Voices of the Student Body

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An American Views the World

By Prof. Stewart C. Easton

Professor Stewart C. Easton, History, faculty advisor to Observation Post, is currently on a trip around the world gathering information for a new course, The British Commonwealth in the 20th Century. In this column, he will write for O.P. from various points of interest.

Probably to most readers of Observation Post the Caribbean area, close though it is to the United States, is a vague area visited by cruise ships from the U.S. and by wealthy tourists in the winter time. But in fact it is a world of its own, still largely ruled by the British as a leftover from the 17th century when they also ruled North America. There are a few French and Dutch islands, and in the north some independent islands such as Cuba and Haiti, remaining under the domination of governmental corruption. This, of course, gained it the sympathy vote.

The British West Indies stretch from Antigua in the north to Trinidad in the south. There are also two British mainland territories which have so far not agreed to enter the planned Federation, British Honduras in Central America and British Guiana on the South American mainland, recently noted for the election of a Communist government which was in power for a few months while the constitution was suspended by the British.

Britain has gradually granted some degree of self-government to all the separate islands, and this is now at this moment she is trying to organize a federation with fully responsible government elected under universal suffrage. She hoped it would be called the British Caribbean Federation, but the statesmen in their wisdom chose otherwise. It is, in fact, simply as the West Indies; thus the harmless error. The delegates will now into being at once, elections will be held shortly, and a new political entity will have been born, at the advancement of which your special correspondent is quite ready to be present, for the capital, Dire threats of secession, even the possibility of governmental corruption. This, of course, gained it the sympathy vote.

All except Trinidad are very poor, no mineral wealth to speak of, and short of capital for basic development. Jamaica is large and has a growing tourist industry financed by Americans, but has always dreamed of being independent of any federation, Barbados is very British still; here it is said that while of whom there are a good many, "get along fine since everyone knows his place."

The great question which overshadowed all others at the conference was which of them would be chosen for the capital. Dire threats of secession, even before federation, were bandied about during the fateful three weeks. A British commission, going outside its terms of reference, criticized political conditions in Trinidad and complained that there was no possibility of governmental corruption. This, of course, gained it the sympathy vote.

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Special Correspondent

I am happy to say that on my arrival in Barbados I already predicted the success of Columbus to be promising, even if I gained little popularity thereby. It was Trinidad in the end, with Jamaica the runner-up. So the delegates returned home to lick their wounds and explain to their constituents how they lost the capital, and made impossible financial demands of the hand-pressed British, the various delegates saying with one another as to who could ask for the most. The delegates will now into being at once, elections will be held, and a new political entity will have been born, at the advancement of which your special correspondent is quite ready to be present, for the capital, Dire threats of secession, even the possibility of governmental corruption. This, of course, gained it the sympathy vote.

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Fifty-one victories, twelve losses, and one tie! That’s the composite record of the College’s athletic teams this season as five squads head into the home stretch of the winter schedule. The swimmers, wrestlers, and fencers will all wind up successful seasons Saturday at the College, while the basketball squad attempts to return to the tourney trail at Rutgers. The rifle team will engage Rutgers and Kings Point in a triangular match tomorrow.

The cagers, who have been “doing or dying for Old Allagaroo” of late, mostly doing, meet Rutgers in New Brunswick, New Jersey at 8 PM Saturday. With their hopes for a post-season tournament bid diminished, but not quite extinguished, by Tuesday’s valiant but losing battle with Manhattan, the Beavers will be seeking their twelfth victory. The Scarlet, much improved over the squad that bowed to the Lavender, 92-80, at the College last year, has been hovering near the .500 mark all season. The Beavers played one of their best games of the season against the Queensmen last year. They tallied sixty-two points in the second half, an all-time CONY record. The Lavender mermen have all their last three matches after already won the unofficial Metropolitan championship with a 7-0 mark against Met opponents (their only loss was to Ivy League opponent Columbia), and will be preparing for the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Championship meet at the NYU pool on March 2.

The matmen, who are 6-1 thus far, tangle with East Stroudsburg at 2 PM Saturday on the Goethals Gym mats. The highlight of the match will be the 147-pound contest, in which Bernie Woods will be striving to finish the campaign undefeated. He has scored seven victories in seven bouts.

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