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at Balsam Street School in Port Arthur on March 3rd. The winner of that contest will go to Toronto as Representative of Northwestern Ontario. Good Luck Marlyn!

Following is an editorial by Grade 12 student Bill Stachiw, next week's issue of the "News" will show the other side of the question:

Many Canadians today have a feeling of resentment for the United States and the mere mention of Canada joining the U.S. makes them shudder in their boots and immediately turns them into a fit of rage. They then lay out their argument stating that Canada would lose her feeling of unity and nationalism if she ever joined with the U.S. The people of Canada would probably never go for this idea and the U.S. would treat us like dirt, they say. They then go on to tell us of such things as the great pressures that would be put on us because of the great segregation problem in the U.S., and then another pressure would arise from the constant fear of war with the outside world. Then there's the draft problem that would arise in which the young men from ex-Canada would have to fight in Viet Nam and here's where I agree with the rest of the Canadians whole-heartedly. I feel that the fighting in Viet Nam by young men should be strictly voluntary.

As far as I'm concerned though the joining of Canada and the U.S. would be the best thing that could ever happen to Canada. As far as the pressures of segregation and constant fear of war are concerned, don't we have this already? We have a segregation problem with the Indians and Eskimos, not to mention our bilingual problem with the French Canadians. I feel that the joining of Canada and the U.S. just might clear up the problem of Quebec and the rest of Canada. As far as the pressures of war are concerned they are with us constantly anyway, so it wouldn't make the slightest difference if we were part of the U.S. or not. If a war ever broke out the world would be involved anyway and if we were part of the States it would be to our benefit because they have the money and men to build up large armed forces. They could expand their armies, navies and air force into Canada thus creating probably the largest and most up to date power in the world and this in itself would lessen the chances of war because of the fear it would strike in the rest of the world.

I also believe that the standard of living would go next column....

up because American wages and prices would come into effect, at present their wages are higher than ours and their prices of merchandise are cheaper.

Then there's the great brain power that the U.S. has; if Canada joined with the U.S. this brain power could be shared in Canada and maybe something could be done to improve us even more. As an example I'll use Canada's present northern territories such as the Yukon and North West Territories. As it goes right now the Canadian government is doing nothing to aid or explore our northern country even though they know vast mineral resources are found there. Canadians are either too lazy or too stupid to see the great wealth and industrial potential there is in the North. The U.S. knows the minerals she needs and how to use them and would probably explore and set up industry in the north as well as build cities and towns there. At present there is a mere 35,000 people in our north country, with few teachers, and hardly any doctors or engineers but if we joined with the U.S. I personally believe this would change quickly.

In conclusion I feel that for the good of the country and a benefit to you, the people of Canada, the joining of Canada and the U.S. could be nothing but a great step to freedom and prosperity.



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