

## AN ILLUSION

On March 20, 72 at 7:30 P.M. sociology 452 on one of its regular Monday night field trips observed democracy in action at the local Y.M.C.A. A member of the class keeping his nose to the turf, so to speak, recieved a hot tip that a meeting concerning the Royal Commission On Youth was being held among the local intellegencia. As the group observed on entrance all society was present at this the academic event of the week. This intellectual elite was composed of such notables as representitives from the Department of Welfare, Department of Youth and Physical Fitness, Allied Youth, Colonel Gray High School, The Curling Club, various Service Groups, 4 H Club, and of coarse that pillar of society the Boy Scouts Of Canada.

The core of the meeting consisted of a brief overview of the report in a most pleasant falsetto voice followed by a piercing social critiisism of the statistical and research methodology (K.C. Principle) by the elderly Boy Scout representative. The rhythm of the meeting reminded one one of a leisurely game of tennis between two elderly senior citizens. After the opening serve the ball volleyed savely within the limits of the prescribed boundaries. The "K.C. Principle" was strictly adhered to untill in nebuleus terms the preceeding dialogues were recorded for posterity after in their wisdom they considered the horse beaten to death.

The meeting now shifting into a higher gear prompted a proposal of adjournment on the grounds that no one had read the aforementioned report. However due to the unsumountable task of reassembling the assembled mass ( of more than a score ), this proposal was rejected. Now, disregarding the fact that ignorance reigned supreme, madame chairman proposed, perhaps it possible to adlib a discussion on the recomendations of the report. At this point several important facts came to light;

- 1) No Boy Scout group in Canada had recieved an O.F.Y. grant last year.
  - 2) The Colonel Gray High School Band had recieved no pecuniary support from either the federal or provincial governments last year and that they were partially funded by local service groups.
  - 3) And, the Allied Youth representative pointed out that "the kids in Texas had nothing todo".
- All the foregoing was then promptly recorded.

Now a university delegate trying to get the meeting back on the proper vien, and for the benefit of the representative from the Department of Youth and Physical Fitness raised the current problem of the overemphasis on "jock" and the underemphasis on those aesthetically inclined in reference to point 11. Indignant members replied that despite that there were no tangible results as as much money was being spent on the Arts as Sports this was not a fair criticism. This motion was duly recorded. One malcontent then once again raised the question of the sampling method, and this was duly recorded.

In the still atmosphere of the smoke filled bur-  
aucracy, a fan was put into action, to emit a breath

of "Fresh Air". In this refreshed atmosphere the meeting continued to illustrate the fact that meaningful communication was completely dead and not even the freshest breath could revive it to even a mere existence. The enusing conversation was composed of solid bullshit (with the utmost apologies to those offended)

The meeting reached it's climax with a point raised by a second university student concerning point 14 — in specific reference to that now famous piece of legeslature bill 55. There was a immediate reaction from the impecabely dressed representative from the department of Welfare who bluntly stated to the effect that with people starving here on P.E.I. such an issue was irrelavent. In addition another allied youth spokesman pointed out that "she didn't want to go to the dance anyway." The U.P.E.I. student repliad; "Yes that's fine, but what about human liberties?" She "Most kids didn't want to go anyway." Once again the question was asked, "Are we speaking about human beings or about systems and structures," this point was ignored and the sociological significance had obviously been missed.

After a very irrelevant argument madame chairman stated that, " She did realize that human liberties was an issue but we really should get to something more concrete". Her cohort, pipe in mouth, put his arm about the chairman, and smiling, admitted, " Yes young man your motion has been duly recorded".

At this point the university delegation decided it could take no more and took leave of the meeting missing the coffee and donuts which were being distributed for a nominal fee. And so, the meeting lost it's most concerned and vocal deligation leaving the middle aged bureaucrats the endless and labrinthal problem of youth today.

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