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Election Platforms - A Delusion?

Election platforms originally were intended to be the summary of a candidate's campaign and to be a guarantee of the legislation he would enact if elected to office. In the past few decades, however, they have degenerated to a condition of a series of gilt edged promises whose glitter disappears after the first few months in power or as soon as the public's memory can be diverted by some crisis or other.

College students have not been slow to follow the example of their "elders" and their campaigns show the same tendency to attract the voters by the "biggest show on earth" policy and the election platform to please everybody with no intention of pleasing anybody once in office.

But election platforms, outside of the candidate's own personal character and reputation are the only things the voter has to act as a guide when he makes his decision. Thus the moral responsibility of a candidate to support a platform he truly supports and has intention of enacting is tremendous and is, in fact, the very basis of our democratic method of governing by popular election.

We have, at Dalhousie, seen in past years the myriad promises made in the course of election campaigns which have gone by the board once the candidate is in office. We condemn those who have acted so, for they have misled the voters, a practice which if it continues will have serious results. We sincerely trust that those candidates now running for office of the Students' Council will consider their platforms and responsibility they accept in adopting them seriously and not as a mere show for the crowd.

Delaying Tactics

The decision of the Executive Body of the National Federation of Canadian University Students which met in Ottawa last week, to leave final decision of the Russian student visit question until the autumn bears a strange resemblance to the familiar delaying tactics of the government when any question which might result in serious repercussions, arises.

Certainly the ostensible reason for the delay—a second referendum to clear away "confusion"—seems to bear this out. The principle of the plan which was the original stumbbling block at the national conference last September, was clearly thrashed out and voted affirmatively upon in Canadian universities. A second referendum rather than clearing the air by changing the position of a few words in the resolution may well add to the confusion.

The delay will also mean, unavoidably, another year's delay in bringing the plan to completion. If the NFCUS conference this fall votes affirmatively on the question—and not to student health clinics. Princeto do so would be clear contravention of the wish of the Canadian students of whom they are only the representatives butes towards the student TB it will be a full twelve months before the difficulties attendant of the plan are ironed out.

We are disappointed in the apparent refusal of the executive to use the opportunity to see it accomplished this year.



Seminar Personality

When Yehudith Friedmann arrived at Dorval airport August, she was many miles from her native Israel. She knew that she had come to attend an I.S.S. seminar somewhere in Canada, but advance information had arrived after she left home.

The Yehudith who finally arrived at Limbour was a very different person from the one who four weeks later. Anyone who wishes to prove the success of the seminar usually points to Yehudith, who changed from a very homesick girl to one of the most outstanding personalities at Limbour. The atmosphere of friendliness plus her own courage enabled her to overcome her loneliness. Although the seminar never changed her dislike for the Germans, nevertheless she carried back to Israel a broadened outlook and a new spirit.

Yehudith is studying history and sociology, fields which she thinks will enable her to serve her young and maturing country. She is at Jerusalem Hebrew University and is able to speak seven languages. At the seminar she took part in every discussion, whether religious, political or otherwise. She always upheld the socialism which she feels is the only answer to the problems of her country and the rest of the

Like most Israeli students Yehudith has showed great devotion to her young country, and she with many others has served in the Israeli Air Force. While at the seminar she was not sure how long she would remain at the university, for she felt that there was work to be done outside it, and there were many other students waiting for the opportunity to take her place.

W. U. S. BULLETINS

What other National WUS (ISS) groups are doing, on the basis of the WUS principle of self-help and mutual aid:

GERMANY:

The Foreign Office of the German Federal Republic has offered scholarships tenable next year in Western Germany, to WUS (ISS). Details were pub-lished recently in the Gazette (February 8). The German Comin Western Germany, to mittee is concerned chiefly with helping their own and refugee students there.

UNITED STATES:

Many of the larger colleges have adopted universities in Asia. The United States Committee this year has felt that first priority should be given Assam University. The eathquake in Assam destroyed valuable equipment and made hundreds of students homeless. Oregon State College has affiliated with Assam Agricultural College. This sort of union provides a channel for material assistance and also a basis for the development of educational relationships. The National Committee's program in Asia provides scholar-ships, lab equipment, books, drugs and medicines, hostel space for homeless students, and assistance Sanatorium at Inada-Noborito Hospital, Japan.

MIDDLE EAST:

The Middle East group-Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Israel—only last year joined WUS for help in meeting the present emergency situation. One factor emphasized in the report from the Middle East was this: "the need for contact with other student groups and for the exchange of ideas is paramount if the total isolation of the Arabic students is to be overcome'

GREECE:

The very active WUS group here helped 100 students during the 50-51 academic year. In all cases applicants were selected on. the basis of academic merit. An affiliation scheme is now operating between the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., and the Athens Conservatory of Music (of which Dimitri Mitropolous is a former pupil.) The Americans have sent clothing and much needed musical instruments.

After Classes Meet the Gang at Joe's and Tom's

Diana Sweets Tea Room

The Students' Recreation Centre

LIMBOUR, QUEBEC SEMINAR- 1951



These are four of the eighty-odd students who attended the Fourth International Summer Seminar. They are, left to right: Guy Maclean, Dalhousie; Joachim Doring, University of Bonn, Germany; Marion Simmons, Manitoba; Hein Schermers, University of Leiden,

I. S. S.: UNDERSTANDING AND SERVICE

The following is an excerpt from an address made to the International Conference of WUS by Dr. G. Parikh of Bombay University. He is speaking about WUS policy:

"It is based upon what may be called the two aspects of the self-same principles, self-help and mutual service. Material help divorced from or not possessed of this significance can do little good. It cannot have the great moral and educative significance which is involved in these principles. Let WUS render material help so that the receiver's confidence in himself is restored and his will to help himself strengthened and reinforced. stored and his will to help himself strengthened and reinforced. Let it render material assistance so that the giver and the receiver experience their common humanity, their basic identity and learn that concern for the fellowman is only an expression of their quality of being human; a function of life on a higher level of intelligence and emotion. It would indeed be a turning point in the history of the organization if this distinction between 'humanitarian' endeavours to help the needy, with all their attendant risks and dangers and the essentially 'human' endeavours to help each other is recognized in the WUS. The endeavours to help each other is recognized in the WUS. The latter are more consistent with the nature and the spirit of a university organization, rather than the former. The latter implies the path of mutual understanding and mutual affirmation."

At eighteen Yehudith embraced although she is not a member of customs here people could best retain their identity as a nation. Here her views differed sharply from those of the other Jewish students at the seminar. She believes strongly in the Kibbutzim, the sellective as well as a nation. Seminar was outstanding, but like everyone else, she gained much from it also. Through her experiences at Limbour and in Canadian homes afterwards, she learned

Orthodox Judaism, believing that one as yet, she hopes to join one through the strict observance of shortly.

Yehudith's contribution to the the collective communities, and, a new faith in other peoples.

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Salaries

The Board will reimburse seasonal employees for the cost of rail transportation in excess of \$30.00 from the University to the place of employment and return, providing the employee serves for a period of three consecutive months during the university vacation period.

Places of Employment
Halifax, N.S.; Valcartier, P.Q.; Ottawa, Kingston and
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Esquimalt, B.C.

Positions Available Requirements exist in the majority of the scientific and engineering fields and in medicine and psychology.

APPLICATIONS Application forms, which may be obtained from the University Placement Officer, should be forwarded to:—
The Director of Research Personnel,

Defence Research Board,

"A" Building, Department of National Defence,

Ottawa.

To ensure consideration, applications for Seasonal Employment must be received by the 23rd of February, 1952.