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Asks End To Viet Nam War

MONTREAL—A plea to end the inhuman war in South Vietnam was made at McGill last week by a young Vietnamese student.

Vinh Te Lam, President of the Vietnamese Students' Society at the University of Montreal, told a gathering that the Vietnamese are the victims of an international conflict. "Our destinies are determined by Washington, Moscow, and Peking; so it is difficult to be optimistic. I would like to preserve my faith in human reason to give the Vietnamese what they've always wanted peace and happiness."

"It is unrealistic for the Americans to think that they can win this kind of war. In this part of the world the Communists have already won the psychological war, military victory is their final aim," he said.

Neutralization of South Vietnam as proposed by French President De Gaulle however would strengthen the Communist position, Lam added.

Lam is a Ph.D. student in Physical Chemistry at U of M, on a Canadian government scholarship.

Means Survey Flubs at UBC

VANCOUVER—The UBC chairman of the National Student Means Survey is hopping mad at UBC students.

Ray Larsen, Thursday said he received only 100 replies out of 1,163 students contacted for the Means Survey.

The Survey is being held Canada wide to determine the financial status of university students.

"Every one of those people received a first class letter telling them they had been selected as a respondent and only 100 turned up," Larsen said.

"I can't understand how people can be so apathetic especially when it looks like fees are going up again," he said.

Larsen said other students cannot be used to replace students who had not shown up, because random sampling methods allow no substitutions.

"The ones who aren't co-operating are the students, and it's they who are directly concerned," Larsen said.

French Canada's Values Change

MONTREAL—A leading sociologist on French Canada, Dr. Everett Hughes of Brandeis University, said recently that French Canadians are now placing much less emphasis on tradition.

Lecturing on "French Canada STILL in Transition," he claimed that, "French Canadians are no less French than before, but they are much less concerned to prove it."

The basic reason for these changes, Dr. Hughes said, was that the traditional values of formerly predominately rural and relatively isolated French Canada has come into conflict with new ones of city life and personal freedom.

Dr. Hughes contrasted interest in present-day French Canada with that of former years. "Insofar as people in the academic world were interested, it was the past that interested them."

They helped paint a picture of "the French Canadian who had built a picturesque stone house, had worn moccasins and a tuque as he snowshoed in the north woods during the long winter and had sung a song about it."

Off-Campus Politics Approved

MONTREAL—McGill's Students' Council issued a statement of policy concerning off-campus student demonstrations at a controversial meeting last week.

The policy statement arose as a result of charges which were brought forward at a recent Council meeting with regard to the New Democratic Party and the Young Communist League sponsoring an off-campus demonstration February 11. It was held that such an action contravenes a Senate ruling forbidding "parades" without prior Council approval.

Council withdrew charges against the leaders of the two political parties involved and passed a motion affirming that in the future all clubs and societies at McGill are to obtain permission from the Students' Council to hold organized parades and similar functions off-campus.

Saeed Mirza, President of the Students' Society, pointed out that it is to be hoped the policy will act as a deterrent to the staging of any off-campus demonstrations by McGill organizations purporting to represent the university.

Government Control Blasted

ITHACA, N.Y.—Dr. F. Cyril James warned Cornell University students that too much governmental concern with universities could turn them into walled cities, "regarding all the rest of the world as unimportant, or even hostile."

"The steadily increasing concern of all governments for the development of universities, the steady increase in the amount of public money devoted to this purpose, may have their dangers as well as their advantages," Dr. James said.

James said that many nations, particularly the Soviet Union, takes the stand that since the state provides free education for those who will, by their careers, accelerate its economic growth while enjoying more important and privileged positions in society, the government should demand "that the students so selected are ideologically appropriate to the philosophy of the state."

Canada's Problem Economics— Not Biculturalism, Says Caouette

By Linda Strand

Expounding his Creditiste brand of Social Credit, Real Caouette captured an audience of more than 400 people last Friday at the Law School Forum.

"The problem to be solved in Canada is not one of language or biculturalism but one of economics," Mr. Caouette declared.

"When we have found the answer to our economic ills then we won't hear the cries of separatism or independence," he said.

He advocated changing the policy of the Bank of Canada to allow it to provide enough credit to permit the development of resources.

"All that is physically possible, desirable and morally right should be made financially possible," Mr. Caouette said.

STUDENT SALARIES

Instead of loans which "mortgage the future of Canada," he recommended a salary for students because "the student is already working as relevantly as the man in the factory."

Punctuating his statements with gestures, he vigorously declared freedom was only real when "no individual could ever interfere in the affairs of another individual."

His suggestions for changing the balance of power between the federal and provincial governments were met with amused tolerance and declared scepticism on the part of the audience.

"The role of the federal government should be that of a conciliatory agent between provinces," Mr. Caouette said.

The provinces should get back the rights that were given them in the constitution of 1867, taken by the federal government during the Second World War, and not returned, he declared.

He prescribed provincial control over credit, exports and imports, immigration, taxation and fiscal policy.

Members of the audience questioned the policies Mr. Caouette advocated but he maintained a firm stand.

"Before laughing at Social Credit, try to understand it," he said.



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Alberta Week Suggested For French-Canadians

An Alberta Week may be held at a French-Canadian university next year.

The suggestion was made at a recent evaluation session held to discuss the results of French Canada Week.

"The purpose of the week will be to acquaint French Canadians with attitudes in English-speaking Canada," said David Estrin, Canadian Union of Student campus chairman.

It will probably be held at the same time as next year's French Canada Week at the U of A.

Arrangements will be completed at the CUS Congress held in Montreal next summer.

Quebec City's Laval University has been suggested as the host of Alberta Week.

The week will be organized along the same lines as French Canada Week.

There will be an exchange of speakers. Several English Canadian students fluent in French would be invited to participate as guests of the French-Canadian university.

"French Canada Week will probably continue to be held at the U

of A for a few years yet," said Estrin.

FAVORABLE RESPONSE

The response of the province was generally favorable. "The students who supported the idea were the ones who mattered; the ones who will lead and shape student opinion," he said.

A few improvements were suggested at the meeting of the evaluation session.

A suggestion was made to lower the intellectual level of the activities and to provide more light entertainment.

Another proposal to involve more departments of the university and perhaps some city high schools.

Future French Canada Weeks will involve exchanges between all kinds of professions and all levels of society, not only professors and students.

Brody Writes And Produces Music Program

A 15-program series of musical arrangements has been prepared by campus students and will be broadcast on CKUA radio this month.

Seventeen campus musicians will take part in the series of half-hour shows "From the Performing Arts" which have been written and produced over the last two years by Eugene Brody, a U of A student.

The programs, which have been prepared with the support of the musical club, will consist of a five-minute script giving some background for the composition and 25 minutes of the artists music as performed by the students.

The works of both contemporary and classical masters will be presented on the tape recorded programs.

University performers on the programs will be: Michael Massey, Marlene Nepstead, Broderick Olson, Pat Shandro, David Sagert, Gerald Manning, John Lewis, Linda Zwicker, Evan Verchomin, Nicholas Pulos, James Whittle, John Butler, Victoria Wynnychuk, Sandra Caruthers, Joan Lord, Celia Dencer and Dr. L. Takats.