

# TEACH-IN TAUGHT MANY

"THE SUPERFICIALITY OF AMERICANS AND CANADIANS IS WORSE THAN COMMUNISM"

Professor Stephen Patterson of the history department at UNB saw as his role as the first speaker of the Teach-In to define the problem and then give his opinions about the theme, *The Morality of Violence*.

He broke the kinds of mass violence up into three categories. They are first, public mass violence, which is organized legal violence, such as that which is carried under the tag of national defence. Secondly, there is private mass violence,

which is illegal, and used to promote or prevent social change. Thirdly, there is the violence of change, such as race riots.

## ATTACKS DRAFT

Professor Patterson accused the American draft system as being a slum clearing mechanism. He said that the number of Negroes sent to the fighting fronts of Vietnam is disproportionately high. He quoted Robert MacNamara, former American Minister of Defence, as saying

## "VICTORY IN VIETNAM MUST BE A REASONABLE POSSIBILITY"

Robert Lockhart started his speech with a few "colorful" remarks, after which he stated that there was no morality of violence. But he said that "violence is justified as a means to catch somebody's attention." He also stated, "War is contrary to the will of God."

However, he clarified his position by saying that he felt that Vietnam is not a total war - it is simply a conventional war. The churches have failed in their protest, he said in reference to the numbers of clergyment who demonstrated recently in Washington and other places.

## "VIETNAM IS A SICKNESS OF THE WESTERN WORLD"

William Pepper, author of the controversial article, "The Children of Vietnam", opened his talk by saying that the starving millions is violence, our neglect to do something about them is also violence.

We are confronted with violence everywhere, on television and on the news media. We are, by doing this, said Pepper, legitimizing the effect that violence has upon people.

## VIETNAM

"Vietnam", said Pepper, "is a sickness of the Western World". The sea in Vietnam is its people - and the Americans are drying it up. It looks at present, with the damage

done to the land, that Vietnam may be uninhabitable for all time.

But it has taken its toll elsewhere. It has dehumanized the "guy in uniform". It has turned him into a robot who given the order to kill, to slaughter, will fulfill that order. Killing breaks some down. Most, however, become numb... but one thing remains clear, the men that survive to go home are never the same.

## CANADA SANCTIONS WAR

The governments of the world have not cried out.

By not opposing the war, governments, such as Canada,

that the draft is used to rehabilitate social misfits.

## LIFE INCIDENTAL

Both in Detroit and in Vietnam, said Patterson, property is all important, and human life is incidental. He also said that public reaction to violence is as bad as violence itself.

He also quoted President Johnson as saying that Vietnam is only an example of what the U.S. must do.

## MIDDLE CLASS MIND

As a result of the middle class

## SELF-DEFENCE

Self-defence, declared Lockhart, is a justification for violence. He said that the aggression from the Communists is a reason for self-defence. "Killing civilians without cause", said Lockhart "is indefensible". He implied, however,

that the threat of communism was sufficient cause for civilian casualties.

## DISPELS KENNEDY

Pepper attacked the Kennedy myth. He said that Robert Kennedy was the greatest advocate of the Green Beret special forces. It was John Kennedy who announced the alliance of progress in Vietnam. It was not the conservatives but the liberals and the moderates who controlled the situation.

mind, it was common to think that Communism lurked everywhere, behind every pillar of every state building. He stated that the superficiality of Canadians and Americans is worse than Communism.

Hope, however, lay in the intellectual revolution of the sixties. He attributed this revolution to three factors. First, the presidency of John F. Kennedy, who made Americans more aware. Secondly, the sit-in of February, 1960, and thirdly, the current anti-war movement.

As a result, there has been a confrontation of intellectualism, with the middle class mind.

For Canadians, who like to pretend that all problems exist south of the border, this revolution has yet to hit - but it soon will.

In his summary comments, Professor Patterson said that we, the students of UNB do have the power to do something, but the first obligation is to make ourselves aware of the existing situation.

people add two and two to get five, that does not make it correct.

In conclusion, Lockhart stated that he hoped that everyone would keep an open mind on the subject of Vietnam, and not fall prey to the emotional arguments put forth by some people.

## THE-POWER ELITE

America is controlled by a non-elected power elite. Liberal politics, of which this wealthy elite is a part, just manipulate to serve their own ends. This is not a democracy, according to Pepper.

In his concluding remarks, Pepper said that the violence and immorality taking place in Vietnam must be of concern to us. We must make a joint effort to oppose American domination. Otherwise, Canada, which is 59% American owned, may be sharing the depressing future of the United States, which is becoming dangerously polarized.

## Worried Students Found In Residences

There were many worried students around the residence complex over the weekend. One could see small groups huddled in corridors and in the Student Center. They expressed their concern both in mutterings and in loud declarations in the corridors.

Those who had been here the longest were most concerned with the problem, although even the new students expressed their views. Possibly the problem affected the Foresters and the Engineers the most but it is expected that some members of all faculties will feel the long reaching effect of the move.

Most of the concern was over the image of the university. Some students felt that the identity would be lost while others debated that the move would help to create a new dynamic image.

Those of the alumni who have not yet heard of the move will no doubt feel a little sorrow but as they say science marches on.

The identity problem is a very real one for as one forester said, "Moose is the beer that made UNB famous, what are we to do with this new stuff". It is expected that the effect of the "commission" placing two new beers on the market will be gradual but it will be definite.

The two beers, Ten Penny Ale and Brunswick Brew are reported to be stronger than good old Moose but that's only half of the problem.

Some students from Ontario have stated the real problem - the one that jeopardises the position that Moose presently holds on campus - the new stuff tastes like cough - gasp - Upper Canadian Beer.

Drinkers of UNB unite!

## OVER CHRISTMAS - THINK CARNIVAL

Don't forget the "STORYLAND MASQUERADE" at Winter Carnival. Remember to collect the odds and ends for your costume. Any storybook character will do!

Don't forget - PRIZES

## Mobilization Meeting Disrupted By Violence

At 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28, an angry jeering mob estimated between 80-90 persons disrupted a scheduled meeting of the "Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam of UNB".

The group, almost all of whom were wearing red leather UNB jackets, trooped through the Student Center of the University at 7 p.m. carrying banners, rolls of toilet tissue and placards reading "Make Love and War", "Fight VC as well as VD", "Kill a Commie for Christmas" and chanting "Down with Strax".

Much of the mob's anger was directed specifically at Dr. Norman Strax, an American citizen who teaches Physics at UNB. Dr. Strax organized and led the UNB contingent of 150 persons who were bussed to Washington and marched on the Pentagon in the International Day of protest on October 21.

Dr. Strax organized the subsequent meeting tonight for the participants in the Washington March, and for any other sympathetic or interested students.

The mob then entered Loring Bailey Hall and repeatedly rushed the doors of the meeting room and pummelled and assaulted those students blocking their entry. After a flanking manoeuvre, at the other set of doors failed, they demanded again to see Strax, who entered the jammed hallway and agreed to speak to the group. After prolonged jeering and cat-calling that visibly angered and disturbed Strax, and after ignoring his orders to leave, the demonstrators quieted down. They then sat down in the large hallway and allowed Strax to speak.

Dr. Strax told them that two and a half years

ago he also believed in President Johnson's policies and urged the demonstrators to do some intelligent reading on the subject. He added over loud objections that according to current American polls, those supporting the war were in the minority.

Some spokesmen of the group demanded a question and answer period and asked who financed the Washington trip, while implying that the Communist Party had subsidized the March as well as Strax. The group was partially mollified by Strax's insistence that the required funds had come from himself and legitimate private sources.

The conduct of the demonstrators rapidly deteriorated into screamed charges of "Communist" and scattered obscenities.

Professor A. E. Boone, head of the physics department, escorted by several commissioners demanded that the demonstrators disperse immediately.

All left quietly and quickly leaving scattered placards and toilet paper and other litter in the corridors. The group congregated for a while outside the doors of the building where they built a bonfire with their remaining signs and argued among themselves until the cold finally scattered them into the night.

The meeting inside the building proceeded as scheduled and attracted 50 people in spite of the demonstration.

As the last knot of people left, someone cried "we'll be back tomorrow with a lynch rope!"

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