

Colombo's Trivia Interesting, Humorous



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This weeks revue will be considerably in a lighter vein than last weeks. Colombo's book is a highly unique collection of Canadian trivia which will tickle your funny bone for hours on end. The collection contains everything from lim-

ericks, bumper stickers, malaprops, bloopers, to graffiti and zany road signs. I wonder how many of us remember the old sign on the outskirts of Charlottetown which said: "Drive slow and see our city, Drive fast and see our jail." See-

ing this in the book and the fact the author noted its location gives one a pleasant identity with this book.

One aspect of the book I liked so much was the fact that throughout it is a book concerned with Canada.

Colombo has captured Canadian humor at it's best and at it's worst, the puns are horrible. My own personal taste was for the graffiti. "Necrophilia means never having to say your sorry." And Immanuel Kart out Kubla Karn if Shakespeare will should William Tell.

In a book such as this, one can only appreciate it, if you read it yourself. So, if you have a good sense of humor, and would like to look at some good basic Canadian humor read this book.

In contrast the second book I wish to review is almost the opposite. New China's First Quarter Century. 209pp \$2.95 based upon articles in the Hsin-hua News Agency & Chinese newspapers.

This book is a series of articles on the progress of Red China after 1949. The articles consist mainly of facts and statistics comparing pre-Mao China to post-Mao China. The book is straight-forward in setting out to show the distinct advantages that China has gained. Interspersed with these statistics is the ideology of Mao Tse Tung.

I feel the book has achieved it's purpose but it strikes me on the whole as being suited to only certain people. If you want to know specifically what China is doing and are able to stand the repetition of certain ideological thoughts which are stated over and over again, then you will like this book.

As a whole though the writing is rather dry. It reminds me of Canadian government publications which are pedantic and ever so boring. However this book is not designed for sensationalist reading and could be reasonably informative.

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C K

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H K1054
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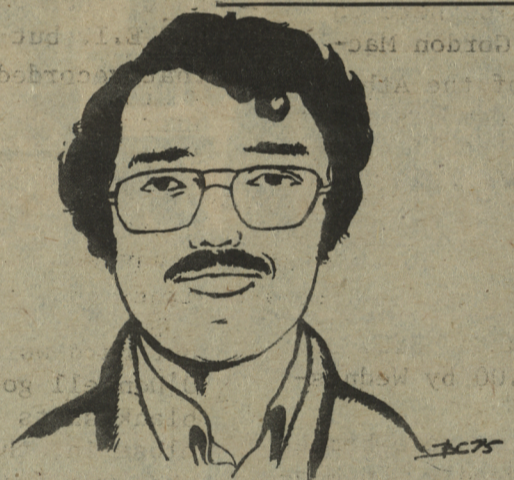
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