

To Twist Or Not To Twist



One of the most popular topics for discussion on the campus for the last few weeks has been the "Twist." After listening to some of the discussion on this many-sided topic, I have drawn a few conclusions the validity of which may or may not be worth the time it takes you to read this article. For what they're worth, here they are:

1. The "Twist" gained its present popularity on the Island during the Christmas holidays.
2. Those who are doing it find it a lot of fun but very tiring.
3. About fifty per cent of popular opinion is "all for it"; the other half are opposed to it in varying degrees. There is very little extreme opposition.
4. Some people can do it very gracefully; others look "awful."
5. The morality of the "Twist" is something which can only be decided in specific cases; it is not essentially immoral.
6. Some types of clothing are more suited to the "Twist" than others.

7. The "Twist" is not "here to stay!"

Here are some of the expressions overheard during some of the recent "Twist" discussions.

From the faculty:

"Some do it rather neatly; others look terrible."

"There's nothing to it."

"Why don't you get someone to teach it here?"

"There's nothing really wrong with it."

"The morality of it is questionable."

From the girls:

"It's disgusting."

"I love it."

"I'd rather not give my opinion."

"You're opposed to it because you can't do it."

"I wouldn't do it in public."

"Can any of you boys do the twist? (This one was overheard at one of the Socials)."

"Play another 'Twist' record."

"I can go down further than you can."

"You can catch more flies with sugar than you can with vinegar."

From the boys:

"I wouldn't take her to the party. She'd want to 'Twist' all night."

"It's the most ridiculous thing I ever saw."

"I hate it."

"The sooner it goes out, the better."

"Why won't you try it?"

"It's a lot of fun and its not wrong."

"The next thing they'll be doing is the Fan Dance."

"Oh, my aching limbs."

"Those girls always want to do something foolish."

"It's only wrong if its 'done' wrong."

PAT LEIGHTIZER — SENIOR

"AN INTRICATE PATTERN OF STEPS"

To "twist" or not to "twist" seems to be the question which merits much importance on our campus. One cannot remain neutral or refuse to take sides on such a vital matter. Because this topic is of such great significance, and because I have been asked to state an opinion on it I shall stick my neck out and say that I favor the body of opinion that is called "pro-twist." I enjoy doing the "twist" much the same as I enjoy doing a jive, a waltz, a Cha-Cha or any other such intricate pattern of steps which may be classified as dancing. A dance is what you make of it, and if some people prefer to make it "vulgar" or "obscene" (as the

critics are howling) then the criticism should be directed to the people and not to the dance. I feel sure that the "twist," like so many other new fads, will lose its popularity, once the glare of publicity is taken from it. But, until that time, the more people talk about it and cry it down, the more supporters it will find. So let's twist with the good sense and level-headedness that befits people of our educational background, and forget about the talk.

MARY DONOVAN — FRESHMAN
"A LOT OF FUN"

I think that the twist is fun when done moderately. It does have a tendency to be vulgar but then again, most dances do. If the twist "stays in" and everyone learns to do it, then, it will possibly lose its tendency toward vulgarity just as the other dances have.

Personally I find that it's a lot of fun.

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The dance tagged "the twist," which has been, during the past while, plaguing our society and during the past month, our campus, is no doubt a novelty; but not really new. It first came on the scene during the early nineteen - twenties but was shortly to be "modified" to a form of the Charleston called the Shimmy. This dance too was characterized by much shaking of the body.

Objectively speaking, I believe that if "the twist" is danced properly it is morally unobjectionable. However, there is a danger involving immodest looks and gestures. It seems rather crude and does not seem to my mind to be very appealing as a source of entertainment or social contact. If it in any way expresses externally what is taking place internally then indeed "we are all shook up."

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Separatism - Its Essence

By Werner Moser

Recently SEPARATISM has come to the forefront of Canadian political discussion. A great deal of space and time has been devoted to the cataloguing the pros and cons of the movement in its various degrees. Should Quebec secede from Confederation? This article is one of two of a series devoted to this issue.

If someone were to tell the average citizen that the Canadian Confederation was in danger his first reaction doubtlessly would be one of skepticism.

"Ridiculous! Impossible!" he would contend.

Unfortunately, it is neither impossible nor ridiculous for, in fact, a strong movement in Quebec aimed at just such a goal is presently gathering momentum. This is "Separatism." It has a committed following of six thousand and doubtlessly thousands of others in sympathy with it. A word on Separatism, then, is in order.

The idea of Quebec's withdrawal from the Canadian Confederation is by no means a novel one. It has existed from the very outset since the actual conquest of New France, as Quebec was originally called. Repeatedly, in Canadian history this spirit has come to life. Time and time again its embers have been fanned into flames over countless political issues.

"Why, then, show any particular concern over it now?" one may be tempted to ask. "It has never come to anything to date."

This brings us to the point worthy of earnest attention throughout the nation. Presently there are no really explosive political issues on the Canadian national scene. Yet, the Separatist movement in Quebec has flared up on its own, apparently without any great spark of contention to set it off. For this reason, then, it is especially worthy of consideration today.

Let us, therefore, for a moment take a brief look at the structure and strength of the Separatist movement in French Canada.

There are 3 distinct organizations embodying the spirit of Separatism. Identical in their ultimate goals they find their differences in the detailed means to their ends. This dissimilarity is proving to be somewhat of an impediment to the progress of the movement, but nevertheless it is rapidly gain-

Born during the 30's, L' Alliance Laurentienne is the oldest of the three. Reportedly it has a membership currently numbering two thousand. It publishes the monthly La Laurentienne with a circulation of three thousand.

L'Alliance Laurentienne was revitalized some five years ago when Raymond Barbeau, a professor at the University of Montreal, took over its leadership. Since then, L'Alliance has gained momentum and has gone so far as to propose a name and to draft a constitution for the new state. Briefly, under this constitution L'Alliance Laurentienne established a government comprising two houses. The lower, its members elected by popular vote, shall initiate laws and pass them to an appointed upper house, composed of a cross section from all walks of life, for final approval. The upper house may pass laws without the sanction of the lower.

Obviously, this organization is quite dynamic in its leadership towards the achievement of sovereignty for Quebec.

A second group, L'Action Socialiste is the smallest of the three, membership being restricted to French Canadians. It displays a definite leftist tendency and is strongly anticlerical. Nevertheless, it is making its own contribution to

the development of the Separatist spirit. Under the leadership of Raoul Roy, L'Action Socialiste publishes La Revue Socialiste, distributing approximately one thousand copies per month.

The embodiment of the new drive for autonomy for Quebec, however, is found in the new and progressive Rassemblement de l'Indépendance (R.I.N.). In less than a year it has become the strongest organ of Separatism, boasting a membership of three thousand, largely intellectuals, artists, and civil servants. The R.I.N. is far more an educational and propaganda association, as opposed to the political foundation of groups, choosing this means towards an independent Quebec.

This, then, in outline is the machinery of the Separatist movement in French Canada and its strength. It is indeed very real, this spirit of secession, and very widespread. It cannot be dismissed as a mere flash of radicalism, for it is not a passing thing, this spirit of independence, but one as old as Canada itself. The fact that it has emerged so strongly in recent years and continues to be steadily on the upsurge makes an awareness of it all the more vital to the Canadian nation.

In the next issue: The "Why" of Separatists Today.

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