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Editorial

Free Vietnam

The problem with the conventional way of looking at the world is that it permits us to think of the Vietnamese conflict as being thousands of miles removed from Canada.

We claim to be a free people, yet we have forgotten that the real use of freedom is not for the purchase of a new automobile every year. Freedom that is real is inextricably connected with moral judgement. As Canadians and as free men we must be involved with the world around us, we must be ultimately concerned about the quality of life in that world, and with the ethical principles that govern human action.

The napalm, the bombings, the use of phosphorus, the scared kids on the front lines of both sides are not simply characterizations of an unreal war in a make-believe place called Viet Nam. They are gut realities for free men and free nations that are not afraid to accept the necessity for moral judgement. The war is an insane, terrifying spectacle for any who desire a rational life in a peaceful world.

The Canadian government talks a lot about the fine leadership our diplomats have provided at the UN and in the international world. We ask Mr. Pearson and Mr. Martin to show us some of that leadership over Viet Nam. We ask our government to prove to us that the concept of Canada as a sovereign nation is not a mockery, a victim of our continentalist economy. We remind them that in Viet Nam the moral issues rather than the military data reflect the reality of that divided state.

Canada's membership on the international Control Commission makes it imperative that our independent voice be heard. Our duty is clearly to fight for a practical solution within the framework of the Geneva Agreement - a treaty that calls for free elections.

The Gazette joins with the World Council of Churches, with Walter Lippmann, with Senators Fullbright, Kennedy, Morse, Gruening and McCarthy, and with the vast majority of the world's people in demanding that the United States cease bombing, recognize the NLF (Viet Cong) and prepare to give way to an international force that will supervise elections.

The war must be ended now!

The Administration

One of the greatest problems with publishing the Gazette this year has been the attitude of the University administration. That is, on almost all issues they have behaved so reasonably and intelligently that this traditional source of editorial material and blazing headlines has dried up. All that is left for the Gazette is to echo Robbie Shaw's sentiments and hand out kudos to President Hicks and his associates.

However it is with this excellent record in mind that Dr. Hicks' speech to the annual Student Union banquet is all the more unfortunate.

After patting the Council and particularly Robbie, on the head as being nice, well-mannered boys and girls, he proceeded to attack Peter Herrndorf, '64-'65 Council President because "he never once came into my office without trying to pick a fight in order to gain headlines in the Gazette."

Now whether this is the case or not it strikes us as being very silly for Dr. Hicks to bring it up now that Herrndorf is gone from the campus. We cannot see what has been gained by the speech.

Herrndorf will be remembered as the first Council President to take Dalhousie student government out of the "sandbox". He effectively brought to a close the era where an employee of the administration sat as a non-voting member of Council but with far more influence over Council decisions than any of the elected representatives. Certainly this change could not have been consolidated and made permanent if Herrndorf had not been followed by an excellent diplomat. However there is also no doubt for this newspaper that Shaw would not have been nearly as effective a President if he had not had the independence of the Student Union forcefully asserted by his prodecessor.

The Gazette hopes, however, that no one will attempt to make an issue of Dr. Hicks' speech. For as one looks over the year and recalls the attitude that the President took on National Student Day, on the teach-in ban at King's, on the Married Student's Co-op and a host of other student concerns, one can only be grateful to Dr. Hicks that the editorials condemning the administration could not be written.

State of the Union

It was a good year. Not a great year, but certainly a good year. Under the leadership of Robbie Shaw, who was on the Board of rectors of NFCUS when some of this year's graduate students were

The Year In Review **Consolidation** marks year in student government

ANNUAL REPORT - Dalhousie newspaper, the Dalhousie Gazet- found to make posters and that for first class entertainment but Student Union 1965-66 submitted te, has improved greatly this arrangements should be made for the financial burden of doing so by President and Vice President. year. Thanks to Jack Yablon, the a central location where a giant is too great in relation to the At the first meeting of our Business Manager, its advertis- Dal-O-Gram could be located benefits received. Canadian talent

mentioned that I felt this year would be one of basic consolidation after the unprecedented expansion of Council activities in the previous year. Looking back on the year I think it is safe to say that it HAS been one of consolidation and, hopefully, one of improvement in a number of facets of Council activities.

Councils.

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We would briefly like to list and we hope that this will continue of office to establish a policy some of the improvements, new in the years to come.

ideas and new projects which have been initiated this year. This will then be followed by a list of

ACHIEVEMENTS to obtain enough students to staff 1) The most important contribution which the Council has made this year has been in the area is obviously a "Joe" job on which of Faculty-Administration and Student relations. It would prob- many students simply do not like was fortunate in having a job which campus had to take over the comably be a safe statement to say that there are very few Student Governments in Canada who have as cordial relations with their Administration and Faculty as ours does at the present time. ties on the campus. For this president become the Housing zation on campus. Firstly, it is There is a genuine feeling of reason serious consideration Commissioner. The job of Hous- absolutely imperative that we be mutual respect and cooperation should be given to the idea of ing Commissioner is not a full successful in persuading the Nawhich has grown up over the past making each organization soley time job and particularly since tional WUSC Conference to allow year and it is our sincere hope that this will continue in the years to come. It should be hastily added that this cooperation is Department would be responsible routine work. This would thereby Only in this way can students also accompanied with the very merely for the screening of post- enable the President to spend on the campus identify with the important asset of student auton-

2) Our predecessors in their last partment to ensure that the proper inevitably arise. It would also would suggest that if this policy few weeks of office initiated a notices were tacked on the proper have a side effect of ensuring that is not adopted by the National finest systems of financial control of the Students' Council itself. It ty of twelve hundred dollars for that they might well reconsider in Student Government in Canada should be noted that the Vice the summer. today. It is obvious that our President disagrees with the

leave office.

on this question and see that the

Public Relations Department is RECOMMENDATIONS given number one priority.

recommendations for future 1) One of the greatest problems 2) It is VERY STRONGLY sugthis year has been in the area gested that the President of the the World University Service of publicity on the campus. It Srudents' Council become the full Canada. To a very large extent of publicity on the campus. It time Housing Commissioner over seems to be almost impossible the summer. It is absolutely organized local WUSC Committhe Public Relations Department. able to devote a large part of a Chairman to take over the com-The job of drawing up posters the summer to organize things mittee last spring and therefore and putting them up on the campus for the coming academic year. an exchange student who did not to spend their time. As a result enabled him to spend about half mittee in October and start it we have received a great deal of his time on Students' Council work off at a real disadvantage as a criticism from many quarters for last summer. This will not always result. It would seem that two the lack of organization in giving be the case and it would seem that things are necessary in order the proper publicity to all activi- the best solution is to have the to make WUSC a valuable organiresponsible for the drawing up Susan Croucher will be in the us to earmark the funds collected of posters for publicity purposes. office all summer and able to on the campus for International As a result, the Public Relations handle much of the day to day aid towards specific projects. ers and putting them up on the time on Council organization and work which WUSC does and therebulletin boards. This would still be on campus all summer to fore be willing to contribute some enable the Public Relations De- handle the many problems which amount towards this program. I

Treasury Board has adopted a President on this particular point. 3) Although the Winter Carnival portance of the WUSC Committee at Dalhousie that our campus with a real effort people can be demand on the part of the students absolutely necessary that a per- direction will have to wait for tion.

Students' Council last Spring I ing revenue has been tripled and each week, She feels that the crux in the entertainment field can be as a result the paper is not of the problem in the last year brought in at approximately onenearly as great a burden on the has been the lack of a real in- third the price and provide much budget of the Student Union. More ternal publicity person and that more than one-third the enterimportant, the paper is now well the reason for the failure in the tainment. I think we have conlaid out conscious of National and Public Relations Department was clusively proved this year that International issues, well written, that the head of the Department a DALHOUSIE Winter Carnival responsible, and has an editor had to spend most of her time is much preferred to the concept who is genuinely interested in on the internal publicity chair- of a Halifax-wide Winter Car-Council and its future. Generally man's work. In any case, a con- nival. Any move to reinstate this relations between the Council and certed effort should be made by concept of a city-wide Carnival the paper have been excellent the Council in its first few weeks would be a serious mistake.

WUSC

4) We have had some real problems with the local Committee of this is due to the lack of a well necessary that the President be tee. Unfortunately, we did not have Your retiring President this year know very many students on the sary for us to recognize the im-



ROBBIE SHAW

Treasury Board System. We have bulletin board. The Public Rela-the Housing Commissioner's job WUSC Conference next fall that son with a persuasive and ag- the recommendation of the Comtaken their idea and have applied tions Department would still be it to our day to day activities responsible for doing all the post-and as a result have one of the er work, etc. for the activities finest systems of financial control of the Students' Council the fit. It is alary should be in the vicini-the Housing Commissioner's job wusch Conference next fail that som with a persuasive and ag-mediation of the Com-mittees which leadership qualities lead the shortly. Upon tabling, an im-mediation of the Com-mittees which is salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be in the vicini-the the work etc. for the activities his salary should be the should be the should be the beat his salary should be the shoul mediate effort should be made

their policy. Secondly, it is neces- SENATE RELATIONS by the Council to push forward this concept of student represen-

tation on Senate committees and highly responsible attitude and She feels that altough the Public was considerably more success- on campus and obtain a person 5) We have been fairly success- particularly on the Senate Disthe concrete results can be seen Relations Department did not ap- ful this year than in years past, who is forceful and dynamic to ful in reaching agreement with cipline Committee. We should be in the excellent financial situation pear to be a success this year serious consideration should be head the Committee. In an organi- many members of the Senate satisfied with nothing less than in which the Council is as we that we should not call it quits given to not having a big name zation such as WUSC where the that students should be represent- two representatives on the Senate without not consciously trying entertainer brought in from the aims and projects of the organiza- ed on most of the Senate's sub- Discipline Committee and per-3) It is evident to all students for one more year. She feels that United States. There is always a tion are very intangible it is committees. Any move in this haps push for equal representa-

Revolt without dogma Affluent America spawns youthful radicals

still in high school. Dalhousie easily had one of the three or four most dominant voices at the Lennoxville CUS Congress. It was a radical Congress (free education, legalized birth control recognition of two nations in Canada, these measures and others were all overwhelmingly passed) and Dalhousie was near the head of the radical vanguard.

Back on campus the Orientation program proved to be a bomb. Despite some hard work by Council members and an approach that emphasized, guite sensibly, the academic life of the University the organizational chaos that occured pretty well made the event a colossal waste of time for any but the dullest frosh. Aside from an excellent address by Dean Cooke, there was no real attempt to do what the first week at college must do -- break down the feudal state of mind that almost all high school students carry over to university.

Undoubtedly the most disappointing organization this year was the Sodales debating society. In terms of attendance debating is dead at Dal, and in quality terms it is unsuccessful. Sodales is responsible for the Model Parliament, and it completely bungled this job. We can see no reason why the Sodales executive is elected at a meeting (held in the Law School and dominated by a clique of lawyers) when all the other organization heads are appointed by Council, and responsible to Council. The Gazette suggests that for the coming year the President of Sodales be chosen by the Council after the applications committee has ascertained that the person chosen has some ideas for reviving the corpse of debating.

It has been a reasonably good Council this year. Even though the executive was very powerful several members managed to successfully stand up to Shaw et al. and to lead a lively opposition. Going around the table: Dave Simpson, though his speeches were usually too long, usually has something useful to say say; Ruth Manuel, though quiet wat attentive and sensible about the issues; Peter Crawford got his reward for hard work; Kay Freeman brought experience to the deliberations; Cheryl Reid was quiet and helped provide the usual executive majority; John MacKeigan carried a lot of weight but didn't speak often except when the sports establishment was challenged; Dave Seaman did little on Council though he did sit on the important SUB committee; Joe Council, or rather Joe Macdonald, somehow managed to be both the President's executive assistant and the Leader of the Opposition; Frank O'Dea, though a bit technical at times like most lawyers, was a solid member; Ann Rungas understood better than any member except Shaw what the real issues facing the student movement are; Bill MacDonald worked hard; Carl Holm tried but usually didn't succeed; Eric Hillis recalled past Councils a bit too often but can be proud that he was the prime mover (on Council) behind what appears will be a successful conclusion to the whole problem of student relations between Dalhousie and King's; Jim Nickerson wasn't terribly effective on Council but represented his faculty well and did the work; Brom Hart didn't get a chance to do much but he did at least attend meetings; Derek Brown never seemed to be in favour of anything though his position was consistent throughout; John Tilley said very little except about athletics and tended to favour the status quo; Barbara Dexter was very quiet but worked when asked to do so; and Herschie Gavsie -- well --Hersh kept us all amused and aside from his mental lapses was a hard worker and had something to contribute. In sum, it was a good council, but not a great council.

The three Union officers were great however. Robbie, despite a rather unpolitical love for superlatives is at least as good (and far better than the vast majority) as any Council President in this country. John Young was perfect as a Treasurer in a first year situation for that job, and, of course, was amply rewarded with the Presidency for next year. But it was Liz Campbell, who bore the brunt of the Gazette's scorn for student politicians, who really impressed us most this year. She had to operate without Robbie's experience or John's specific area of authority and yet of the top three she seemed to have learned the most from the year. We believe this not simply because she has decided to get out of student politics next year, but because by the end of this year she was carrying out her duties, and many of the President's duties in a thoroughly professional manner. It is unfortunate for the Dalhousie Student Union that she decided not to go back on Council.

Actually, the real reason it was such a good year was that not once did anyone on the Council move to fire the Editor of the Gazette. And that's also the reason why it wasn't a great year.

JACK NEWFIELD THE NATION

A new generation of radicals movement was begun by students has been spawned from the in the South." The two other major student groups of the New chrome womb of affluent America. Any lingering doubts about this evaporated last month when Student Movement (NSM) - . have 20,000 of the new breed pilgrim. no roots in the organizations and aged to Washington, D.C., to de-mand a negotiated peace in Vietgroups affiliated with the old sects - . Communist, Trotskyist nam. and Socialist - . remain small

These were the boys and girls who freedom-rode to Jackson; who rioted against HUAC; who vigiled for Caryl Chessman; who picketed against the Bomb; who invaded Mississippi last sumover Kronstadt or the pinpoints mer; and who turned Berkeley of Marxist doctrine. They are into an academic Selma. They are a new generation of dissenters, thoroughly indigenous radicals: nourished not by Marx, Trotsky, Lough, democratic, independent, Stalin or Schachtman but by Camcreative, activist, unsentimenpus, Paul Goodman, Bob Dylan tal.

dents.

Many of the new dissenters and SNCC . . the Student Nonare philosophy students, like Bob Parris and Berkeley's Mario violent Coordinating Committee. Their revolt is not only against Savio, rather than economics and capitalism but against the values political science students. Their of middle-class America: hypocrisy called Brotherhood Week: deepest concerns seem to be freedom and expression. Their assembly lines called colleges; conformity called status; bad favorite song is DO WHEN THE taste called Camp, and quiet desperation called success.

At the climax of the Washing. Vote." One phrase that they use ton march, arms linked and singa great deal is "participatory ing WE SHALL OVERCOME. democracy," and they sing a WERE the veterans of the Berke. says "no more leaders over ley Free Speech Movement. freshmen from small Catholic colleges, clean-shaven intellec. ers' institute on the eye of the tuals from Ann Arbor and Cambridge, the fatigued shock troops of SNCC, Iowa farmers, impovthe walls. During the 1950s, the only erished urban Negroes organized symptom of campus disquiet was by Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), beautiful high school the Beat orthodoxy of pot and

girls without make-up, and adults, many of them faculty members, who journeyed to America of brinkmanship, pay-Washington for a demonstration ola and green stamps, but lacked shelter during a mock city-wide conceived and organized by stuthe energy and seriousness to do

anything about it. So they with-During the rally they heard the drew into their own antisocial. visionary voices of the new radinonverbal subculture to read the calism: Staughton Lynd, a young "spontaneous bop prosody" of professor at Yale, who explained Jack Kerouac. The magazines why he wasn't paying his income - middle-brow and slick - - of tax this year; Paul Potter, the the late 1950s were glutted with brilliant president of SDS, who sociological hand-wringing about told them they must construct a campus catatonia and excessive social movement that will student concern with home, job "change our condition"; Bob and marriage. The label "The Parris, the poet-revolutionary of Silent Generation" was pinned SNCC, who urged: "Don't use the and it stuck.

South as a moral lightning rod; Nobody signed petitions. "It use it as a looking glass to see might hurt you later on," exwhat it tells you about the whole plained students weaned on Mccountry." And there were Joan Carthyism. In 1959, Clark Kerr, Baez and Judy Collins to sing the President of the University of poems of Bob Dylan. California, wrote with prophet-

This is literally a New Left - ic irony: "The employers will in style, mystique, momentum, love this generation; they are first monument built by the New tactics and vision. As Potter said not going to press many griev. Left. From its improvised be-

in Washington: "The reason ances . . . They are going to be there are 20,000 of us heretoday easy to handle. There aren't going to be any riots." is that five years ago a social

Most of the new radicals date the birth of their movement from the first student lunch-counter Left - . SDS and the Northern sit-in at Greensboro, N.C., on February 1, 1960. In the days that followed, this pacifist tactic dogmas of the 1930s. The student of non-violent direct action. which was to become the hallmark of their rebellion, spread spontaneously throughout the and isolated and are seen by the middle South . . to Nashville, to New Left as elitist, doctrinaire Raleigh, to Atlanta. During the and manipulative. The enthusi. 1960 Easter vacation, 300 young asts of SNCC and SDS do not en. Negroes, plus a few whites, as-

The first one now will be the last

University at Raleigh to found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Roused by the first dramatic SPIRIT SAY DO, and their fa-wave of sit-in demonstrations, vorite slogan is, "One Man, One students across the country turned to political action in the spring of 1960. Thousands marched on picket lines for the chorus of OH FREEDOM that first time in their lives, in front of Northern branches of Woolme." At a SNCC-SDS organiz- worth and Kress department stores. Outside San Quentin hun-Washington march, the young dreds made vigil in a chill drizzle revolutionaries wrote poetry on to protest the execution of Caryl Chessman, In San Francisco, thousands engaged in a riot against hearings conducted by the House Committee on Un-Amerpassivity. The Beats sensed that ican Activities. In New York City, something was wrong with the several thousand high school and college students refused to take air-raid drill.

> What began as an ethical revolt against the immorality of segregation, war and the death penalty, grew slowly during the next few years and began to take on political and economic flesh. Spurred by Michael Harrington's THE OTHER AMERICA, the student movement began to leave the campus to confront the economic roots of racism and poverty. Some went to Hazard, Ky., to work with striking coal miners; others abandoned graduate school and promising careers to join SNCC or work with SDS and the NSM in organizing the black ghettos of the North.

Today, SNCC stands as the

ginnings in a single dreary room tiations. So leaders speak on in Atlanta, SNCC has grown up issues many times which do not to have 260 full-time field sec. relate to the needs of the people

subverting them.

retaries in the South, who work for subsistence wages. SNCC has become a magnet, pulling the entire civil rights movement to the left, pushing the NAACP out of whereby decisions are delayed the courtroom and into the until the dissenting minority is streets and fortifying Martin won over. Occasionally this method causes observers from and confusion.

Luther King's redemptive love with social vision. SNCC's first sit-ins compelled the Supreme Court to revolutionize its definition of private property. SNC's fertile imagination has generated

the Mississippi Freedom Demo- SNCC, Garrett says: gage in sterile, neurotic debates sembled on the campus of Shaw cratic Party (MFDP). And

for the times they are a changin'

SNCC's special quality of no-Communist. bility tinged with madness first cracked the tradition-laden sur- SNCC, Students for a Democratic face of Mississippi to make it a Society appears to be the most national disgrace. influential New Left group out-

SNCC has also been the cru- side the South, On March 19, cible of much of the evolving SDS organized a sit-in at the ultimately hang on whether or humanist-anarchist philosophy of the new radicals: the idea that Street to protest the bank's in the next few years a new people don't need leaders; grass- loans to the Union of South Afri- radical, national organization roots organizing among the very ca, and forty-nine people were poor; Quaker-like communitar- arrested. The April 17th Viet- neled. ian democracy. nam march, sponsored by SDS,

SNCC's Bob Parris is so much attracted students from approxian exile from leadership that he mately 100 different campuses. dropped his well-publicized last And this summer about 500 SDS name of Moses last February members will live in eight and left Mississippi, where he Northern cities where SDS prowas the first SNCC worker, to go jects are attempting to organize to Birmingham to "talk to my poor Negroes and poor whites neighbors." Says Parris: "The into a populist coalition of the people on the bottom don't need dispossessed. leaders at all. What they need is the confidence in their own worth

and identity to make decisions activity, SDS was dominated by about their own lives." graduate students, meetings Jimmy Garrett, writing in were conducted in sociological SNCC's April newsletter, ex= jargon, and the membership inpanded on the theory of

egalitarian leadership: galitarian leadership: We are taught that it takes formals chapters and fifty staff qualifications like college education, or "proper English" or "proper dress" to lead people. These leaders can go before the press and project a "good image" to the nation and to the world. But after a while the leaders can only talk to the press and not with the people. They can only talk about problems as they see them . . not as the people see them. And they can't see the problems any more because they

are always in news conferences, "high level" meetings or nego-

organizing and, in general comes under SNCC's egalitarian and proletarian mystique. The group, however, has not lost its within SNCC, which has no original intellectuality. Presimembership, only staff, a Quaker style of consent has evolved.

dent Paul Potter divides his time between graduate school and the ghetto project in Cleveland, Past President Tom Hayden, who did graduate work at the University of Michigan, is now an organizer in Newark. And one of the SDS traditional liberal organizations organizers in Chicago is Richard to despair of SNCC's anarchy Rothstein, a 21-year-old Harvard graduate and a former Fulbright As for mounting insinuations scholar at the London School of Communist influence within

Economics. One of the major problems now Man, the Communists, they're confronting SDS is the role of empty man, empty. They've got those students who revivified it the same stale ideas, the same in 1962 and who are now 24 to bureaucracy . . . When he gets 26 year old. While they are eager mixed up with us, a Commie for the newer recruits to become dies and a person develops. leaders, they themselves have no They're not subverting us, we're adult organization into which they can graduate. Lately, the SDS in-Like most of the New Left, SNCC is a-Communist rather ternal bulletin has been filled with soul-searching essays on than anti-Communist or pro-

whether one can be a radical Though less well known that within his chosen profession, or whether a true radical must devote his whole life to revolutionary organizing. The longrange impact of the New Left may Chase Manhattan Bank on Wall not the new crusaders can fashion into-which students can be fun-

The Northern Student Movement started in 1962 as a band of students involved in the dual programs of fund raising on campuses for the movement in the South and of running tutorial programs for Negro School children in the North, Gradually NSM realized that the tutorial approach ispossessed. "treats symptoms without af-In 1962, when it was reconstitu- fecting causes," and today its ted after a long period of in- field projects in Harlem, Boston, Hartford, Detroit and Philadelphia are engaged in rent strikes, block-by-block organizing and attacks on middle-class control of the war on poverty.

cluded many ADA-oriented liber-NSM executive director William Strickland, who wrote his Master's thesis on Malcolm X, members and has evolved a wayinsists: "We're not a New Left out foreign policy that opposes because we're not interested in the West in Vietnam, the Congo a guy's memorizing Trotsky's and much of Latin America. Since theory of permanent revolution these positions have not been or some Stalinist with a line. accompanied by equal criticism We're interested in creating new of the Eastern-bloc nations, SDS forms and new institutions, like has come into increasing conflict with its parent organiza. the Mississippi Freedom Demotion, the League for Industrial cratic Party. We're interested in Democracy, which is dominated liberating energy, in people affecting the decisions that control by social democrats and depend. ent on trade-union financing, SDS their lives. Call us the New has also shifted its emphasis Democrats, or the New Realfrom campus recruiting to ghetto ists."