations.

"The committee," it says, "is reluctant to propose changes which penetrate too deeply into the internal structure and responsibilities of the universities."

The minor modifications suggested in the working paper concern reorganization of the board of governors, and the senate and creation of a new body to mediate between the three universities and the provincial government. The board's size would be increased to 15 from the current 11 members, with the provision that faculty and students be barred from membership. The composition of the senate would be altered to include only academic members with an increase in the student representation to 25 per cent, which would place 11 students on a 44-member senate at the University of Victoria. Currently there are three student representatives.

The new organization suggested by the committee, the Universities Council, would reconcile the interests of the government and the universities, especially in regard to finances. The council would include 11 government appointees, university presidents, and representatives of the department of education and the regional colleges.

The committee justifies its reluctance to propose substantial changes by citing two assumptions. First, it is assumed that the present structure of the province's universities is sufficiently flexible that "most of the proposals for educational reform now current" can be dealt with. The paper does not specify

to which proposals the committee was referring. The second assumption is that the "political relationships" existing between "students, faculty members, deans, presidents and boards of governors" are the product of "power relationships" rather than legislation.

Surely no one who has given any thought to the condition of universities in North America would make such banal assumptions. Apparently the members of the Bremer committee did not learn what the student activism of the last decade was all about. There was a message emanating from troubled campuses across the continent - from Simon Fraser to Columbia, from San Francisco State to Harvard. The message said universities are not flexible, not responsive to calls for change and not successful in integrating the interests of administrators, teachers, students and the community. The political relationships which the committee fondly regards as the source of democratic change are fictitious.

Students who participated in the heated activities of the late 1960's and early 1970's learned a number of lessons, none of them in the classroom. The predominate lesson was a realization that students cannot achieve meaningful change in the university. The students who were committed to reform discovered that they had to

become non-students, devoting so much time to organizing that there was no time for classes. In many cases the ones who tried, and failed, were the brightest and the best.

Eventually those who were not expelled left of their own accord and they have not returned, knowing the university system is just that, a system with no room for people who want an education.

Another lesson was that the four elements of the university have different interests and all four are not getting what they want. The administrators are concerned with the operation of the university, its management, finances and academic standing. During the activist years, administrations were threatened by demanding students unhappy with the quality of education and by the community which was unhappy with the student disturbances. Most campuses are ordered and peaceful once again, but sagging enrolments are concerning officials unaccustomed to a lack of interest in their product.

Similarly, instructors were displeased by students demanding more from the faculty than they were receiving and were harassed by the dictum of "publish or perish". The students are more docile now, but there are less of them, resulting in reduced employment for academics.

The taxpayers, who pay for the universities, objected to the students' tactics and began to doubt the value received for the money expended on higher education. The quiet which has returned following the activist era has been mildly reassuring, but the increasing number of graduates who are unemployed or underemployed has indicated to the taxpayers that the money might best be spent elsewhere.

Appropriately, the last of the four groups is composed of the students, who are probably more dissatisfied than the others. After all it is the students who have to put up with regulations, which impede attempts to get an

education, designed to facilitate administrative efficiency. The students are the ones subject to lecture and grading practices which are dehumanizing carryovers from a past age. Class sizes are frequently too large and the instructor too busy doing research, sitting on committees and scrambling for tenure. The criteria for evaluation of student performance remains the same: high marks for memorization and manipulation of other people's ideas and low marks for developing creativity, the capacity to think and the ability to talk and write clearly and effectively.

The problems briefly outlined above should be sufficient to demonstrate that the mild tinkering advocated by the Bremer committee will do nothing to alleviate the university malaise. Pressing issues are passed over, in the working paper, as internal concerns which will be solved by the machinations of power politics. The committee has failed to perform its task. The working paper is a declaration of failure.

The committee failed to ask the proper questions and succeeded in coming up with no answers at all. The first task of the group should be to determine what is the purpose of a university in this province. Is each university serving the purpose intended or has each degenerated into a self-perpetuating machine with neither direction nor purpose? Is the university devoted to improving the lives of the people involved in it? Are students experiencing liberation or imprisonment? Are knowledge and truth the goals of the education process or has the process become an end in itself, serving the interests of specific groups to the detriment of the rest of the community?

Until questions such as these have been answered and appropriate reforms affected, Abbie Hoffman will be right, the people in university will need rescuing.

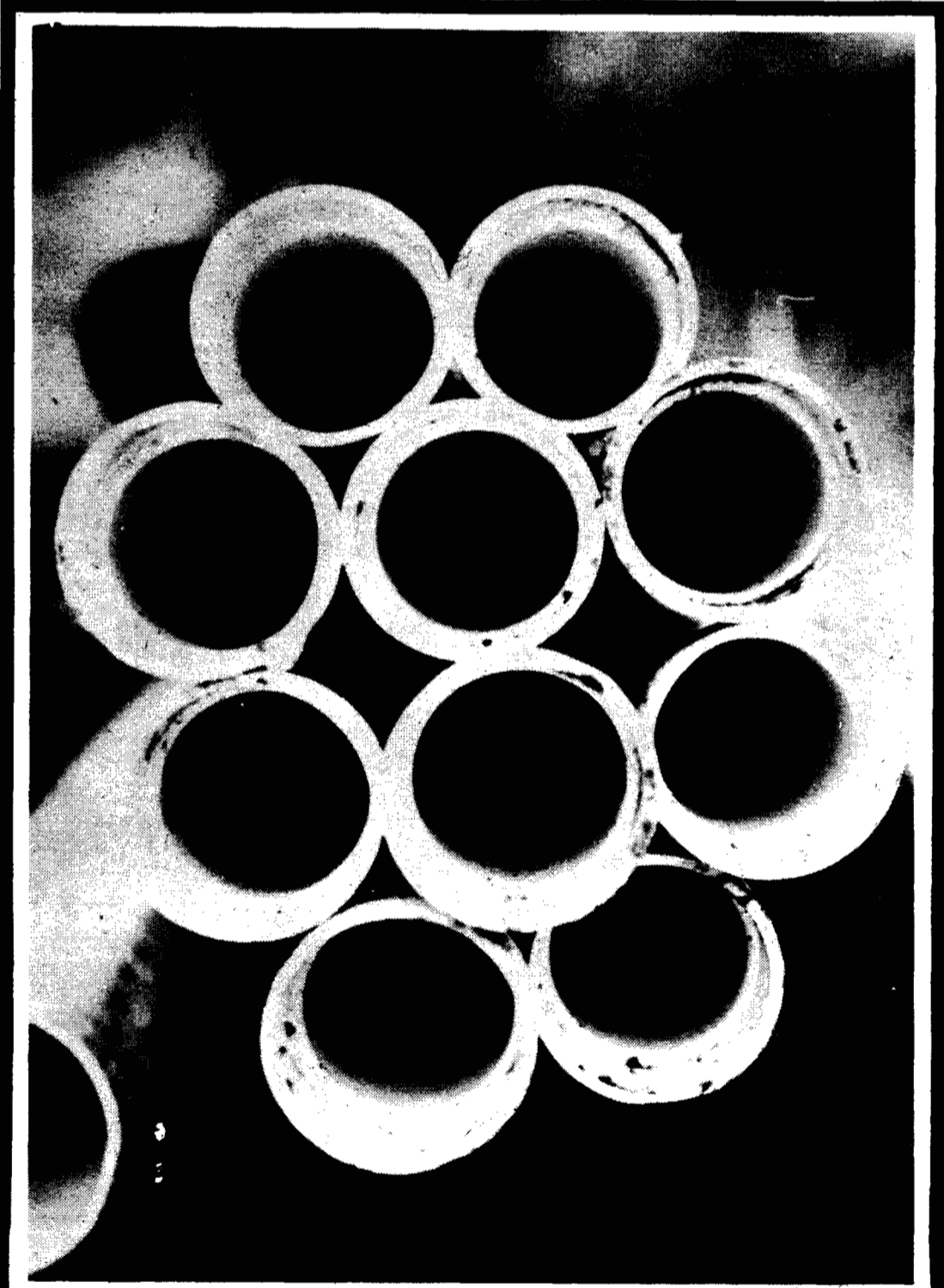


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entertainment

Willie Dixon plays the blues

review by greg middleton



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The Willie Dixon concert, Sunday night at the McPherson Playhouse was a good time for those who managed to make it.

Willie was a little miffed because the first show was only half full. He said that it didn't matter that there weren't too many people there.

"The best times I ever had, there weren't but two of us there" he commented.

The opening group was The Hunt Steamer Band. They put out a good sound if perhaps a little too overpowering. The lead singer was good but his stage presence tended to annoy me. He appeared

arrogant and affected.

When Willie Dixon and The Chicago Allstars came on they had that quiet assured air that goes with professionalism. Each man in the band had a chance to give his interpretation of the blues. Although each musician

was a solo artist in his own right they could all get together.

The man to watch is young Freddie Dixon. Although he did not do any solo work on the fender bass, he is getting a good solid apprenticeship working with this group of allstar pro's.

Unionization for student nurses?

By ELEANOR BOYLE

Factions are developing within the Student Nurses' Association of B.C. over unionization of student nurses throughout the province.

Certain student groups, working through the Hospital Employees' Union, have expressed a desire for unionization so that they may be paid at least minimum wage for their practical hospital work performed as part of their training. Currently student nurses work in hospitals without pay, replacing regular workers who receive much higher than minimum wage.

Many student nurses in the province, however, do not wish to form a union, said a speaker from the Registered Nurses' Association of B.C. on Tuesday.

Claire Kermacks of Vancouver spoke to the student nurses of Victoria General Hospital to advocate nonunionization, stating that student classification as hospital employees would lead to more harm than good.

Said Kermacks, "students should not become hospital employees but should remain as students of the nursing school. Once hospitals start paying the students as employees, hospital officials will want to control the nursing programs which are now run independently. Also, the students may be made to perform tasks that need to be done but are not necessarily the best work for their training."

Members of the Student Nurses' Association of B.C. (SNABC), opposed to unionization, have written to Education Minister Eileen Dailly, Health Minister Dennis Cocke,

and Labour Minister Bill King to make their views known. SNABC members do not want to be paid as hospital employees, but would like money from the provincial government to alleviate their financial problems as students.

Nursing programs generally run for eleven months of the year, so students have no time to work for pay. The SNABC is asking the provincial government for additional loans, bursaries and scholarships so that financial problems may be solved without

Keep books over Christmas

If you need to keep UVic library books over the Christmas holidays to finish essays and otherwise occupy your time, you'll be able to do so.

All books now on loan are due December 31, and those not returned will be assumed lost and

dependency on the hospitals for employee pay.

A spokesman for the Hospital Employees' Union in Victoria, which is pro-unionization, stated on Monday that student groups throughout the province are anxious for a union and the chance to be paid for their work.

Members of the Student Nurses' Association think differently, though, and representatives are travelling the province to gain support against unionization.

the student will be billed.

However, a change-over date will soon be announced for mid-December. Books taken out after this time will not be due until April, 1974 unless recalled by the library. That gives you lots of time to finish those essays.

coming scene

Coming Scene notices must be typed.

They should be placed in an envelope marked "Coming Scene" and have the title "Coming Scene" and the page number on the top of each page.

Please leave them in the Martlet mailbox in front of the SUB general office or mail it to us via campus mail. You can bring it to the Martlet office but you're taking a 50 50 chance that some idiot staff member will lose it.

The deadline is noon Monday.

CINECENTA - 7:15 p.m. - Mac144: Johnny Got His Gun, Batman No. 15, and Gunga Din

SATURDAY DEC. 8

Players Club meeting in the SUB Lobby at 3:00 p.m. for all people interested in the touring company.

CINECENTA, same program, also next year's schedule is available at the SUB General Office.

SUNDAY DEC. 9

Outdoors Club does a day hike every Sunday, they meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Mayfair Parking lot.

Soccer at Centennial Stadium at 2:15 p.m. with the ever improving UVic Vikings.

FRIDAY DEC. 7

FREE CONCERT with Avalanche in the SUB Upper Lounge at 12:30, later they'll be in the SUB PUB.

Logicians say belief in God evil

The Martlet recently received this communication from the now-forming Philosophical and Debating Society.

It's an indication, we think, of what they're thinking over there, where ever that is, that is of course if it, or they, exist at all -- if you take our meaning.

It was titled "Your belief in God is evil" and composed by Tom Fenn and Alexander Stuart:

When all else fails, Theologians typically assert that man's belief in God is founded on complete and absolute faith. Reason, which is directly opposite to faith, will not enable man an understanding of God. God is unknowable to our finite minds. In fact, it is usually argued by theologians that any human attempt to understand God's nature will always result in a distortion and bastardization of His nature. All our attempts are futile and fundamentally mistaken. We must therefore resort to complete faith if we are to maintain a belief in God.

The question now becomes, should one believe in God on faith alone? Fortunately, this enigmatic question is at last met by a simple and clear answer: no. As will be appreciated, the following proof puts the question beyond all doubt; this short, yet all encompassing proof will without a doubt convert even the most religiously dogmatic, the most perversely fanatic, to pure atheism, to the plain truth.

PREMISES and DEFINITIONS:

1. It is generally agreed that one's actions should be founded on reason.
2. For any action; if the reasoning upon which it is based contains an irrational premise, or if it is affected by an irrational belief, then that action is an irrational action.
3. An action is either rational or irrational.
4. It is morally necessary to act rationally when it is possible to do so. To act irrationally, when it is possible to act rationally, is immoral.

5. One cannot, as was pointed out in the introduction, rationally believe in God.
6. Therefore, the belief in God is irrational.
7. Anyone who holds a belief in God, in virtue of the meaning entailed by the definition of God, must believe that God is directly related to everything in the Universe; a consideration of anything must, strictly speaking, involve or be affected by a consideration of God.
8. To act is to in some way affect at least one thing in the Universe.

THE ARGUMENT:

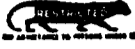
9. Any action, such that a consideration of God must, strictly speaking, be involved in the reasons for that action, must be an irrational action (from 2 & 6).
10. But, all of one's actions must involve a consideration of God, if one believes in God (from 7 & 8).
11. Therefore, all of one's actions must be irrational, if one believes in God (from 9 & 10).
12. Therefore, all of one's actions must be immoral if it is possible not to believe in God (from 4 & 11).
13. It is possible not to believe in God (self evident).
14. Therefore, if one believes in God, all of one's actions are immoral (from 12 & 13).
15. If all of an individual's actions are immoral, then that individual is immoral (self evident).
16. Therefore, if one believes in God, one is immoral (from 14 & 15).
17. It is better to be a moral individual than an immoral one, if this is possible (self evident).
18. Therefore, one should not believe in God (from 13, 16 & 17).

Oh really?
"Sophistry, Sophistry",
shouted one atheistic Martlet staffer.
Reliable sources indicate that God won't bother with a letter to the editor.

MONDAY DEC. 10

Public Meeting: United Nations Human Rights Day: speaker is Dr. George Nixon (whose services as a consulting engineer were retained by the U.N.) with discussion period. Sponsored by Bahai's in Commons 203 at 8:00 p.m.

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"Our Santa Claus is real

A backward look... at our old crook...

by Dr. Jan Kupp as told to Derry McDonell at Christmas 1971.

Dr. Kupp looks like a Dutch uncle - and he is. He's also a Dutch father, and a grandfather, all of which fits very nicely with the fact that he is a great story teller, especially about historical figures. I was in his Canadian history course two years ago and at that time, on the last day before Christmas Exams, he gave a special lecture on the history of Santa Claus. It was fascinating. Not only because it took us over half the earth and through two thousand years of history. (complete with embellishments and diversions), but because like all good tales, it had a good moral at the end of it. I asked him to retell it for the Martlet, and he graciously agreed. It throws a whole new light on the figure that most of us have come to know only in his role as a petty department store shill. The story should be read with a heavy Dutch accent - and watch out for those digressions. Merry Christmas.

"The present festivities of Santa Claus are very difficult to explain, because our Santa Claus is really a funny sort of bastard. Now don't get me wrong. I don't mean a bastard in the present day context, but a bastard of the Middle Ages. He's the offspring of old German practices going back two thousand years, and a Roman Catholic saint who lived after the reign of Constantine the Great, (4th century A.D.) at a time when the Roman Empire was concentrated more in Constantinople than in Rome itself. Let us first look at his 'father', that is, the old Germanic practices.

When I say Germanic I'm not quite correct because they really come from the Celts, the ancient people who lived in present-day Britain, Ireland, and the Atlantic Coast from Holland to the Pyrenees. Now their practise was to celebrate the 'sonnewende' or yuletide, and this originated in the fear

that the sun, which stood still on that day (December 23rd) would disappear and never come back again. So to appease the sun god, they often brought human sacrifices. When the sun returned, (and they knew very well it would because they'd seen it before after all), they would greet it by lighting candles, yule logs, etc., and by fetting up trees. These customs remained in this form until the coming of the Irish priest St. Boniface in 740 A.D.

He came to the Germanic tribes which had replaced the Celts, and tried to stop the pagan rituals. He found, however, that the only way he could do it was to assimilate them into Christian practices which he achieved by having the Church year begin on December 25th, and celebrating the sonnewende at the same time. Thus instead of having lights burning for the sun-god, they would now be lit for the Christ child. It should be remembered that the coming of a child, especially a boy-child was a special event anyway. (Girls were not so honoured because they represented the expense of a dowry sooner or later).

By the Middle Ages we see that more stress is laid on Christ's mother, and this reflects the feeling of the time. (Nowadays we hear about women's liberation, but in fact women were more venerated in the so-called Dark Ages than ever before. It is from this period that we get all our polite habits concerning the treatment of women, and the 'courtly love' of which Sir Walter Raleigh's famous example is best remembered.) The idea of the Virgin Mary begins then as well.

Alright, so now we have the yule log, the candles, the tree and the holly, but the focal point is still the crib or manger. The Middle Ages add statues because they were great people for picturing things exactly as they thought they would have been. Thus, for instance, we see in the paintings of Van Eyck, that the magi are dressed in 12th century robes! In plays as well, the story is altered and adapted. In the Coventry play, the shepherds steal the lamb from the manger thinking it is the Christ. Realizing their mistake, they go on a search to find the right manger, and so on. So you can see that the whole thing is designed as a joyful celebration with a serious moral intent...and

that was the Middle Ages; they made everything holy, but also gave it a very human aspect as well. Now where does Saint Nicholas fit in?

Well, here we get another person who is connected with goodness and giving like the Christ-figure, and that is the

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Bishop of Myra whose name was Nicholas. Don't bother looking for Myra because it doesn't exist any more. It was once an important seaport on the Aegean, just north of present-day Smirna; but various facts combined to reduce its place in

ly a funny sort of bastard"

ERRY OLD SANTA CLAUS.



obtain doweries; (don't forget that this was a time when a girl without a dowry had only two other choices: prostitution or the nunnery, and the latter were not nearly so prevalent after the 3rd century). In short then, he did charity work, and since, in this period at least, it wasn't too hard to become a saint in the Catholic church, the Pope had him canonized while he was still alive. One reason was undoubtedly because several 'miracles' had become ascribed to him, including the anonymous giving of money to the needy. (This was a miracle because he wasn't likely to have had any himself, let alone enough to give away). Another was because his life could be used as an example to other Christians much the same way that St. Augustine was held up as an example to those wishing to repent for a sinful life. Nicholas therefore became very well known during his lifetime; but his story might not have created any lasting impression if something hadn't happened in the 7th century.

It was then that the Moslem Arabs overran the Eastern part of the old Roman Empire and forced the Christians to retreat westward. The result was the Nicholas' body was removed and taken to the southern Italian seaport of Bari for safekeeping. Here, a large cathedral was built in his honour, and his connection with sailors grew until he was finally made their patron saint, with the result that his name spread all over western Europe. Coincidentally, the conversion of the Slavs occurred at this time, and his name was taken by the missionaries into Eastern Europe, including Russia, where he became the patron saint of the country. (Which explains why so many Russian czars had the name Nicholas). So you can see that Nicholas was pretty well universal by this time, and all that was needed was the veneration of the practice of secret gift-giving to complete the legend.

This occurred in the 9th century, and by the 12th century celebrating St. Nicholas Day on December the sixth was widespread all over Europe. Now actually the celebration happened on the eve of the day, December 5th, as was common for all saints' festivities. For example, Hallowe'en is actually a celebration of All Saints' Day,

which is November 1st.

With the rise of the Spanish Empire in the 15th century, St. Nicholas became associated with Spain, mainly because that was where all the 'goodies' came from; by 'goodies' I mean spices and special sugar items which came from the East with the Moors. Thus the good bishop picked up a servant, a black

Now we get something else popping up and that is this: the Dutch become the main carriers of the St. Nicholas tradition simply because they became the main merchants of Europe, and most especially the Eastern spice trade. Thus one of the other customs which they transport is the custom of good eating.

So now we have the two holidays of Christmas and Saint Nicholas' Day, one with the old symbols of sonnewende, and the other with the tradition of gift-giving incorporated. What happens to them when the Dutch take them to the New World? Well, they kept them pretty much as they were, but the trouble was that the tradition of St. Nicholas had almost died out in the non-Roman Catholic countries of Europe after the Reformation, simply because protestants did not recognize holy bishops, and when ten thousand of these Puritan settlers came over to America, it swamped the small Dutch colony in New Amsterdam. Because of neglect on the part of the Mother Country, however, these settlers were very dependent on the Dutch community for the first little while, and especially on Dutch trading ships. (Don't forget that Holland was just on the rise as a tremendous trading nation at this time, and they were still in control of the luxury trade as well, including all those items connected with the Saint Nicholas celebration.)

During this period, the Puritans were gradually taking over the Dutch colony, including their customs; but they had done exactly the same thing as their counterparts in Europe had done; that is to say, cut off all ties with bishops, and so taken all religious sense out of the December 5th festivity. On the other hand, the hard, sparse moor who came to be called Black Peter and whose bag contained all the treasures of the Orient. Now we have all the elements of the legend together:

a charitable bishop, no longer in Constantinople or Italy but in Spain, who appears on his day with his Moorish companion, all over Europe giving out delicious treats to the children. Don't forget that sugar was a luxury, and oranges were so rare that in 1386 the city of Coventry made a special gift of twelve of them to Richard the Second. Well, to make it short, by 1300 the practice was well established all over Europe.

existence in the wilderness gave the custom of special, luxury item gift-giving a particular appeal to the immigrants, and they dearly wanted to take over the holiday, if only they could find a way of removing the association with the Catholic Church. They did it finally by removing the garments of a bishop from the Nicholas figure, (replacing the mitre with a sleeping cap, for instance) and by shifting the date of the celebration to Christmas Day. Now a curious thing happens; the holiday, virtually forgotten in the Old World returns to Europe in its revised form and becomes popular again, and the Germans, (who formed the bulk of the early settlers to New England) translate the name Saint Nicholas to the equivalent: Santa Claus. Thus it is Nein New England, after sixteen hundred years, that the marriage of the two great holidays takes place, and it is the Dutch, who had already married the holy idea with the profit motive, that promote the commercial aspect of the result.

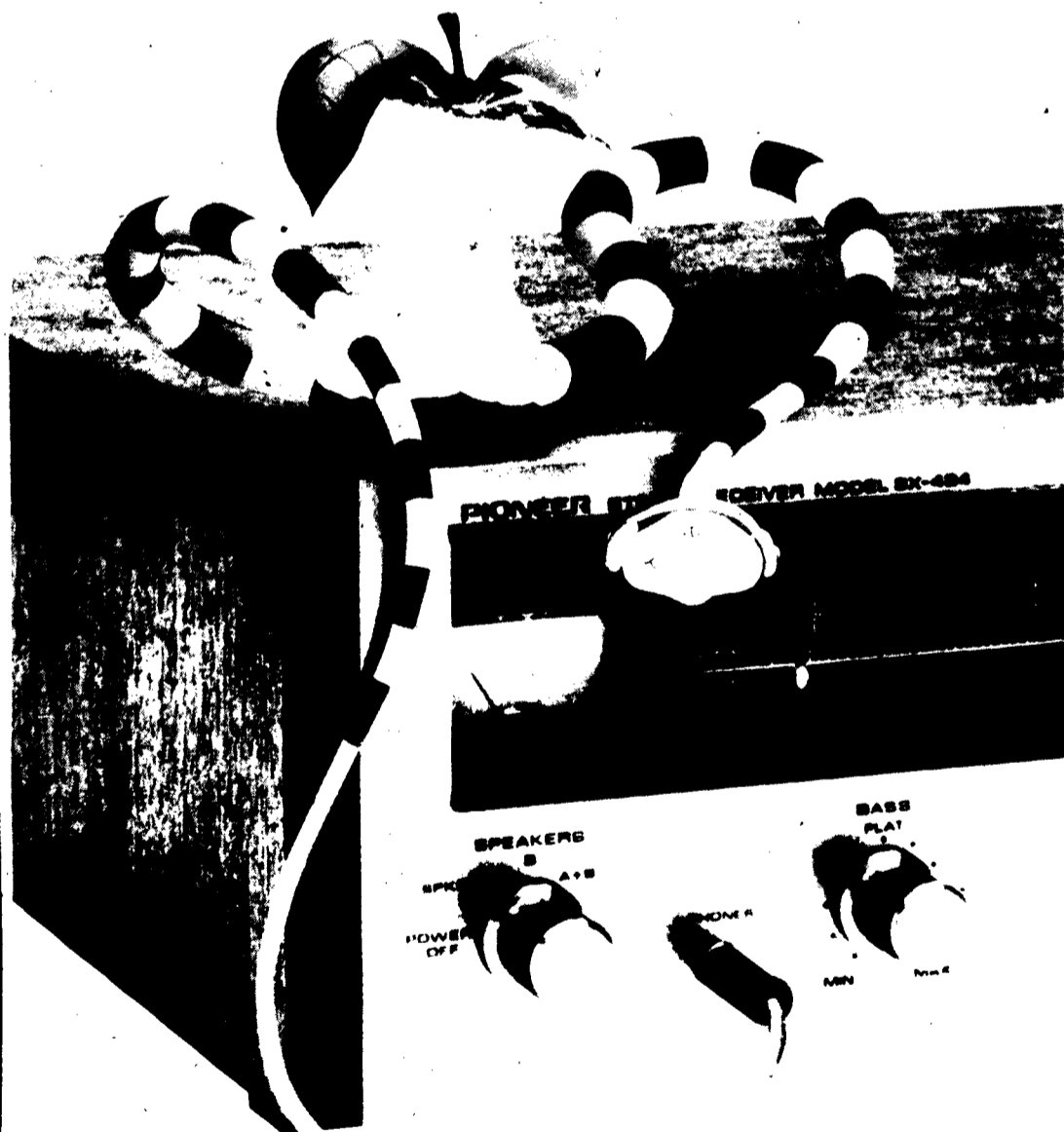
It doesn't take much imagination to see that if you commercialize one part of it, soon the whole thing gets out of hand, especially when, like the Puritans, you have deleted the religious connotation from the patron saint. Santa Claus, no longer a bishop, could hardly be allowed to retain his origins in Catholic Spain either, so his new home became the North Pole. And as for Black Peter, well! the slave trade was in full swing by this time, so the veneration of any black man had long since disappeared, and since the Eskimos weren't known, and the Indians were despised, Santa became a pretty solitary figure, with only reindeer, (substituted for the white horse he'd had in Spain), to accompany him. Mrs. Claus and the elves were the additions of a kinder age."

history. However, it was once the see of a bishop and it was here that Nicholas performed the work which made him famous.

Nicholas brought some consolation to an age which was still far from completely civilized; he was sort of a welfare officer, social worker and Salvation Army volunteer combined. He helped children; did missionary work amongst sailors, and helped girls to

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Basketball

Clansmen versus Vikings

The University of Victoria Vikings put up a good showing against the Simon Fraser Clansmen last Wednesday night. The Vikings did well but the Clansmen took the close scoring battle, 64-59.

The Clansmen came on strong in the first half with a 45-33 lead and retained the advantage to the finish. Their expert zone-defence clearly held down the Vikings' scoring rushes.

The Clansmen out-scored the Vikings from the floor, 41 to 39 per cent, and on the free-throw line, 62 to a meager 28 per cent. The Clansmen only gave up possession of the ball seven times to the Viking 15 times. The Vikings grabbed more rebounds than the Burnaby Mt. team, 31 to their 21.

Top-scorers for the Vikings were Dave Mucahy (14 points) and Gord Hoshal (12 points). The Clansmen were lead by Jim Ciccone (22 points) and Rick Kazanowski (17 points).

Viking coach Gary Taylor, has surely noted some of the Viking's weaknesses in their first really tough match and hopefully, practice will work out the problems. On the whole it was a terrific showing on both sides.

On Friday November 23, the Vikings went after the highly-rated Scorpions Mens Wear Sr. "A" squad. The Vikings came from behind at half-time to win with 30 seconds remaining. The high scores for UVic were put in by Lee Edmunson (20 points) and Dave Mulcahy (19 points). Bob Burrows and Brian McKenzie led the Scorpions with 20 points each.

The next day the Vikings found themselves in the same spot. Trailing the Scorpions by four points at half-time, the Vikings picked up the lead but lost it all in a disastrous final three minutes. The Vikings gave away the ball four times and with it the game. Scorpions won 75-73. Viking, Dean Sawyer just about squeaked one in at the buzzer!

Viking conference action begins this weekend with games at 8:30 pm Friday and Saturday nights. The Vikes take on the University of Sask. in two games that promise to be exciting as the prairie team has always been a strong contender in conference play.

The Vikettes are providing the preliminary action at 6:30 pm each night.

Rugby half-season ends well

In rugby last weekend the Vikings defeated Oak Bay Wanderers in an exhibition match at Windsor Park. The final score in the well played but uninspired game was 6-3.

All the Vikings' scoring was by Rick Couch with two penalty goals. With both teams missing top players, the class usually exhibited by the teams was noticeably missing.

The one bright spot for the Vikings was John Howe at fullback. Often under pressure he moved the Vikings out of their own end several times throughout the game.

Also on Saturday, the Norsemen came up with their second impressive win in two starts by defeating Saanich Agrarians 30-0. The Norsemen got on track early in the first half with Steve Cowie running around his wing to score the first of his two tries. Shortly afterwards, Derek Mason put a similar move on his wing to score and the Norsemen never looked back. Running with ease through the Agrarian's backs the Norsemen notched up a total of seven tries. Chris Coleman scored two and Mike Stewart and Bobby Carson counted with singles.

The first half of the season is now finished for the Vikings and the Norsemen will wind up their first half with a home game against Cowichan this Saturday at 2:30.



sports

Intramural Floorhockey Playoffs start

The league schedule came to an end last Thursday with a couple of surprises. In Division A, Johnnie's Rats the league leaders were held to a tie by cellar dwellers - the Spuzzums. Directly after that game, two great goals from Mike Montesand led the Islanders to a 4-2 victory over previous leaders, the Chemists. Mainliners - despite two more goals from scoring champ Doug Manning were held to a 4-4 tie by the lowly Steelers.

In Division B, competition was tough for playoff spots with 6 teams in contention. Ziggy, with victories of Headhunters (5-0) and Coglomerates (4-3) clinched their spot. Monty Manhas went on a scoring spree for Pud and the Skidmarks. Pud managed to scramble a playoff berth with wins over Happy Hookers 4-1, and

Headhunters (6-1). Purple Hermies, fresh from their victory at William Head, remained undefeated throughout by defeating Lansdowne 5-2 and Happy Hookers 4-2. Doug Tingey was the hero there with 4 goals.

Doug Manning wins the scoring trophy with a total of 12 goals for the tourney. Monty Manhas with 10, and the Roberts with 8 were in close pursuit.

Playoffs will be held in the UVic Gym on Thursday Dec. 6th from 7:30 p.m. on. All spectators are welcome. Teams in the playoffs are, from Division A -

Johnnie's Rats, Mainliners, Okie Smokies, Chemists, and from Div. B -

Purple Hermies, S.A.C. Snatchers, Ziggy, Pud and the Skidmarks.

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Norsemen Soccer

UVic Norsemen continued their battle for first place by defeating Castaways 4-1 on the UVic field.

Agressive forward play netted many good scoring opportunities for the UVic side, only to be thwarted by poor marksmanship. Although defensive errors gave Castaways some undeserved chances for goals, the Norsemen midfield players were constantly placing outside forwards in scoring position with their passing.

Norsemen marksmen were: Ed Stephenson (a penalty shot), Dave Mason with yet another picture perfect goal, Doug Pieschel on a breakaway blast to the top corner and Ernie Carson with a long lob that eluded the Castaway's netminder.

Increased fan support was a blessing, and the Norsemen hope even more people would turn out to cheer them on.

Viking Hockey

The Vikings took their Friday night game against the Ingraham team 5-1 but the Ingraham team turned around and whipped UVic 6-4 the following day at the Memorial Arena. This is the second loss of the season for the Vikings.

The Vikings have two important games coming up against London Boxing Club on Friday night and Chemainus on Saturday in Chemainus.

Floorhockey

The Purple Hermies floorhockey team visited William Head Institution last Thursday for a game against the inmates. Hermie's who came through their Intramural league schedule here with the only unbeaten record, managed a 21-16 victory over the Heads.

Both teams were evenly matched for most of the game, with 5-5 and 11-11 scores at the end of each of the first two periods. In the small, crowded William Head gym, the Hermies put it together in the third period to rattle in 10 more goals. The game was fast and clean with little roughness and few penalties. The Purple Hermies will return to William Head for a rematch on Dec. 10th.

Vikettes Basketball

The Vikettes opened their season with two games against the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes last weekend. On Friday night, after losing Lorna McHattie in the first half with a sprained ankle, the Vikettes lost by two points 52-50. The Vikettes were behind by 10 points with 3 minutes to play when Laury Atkinson scored two baskets. Rita Clarkson and Cathy Auburn each scored 2 points but this effort wasn't quite enough to pull the Vikettes through.

The Vikettes lost another close one to Saskatchewan on Saturday night 35-34.

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To conclude we ask students to look ahead a little and realize that this project was not suddenly contrived but is the result of years of examination and abortive attempts. We feel that this plan will provide for at least some of the future requirements of the students and is well worth every dollar invested.

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Jayvees lose

The UVic JV basketball team lost to Vancouver City College in double overtime.

Final score was 81 to 76. At the end of regulation the score was 66 all. The two teams traded buckets for the last ten minutes and then with two seconds left on the clock in the first overtime and UVic behind by 2, Al McGee hit a twenty footer to send it into double overtime. Mike McNeil cinched the game for the Vancouver Falcons with 47 seconds to go by hitting a pair of free throws. Jan Bohn, the 6'8" Vancouver center led all scorers with 23 points. Al McGee led the Vikings with 21, while John Champion and Leon Mitchell both had 12. The UVic squad played good defense, including 11 steals and only had ten turnovers but poor foul shooting plagued them again as they hit only 50 percent.

Saturday the squad played BCIT and won 66 to 59. They played rather lethargically being down at the half 31 to 25. Despite poor defense and poor shooting, 34 percent from the floor they still managed to beat BCIT. John Champion led UVic with fourteen, followed by Leon Mitchell with 13 and Al McGee with 12. George Otto, 6'5" center, led BCIT with 23 points. Next week the JV's travel to Vancouver for a pair of games against UBC JV's.

New projectors

Cinecenta is getting two new film projectors.

The AMS will purchase two Graflex 16 mm. arc lamp projectors at a cost of \$1250 each.

According to Doug Springer, director of Cinecenta, the two new projectors will provide a better source and more efficient control of sound than the equipment presently in use.

This should result in a film-viewing experience comparable in quality to the downtown movie houses, he said.

The Projectors will be in operation for the first Cinecenta show in the new year.

Previously Cinecenta has used projectors rented from the University Audio-Visual department. This has led to problems in the past, Springer said. There is so much demand for the projectors that they become quite worn. "Those projectors are for academic purposes, so when we run them for the whole weekends for shows, they tend to break down."

"Now that Cinecenta is going on a semi-professional basis we want to remove all traces of a Mickey Mouse operation."

Springer added that the new projectors will be highly suitable for use in an expanded SUB theatre.

Simonsez

by Simon Gibson

Hitch-hiking

Next time the sun shines and you have to get to-and-from UVic., leave the car at home and try hitch-hiking instead.

In light of the so-called 'Energy Crisis', it would seem especially important to do two things: one, the less cars on the road--the less gas will be burned; consequently, don't use that precious little Chevy unless you absolutely have to. And two, it only follows that the more people in a single vehicle, the best use of available gasoline will be obtained. Ergo, the usefulness of hitch-hiking.

To start with, that term 'hitch-hiking' doesn't especially sound like a respectable alternative to the individual car. Perhaps the same PR man who designed the label 'nationalization' (governmentalization or socialization) should be hired to give us a new phrase. In the meantime however, we shall stick with the old, and probably most descriptive locution.

Hitch-hiking in its simplest form of course is the act of just standing at a conspicuous point on the side of the road with the hand held out in such a manner as to indicate an interest in being 'picked up'.

Having put on a lot of miles myself, I can report that like practically anything else (drinking included), there is a wrong and a right way to go about it. In fact, there would seem to be a special set of informal rules that promise at least some measure of success under more auspicious circumstances.

For one thing, don't underemphasize your student status. Most drivers, fully aware of how difficult (financially and otherwise) it is for a student to 'put himself through', will be watching for younger people with books. Hence, if you are planning on travelling to the university, a couple of texts under the arm would be helpful in identifying yourself as such.

Also, little 'tips' that have been passed on to me include such things as leaving your sunglasses at home. Although you'd probably want to have them along on an extended hitch-hiking sojourn, apparently drivers distrust the individual who covers his eyes. That brief few seconds which allows the driver to decide whether or not to pick you up are, needless to say, crucial.

Another thing is your whole manner and poise. This might sound akin to instructions on how to be a good doorman, but that hitch-hiker we've both seen who actually sits beside the road with a casual arm out isn't going to 'win over' a ride on the basis of his presumed enthusiasm. Basically, it would seem that the more successful hitch-hiker is one who stands either on the curb or gravel shoulder; standing out on the road itself is not necessary to attract a driver's attention and can invite a police officer's interest in your progress.

On longer trips (such as in the summer), it is apparently of little use to carry a big sign saying 'Going to Toboggan Falls' or the like. Rather, these advertisements seem to 'put off' a prospective driver and presumably inhibit his desire to assist you in getting to your destination. Also, some of these signs that I have personally seen are so large that a driver in a reasonably good car may have trepidations about having both you and your placard bouncing around the interior.

As for when you're lucky enough to be driving your shiny machine, you probably wouldn't pick up a guy carrying a sawed-off shotgun in one hand and a machete in the other. Still, there are probably some things to remember when you're the guy in the car and the other fellow is out on the road with his 'thumb' out.

Generally, the impression you might want to give as a hitch-hiker is the type of person who you would be willing to give a ride to. This is especially important when travelling long distances and potentially having to put up with say, a garrulous passenger.

Just around town, there would seem to be little reason for the average male driver to pass by a hitch-hiker. If you're going his way, you can help the community by picking him up and keeping another car off the streets.

If you're not sure whether to pick up a hitch-hiker--don't. After all, it's your car. Also, I wouldn't personally recommend that the female driver make a habit of picking up hitch-hikers except along the normal commuter routes (such as to UVic.).

Hitch-hiking in the main, is really not such a bad way of getting about. Apart from helping to cope with the so-called 'Energy Crisis', it will give you a chance to meet some people that you might not normally come in contact with.

In fact, when driving, you never know who could be beside the highway, hoping for a ride. Just a few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of sharing my car for a part of my morning drive to UVic. with an MLA. Yes, none other than Peter Rolston (NDP-Dewdney) was a member of the 'hitch-hiker's club'.

Though Mr. Rolston carried on a rather soporific one-way conversation with me, it was admittedly a little more exciting than listening to the radio. Besides, I realized then that hitch-hiking as a method of 'getting around' had suddenly attained a new level of respectability.

Quid Rides

by Walter Fleder

Merry Christmas

"Tis the season to get hopping,
fifteen days left for Christmas shopping.
All the world is going mad,
isn't it just a little bit sad?"

Well it's here again, that joyous season of Santa Claus, Christmas carols, presents and complete and total pandemonium as millions of people turn into raving maniacs to get that last bit of shopping done.

A trip downtown when the Christmas rush is on is about as safe as jumping into a pack of hungry sharks and then cutting your wrists. I drove around for an hour yesterday looking for a parking spot. I finally found one and as I pulled ahead to back into it three Volkswagens committed suicide trying to beat me to it.

Of course I didn't have enough money for the meter and as I turned my back 17, count them, 17 commissionaires appeared and there was a riot over who was going to give me the ticket.

To enter a department store at this time of year is like offering yourself as a sacrifice to a strange Pagan god. This god demands you complete tasks that would have defeated Hercules, like fighting past a hundred deranged housewives to look at a shirt that is too big for a rhinoserous but "is a bargain." I was actually clawed by a woman the other day as I reached for a pair of socks...she didn't want them but there was a chance that they would be just right for her Herbert.

Finding the right present takes either talent or gall. How do you find a gift for the maiden aunt who is coming out for Christmas when you only met her once twenty years ago, and at that time forced an all abiding hatred for her. What do you get for the little nephew you detest. A time bomb would be appropriate if you could trust the little bast... dear, to play with it until it went off.

If you by chance know what a friend or relative would like for Christmas your next problem is to find a place that still has it. My vision of hell is walking into store after store to see them sell the last item in stock of that special thing you've been looking for. And once you've bought the Christmas present the trick is to get it home and wrapped before it falls apart.

Christmas cards are another matter. At least with them you can work away quietly in a locked room. The game of 'who shall we send one to this year' is on a similar level with international diplomacy, both inevitably lead to war.

Will the Wilson's send us a card this year? Do I send a card to old what's-his-name, and shall we snub Frank and Jenny after their behavior at the last New Years Eve party?

This year I'm not going to go through all that. I am going to send out a hundred cards to people picked randomly from the phone book and spend the rest of the year giggling to myself.

I have always wondered about the tradition of the tree. Was the first person to drag a large dead plant into his house and spend a fortune on small very breakable ornaments really quite right in the head? I understand that the Christmas tree was originally a Druidic phallic symbol. Apparently they worshipped the tree as a symbol of fertility and rebirth. All the druids got together on the winter solstice, set the tree on fire, then got drunk and had an orgy. This celebration is now called **The Christmas Office Party**.

I suppose it is all really justified on that glorious morning when you get to watch your kids break open and destroy all their presents, while you ponder the usefulness of a plaster-of-paris planter in the shape of a dead horse. I can still remember the thrill of opening that fifth bottle of after shave lotion and dabbing a little of it around the edges of my full beard while making appreciative noises and smelling like a Turkish brothel.

The big turkey dinner is the culmination of the holiday season. Everyone spends four hours sitting around drinking cheap sherry on an empty stomach while a turkey dries out in the oven.

The trick of being the good guest is to eat so much that the hostess really believes you enjoyed it -- but not quite enough to make you sick. At least until after you get home. The most admired guest is the one who can swallow aunt Sally's suet pudding without visibly gagging.

I think that if Bob Cratchit were alive today he would rather sit quietly in his office with his books and ledgers than go home to a bunch of kids fighting to find out if they got the nuclear war game they want.

Surely the company of a sane old Scrooge is better than half a dozen half stewed relatives who for most of the year won't speak to you but on Christmas slobber with sentimental love and good will.

Please, if Jesus Christ comes back to earth, could he celebrate his birthday quietly with a few close friends.

Strange Things



*Photo feature
by
Eric Littley*

Reflections in a Northern High

By **RON ARMSTRONG**
special to the Martlet

Smithers. Telkwa. Bulkley River. These were alien names in an unknown, probably uninviting, land last May. Postgraduation poverty forced me to accept a Forest Service job offer here. So north I came unwillingly, with a vague sense of foreboding. The very name Smithers implied the worst in small town B.C. -- dry, dusty, polluted, and filled with hard-working boredom. My finely-honed academic sensibilities were to undergo another brutalizing.

Six months later I'm still here, proof positive that I was

wrong. Not only the physical, but also the social, experiences have been continuing pleasures. First, the scenery here moves one to descriptions once found in Social Credit travel ads. The Bulkley River meanders north through a rolling, fertile green valley that is a synonym for beauty. At its southern end is the town of Houston, at its northern the old Indian village of Hazelton. Roughly halfway is Smithers, spread beneath snowcovered Hudson Bay Mountain, a dominating back drop found in every postcard. Ringing the valley are a series of ranges, blue-black cones with white icing. Everywhere are deep, indigo lakes, three at town limits. Those

recreation blurbs are true - it's a hunting, fishing, photographing, hiking, skiing and snowmobiling paradise. The town largely conforms to natural contours, rather than impinging itself on the landscape with a chaotic cardboard sprawl. There are no factories, high-rises or smog.

This happy situation is a result of Smithers unique historic, economic, and social character. Unlike some resource towns, it is neither instant nor one-dimensional. Named after Grand Trunk Pacific's general chairman, it was founded in 1913 as a distribution point for that short-lived railway company. It has remained that for the successor C.N.

However, the economy has also been based on logging and farming. Though the presence of CN and Pacific Inland Resources Ltd. is large and visible - they account for a third of the work

force - a number of small sawmills and family farms make the industrial base flexible, diverse, and reasonably competitive. Upon this has been built a service complex worthy of much larger communities, including two hotels, nine motels, two department stores and two shopping malls. There are two pubs, a curling rink, pool hall, bowling alley, ski tows, skating rink and gold course. The result is a thriving tourist trade that has meant a minimum of ecological disruption. The sawmills are invisible from town, except for the odd blue cloud-odorless and soon dispersed.

Also unlike resource-based towns, much of the populace is stable and long-established. There are still alive those who settled the country before 1913. They have watched Smithers grow from a tent camp, to the first incorporated village in B.C. (1921), to the present town of 4500 people. Their fascinating memoirs have just been published by the local Heritage Club. Called "Bulkley Valley Stories", it's a little gem of community spirit.

Another unique factor contributes to this spirit. Thirty per cent of the population is Dutch or of Dutch origin. A glance at the telephone book confirms this: Beerda's Dry Goods, De Boer Signs, Oud's Rental, Reitsma's Plumbing & Heating, Stoelwinder's Trading, Wook's Gas Service. They came in two waves: one with the GTP's settlement program, the other in the early fifties. Their impact is felt everywhere, but especially in the active presence of the Christian Reformed Church and School.

For no apparent reason, the second "mafiosi" is that of expatriate Victorians. The list includes the present Martlet editor's sister (UVic, 1966), a social worker, and probation officer Jim Bartlett (UVic, 1973). Well-known SUB person Dee Chisholm is the latest emigre from an invisible Victoria-Smithers "pipeline".

The sociological mix includes other unique phenomena. Romilly and Romilly is the law firm of two Trinidad brothers. The valley's millionaire logger is an Indian named Aslin. He works and accumulates in classic Stamper family style. A one man Work Ethic on a D9. Of course others of his race are quite different. They constitute another third of the population. Unfortunately, some are examples of a sorry and familiar story: the booze, the welfare, the car wrecks, the neglected children, the fights and despair.

Smithers' human diversity is best seen in a visit to the local pubs. There you'll find a cross-section worthy of the "Beaver" or "The Red Lion" - young and old, long hair and cowboy boots, beads and hard hats, blue denim and pressed suits, T-shirts and dresses, braless and bouffant, white and red together in a democracy of suds.

There is a sense of newness about the place, as businesses build, buy, and expand. But recent youthful influxes have brought social concern as well. Combined with the community spirit already here, it has produced an awareness not often found in what is wrongly termed "the boondocks". A Concert Association, Community Arts Council, Civic Center, Recreation Commission, Art Gallery, Museum, Brass Band (the only one of its kind in B.C.),

and two Day Care Centers are just a few examples. The most outstanding expression is the newly-formed Society of Concerned Citizens. This group leads all of B.C. in realizing NDP human resources minister Norm Levi's goal of locally-controlled social services answering local needs. Already the Northern Training Center for the Mentally Retarded is operating successfully under its aegis. SPEC is an active watchdog on development, one of its members just having been elected to town council.

Not that conservative sentiments aren't harboured here also. The recent election was an overwhelming victory for Establishment forces (hopefully for the last time). With the above exception, candidates sympathetic to industrial growth and rising property values were endorsed. The only newspaper is owned by an absentee capitalist who fired an editor for opposing a plywood plant planned for the area. An ex-mayor - and a new alderman - is a prima donna who maintains an incestuous relationship with Bulkley Holdings. This old clique consists of the town solicitor (!), B.C.'s highest paid doctor and other large landholders. It has investment fingers in every lucrative pie around town, including Super-Valu and the radio station.

Its also true that the dominant musical idiom is country and western (we just had Country Music Week, complete with a fiddle contest). CFBV's Program Director Steve Robinson (another UVic expatriate) tried to alter the balance but ran into a storm of protest. However, one can get good folk and rock music after 7 pm and on Saturday afternoons. To visit a Round Lake dance in summer is a trip to the fifties. Old-fashioned rock in an old-fashioned hall jammed full of beer-guzzling stompers in cowboy gear. The music is loud, the dust thick, and the slang nostalgic.

Other sights and sounds offer new perspectives. The wail and rumble of the long freights is a day and night reminder of dependency: the national rail strike presaged things yet to come. Fuel supplies ran so low that two gas stations had to close (are you listening Donald Macdonald?). The single PWA flight is a daily event. People glance skyward and back to their watches to check the jet's timing (usually late). Odd characters abound. Andy George, retarded and unemployed, holds court on his daily rounds of cafes, stores and offices. Valmond, youngest of the Romilly brothers, imagines all Main St. as audience when he glides by in perfect gesture and style. Philip Moen is a tall patriarch who is always striding the sidewalks or standing philosophically on street corners. He is an eyestopper with his bushy beard and long mane of steel gray hair, bronzed face and amazing wardrobe - one day a vivid red Alpine hat, plume, and blue jeans; another day knickerbockers and tweeds. Its all part of a lifestyle that is basic, informal, and unhurried.

The climate is not balmy Victoria. But summer is warm, if not always sunny. Autumn is the best season here - a riot of gold and orange, the aspen woods right out of old Quebec, and the sun setting in an explosion of pinks and reds.

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Theatre of the absurd

Editor: Theatre of the absurd.

Loud knocking, repeated, as the scene opens in a typical two-bedroom apartment such as can be found in any city.

Voice: MMPH! Whozat? We don't want any.

Knocker: (Knock! Knock!) Open up!

Voice: All right, I'm coming..(opens door) (At the door are three grim grey suited men with purpose in their eyes.)

(They stand like a wedge with the knocker forward; the other two flanking.)

Knocker: (As he pushes the voice aside and walks in, followed by stooges). May we come in?

Voice: But...

Knocker: Article 46 Section 1 Landlord Tenant Act; Stand aside punk! What a pigpen, eh George?

First Flanker: Typical of that kinda people, eh?

Knocker: Are you Mister Kasper? You're breakin' the law. You've got people in here not in the lease...

Voice: But...

Knocker: One of them has a key.

Voice: But they're friends of mine...

Knocker: Do you have a job?

Voice: No, I'm a ...

Knocker: Yea, you're a bum.

Voice: A student!

Knocker: If they aren't gone by tomorrow we'll get the police and throw you out. Don't think we won't either, (proudly) we did it last week to some others like you!

Voice: But they're just here to visit me on the way home...

Knocker: By tomorrow they better be gone because we'll be back.

First Flanker: Yeah! (And they were gone with nothing left but the smell of brimstone).

MORAL: Don't be a student with long haired friends who visit.

D. R. Kasper

ed. note: we suggest you contact the B.C. government's new Landlord and Tenant Advisory Bureau at 895 Fort Street, 382-3196. You never know, you just might be able to lay some charges.

Islands swamped?

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transportation of perishable foodstuffs, problems of residents working on both sides of the border, medical services, supply of electrical power and telephone service, and problems of law enforcement.

Although the government instructions mention nothing about the psychological health of the community, the board evidently took it upon itself to investigate this aspect of Point Roberts life.

"A simple easing of everyday problems could not be reasonably expected to correct basic inadequacies in the community life of Point Roberts," stated the report.

Along the length of the border there are similar situations where administrative arrangements solve such problems.

For example Huntington-Sumas in B.C., which has a long history of an open border without problems, or Detroit-Windsor with a population of over two and one half million and still no major problems.

In spite of this, the commission says: "a simple easing of current, everyday problems..."

The matter was further mystified when the Commission

instructed the board to "advise on the problems created or magnified by the presence of the International boundary at Point Roberts."

This wording is noticeably absent from the original instructions. It would make equal sense if it read, "...by the presence of Point Roberts at the International boundary."

The Canadian representatives responsible for the 'unanimous recommendation of Concept B' (The International Joint Park) are Dr. G.C. Andrew, Lloyd Brooks, and William Lane.

Brooks is the Deputy Minister of Recreation and Conservation for B.C., Lane is the new Chairman of the B.C. Land Commission, and Dr. Andrew is from UBC.

Brooks is on public record as opposing the earlier attempt by Jack Davis of the Feds to establish an all-Canadian marine park in the Gulf of Georgia. Brooks called the Canadian proposal 'utter nonsense', saying he was concerned with the 'economic realities' of the situation but has not yet publicly explained what realities prompted his endorsement at the newly proposed joint American playground.

The relationship of both Brooks and Lane to their NDP superiors, and the question of whether they were expressing the point of view of the Provincial Government is unknown at this time. Eileen Dailly, Deputy Premier, declined comment and the Premier and Jack Radford, Minister of Recreation and Conservation, were both unavailable for comment at this time.

The American representatives on the IJC were Joseph W. Scott, James M. Dolliver, Frank Baker, Dr. Manfred C. Vernon and James V. Chandler.

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contents of the letter.

"The letter didn't say he was going to withdraw, it suggested this was one of the alternatives," she explained. When asked why she had stated Clearihue planned to withdraw his offer Flavelle said she had explained the suggestion as an alternative at the earlier meeting.

"Oh no you didn't," stated nearby Lois Flavelle.

Linda said she didn't think she

could find the letter.

AMS vice-president Jim Horne said later he had read the letter. "There certainly is a letter signed Judge Clearihue," he said.

Both the Victoria Times and UVic newsletter Around the Ring announced the contest was on after Linda, who I made all the announcements o that date, announced it was off

Now that it's on again maybe they'll say its off.

High

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Certainly winter is said to be long, and the snow will stay until April. However, I'm acclimatizing quite well. The temperature hasn't gone below zero yet, and there are no icy sou'westers here (Eat your heart out Victoria). Its just a matter of block heaters, snow tires, fur coats, mukluks and mittens. Its a time to enjoy the sunshine and powder on either snowmobiles and cross-country skis- both very popular here.

Yes, its all quite enjoyable living here. There is enough to do, enough intellects for endless debates, enough opportunities for involvement and entertainment. No doubt the beat and glow of Vancouver is missing--but so is the crime (mainly car thefts here) and tension. No doubt the

grapevine knows what everyone is doing. But it is also pleasant to recognize and be recognized while strolling Main Street. We are physically far removed from centers of power, but people are as conversant with Watergate, the Middle East, Chile, and the energy crisis as listening to Lloyd Robertson allows. Certainly I was inordinately lucky in meeting the people I have. But it is also true that most people here are friendly and relaxed, willing to judge on character rather than appearances. And instead of academic cynicism and cloistered despair--the stance of a social sciences graduate--I find here a quiet hope and joy. (Take note Brian Green, wherever you are). A corner on contentment? Try it, you'll like it.

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Hortensia Allende appeals to Canada to aid Chilean refugees

OTTAWA (CUP)--Hortensia Allende, widow of the late Chilean president Salvadore Allende, appealed to Canadian November 28 to pressure their government to allow Chilean refugees to come to Canada and to stop all economic and political aid to the Chilean junta.

Madame Allende began a 10-day, five-city tour of Canada Monday, November 26, to draw attention to the repressive conditions that now exist in Chile and to plead for help for the victims.

Speaking to an audience of about 850 who gave her three standing ovations during the evening, Mme. Allende said her husband did not fail. "Every Chilean did not have a car and a color TV, but President Allende gave them the opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their lives -- something they won't get from their military dictators."

She pointed out that Allende's government had to work against tremendous odds in upholding a mandate to build socialism within the constitutional framework. His government, she said, received its mandate from the peasants and working class and

was constantly at odds with the powerful middle class and foreign business interests which undermined programs that would benefit the lower classes.

"As soon as an agrarian program was put into effect, it seemed a boycott of agricultural products took place. As soon as Chile began to develop its economy the foreign owners tried to sabotage it," she said.

She said the Chilean people will continue to struggle for their rights even though they are repressed by the junta. "If Allende is dead, he has left behind his beliefs and ideology intact. He was dedicated to improving the social well-being of his people."

Michel Beaubien, a Canadian social worker who worked for two years with people in a working class district of Santiago, said the people's spirit is still there; they will continue the struggle Allende started.

Speaking in French and Spanish, Mme. Allende described the military coup as a "tragedy... a sign of the appearance of fascism in Chile."

She quoted her husband as saying: "I am not an apostle, I am not a Messiah; I am a social

fighter who wants to complete the task given by the people. I won't take a step back and will not leave the Moneida (the presidential palace) without completing the people's mandate. Only through bullets can they prevent me from completing the people's program."

NDP Member of Parliament John Harney, who also addressed the meeting, demanded that Canada allow Chilean refugees to come here with a minimum of red tape. In French, Harney told the audience he was not talking as an English or French speaking person but as one whose forebearers were forced from their country (Ireland) and welcomed in Canada.

Canadian writer Ian Adams, who recently returned from Chile, in a recent newspaper article quoted a high ranking official of the Catholic Church in Chile as saying: "Why is your Canadian ambassador so hard? Why does your government refuse to take our people?... Take a message back to your country. It is very simple. For God's sake help us. Help us in this desperate human situation."

Adams said he talked to several

church leaders in Chile, all of whom asked that their names be withheld, who asked why Canada was not doing something to help the refugees.

"For, in a nation stripped naked, the church is the only above-ground institution left in Chilean society that is working to protect the legal rights of foreigners and the members of socialist parties being hunted down remorselessly by the military forces," Adams wrote.

Adams claimed the Canadian ambassador to Chile, Andrew Ross, has no desire to help Chileans in need of refuge. Ross told Adams the reports of violations of civil rights in Chile have "been exaggerated out of all proportion."

Adams asked Ross: "Does it surprise you, Mr. Ross, that the church conservatively estimates that 3,000 people in the Santiago area alone have been tortured?"

"Well, you have to remember this is South America," Ross replied.

The ambassador reiterated the official Canadian Government position by telling Adams "Chileans have very little interest in Canada."

But this position "directly contradicts the information I obtained after spending two weeks visiting and interviewing refugees... Camp leaders told me Canada had been the original first choice of at least 60 per cent of the 3,000 political refugees in the camps who have so far applied for asylum," Adams stated.

However, he said the Canadian embassy is accepting people not as refugees but under current immigration procedures that call for assessing a potential immigrant's skills. Many refugees who would like to come to Canada are students or people in the early stages of their careers who, therefore, don't stand much of a chance to emigrate here unless the Canadian government relaxes the immigration requirements.

John Harney has often pointed out recently that these restrictions were very much relaxed for Hungarians, Czechoslovaks, and Ugandans. He wonders why it cannot be done for Chileans.

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