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ESKIMOS NEEDS WISDOM?

More on the item of Eskimos in **"The Western Socialist,"** No. 2 and their human behavior based upon "from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs," Marcel Stary, an artist who has wandered the Arctic also has nice things to say.

"He's nuts about Eskimos: 'If you want to find the best people without any complexes, without any problems, its the Eskimos. They have all the faculties of perfect man. They don't steal, they don't beat their children. They're hospitable. They're happy. Of course the white man can corrupt them, but fortunately there are very few white men up there!' " **(Daily Colonist**, Jan. 24, 1962).

Which shows how nice humans can be toward each other when given only half a chance by the social environment of community of interests.

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Imagine the audacity of a Canadian Member of Parliament then, when he said recently that Eskimos should not get the vote, they were not "educated" enough to know how to vote!

The Canadian government even had a "Book of Wisdom" written to help Eskimos keep pace with civilization. An Eskimo woman who had made a success of living in the civilized world wrote a parody on the book telling white people how to live their lives in the south.

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IS UNDERGROUND TESTING DETECTABLE?

National Interests vs. Scientific Truth

Should facts be found to conflict with political policies, the facts must be "changed," hidden, or disregarded. This, apparently, is the viewpoint of the United States Government. Take, for example, the discussion on the banning of atomic tests which has been going on for some time at Geneva between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

The United States has contended that any agreement between it and the Soviet Union on the abandonment of testing must be accompanied by an inspection or policing system in each other's country. Why? The United States has contended, and still does, that underground bomb tests are not detectable and that the Russians could, in the words of that notorious man of "peace" Dr. Edward Teller, cheat on a test ban by exploding nuclear devices in large holes. The fact, however, that this decision was arrived at without consulting ANY of the authorities who should be consulted, the seismologists, would indicate that the U.S.A. no more than the U.S.S.R. really wants an end to testing. And to consult the experts at this time would serve only to embarrass the United States even though, in the words of Professor L. Don Leet of Harvard's geology department: "Not using earthquake station seismologists on a project like this is like revising our measurement system without consulting the National Bureau of Standards."

Despite Professor Leet's pre-eminent standing as an internationally recognized authority on seismology, he has been unable to get a hearing in Washington from the Defense Department, the State Department, or even from his own colleagues, the scientific advisers to Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, George Kistiakowsky and Jerome Wiesner. The Professor, in his interview with The Boston Globe on April 12, 1961 pointed out that despite his attempts, at his own expense, to get hearings from the departments of Defense and State, he has never been asked to testify.

Although there has been some coverage of this newsworthy item by some of the "radical" papers and a short piece by The Boston Globe, the general silence of the press is significant.* In fact the story might never have been publicly told had it not been for the Professor's unburdening of himself about his frustrating experiences in Washington to one of his undergraduate classes. The Harvard Crimson, an undergraduate newspaper, devoted two issues (March 16 and 24) to the strange tale and the cat, although restricted in its wanderings, was out of the bag. Just one more instance of how poorly informed the so-called best-informed people in the world are on information of vital importance to all of mankind.

It seems that, according to Professor Leet, the U. S. Government is

* Professor Leet announced that the Scientific American would soon publish his views and the liberal curator of the Niemann Fellowship for Journalism, Louis Lyons, invited the Professor for an interview on Channel 2, WGBH-TV, Boston's educational TV Channel.