

ECONOMICS OF DISARMAMENT

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The Canadian Peace Research Institute will soon embark on a study of the economics of disarmament, its director told a UBC audience.

Dr. Norman Alcock said the study would be the first of its kind in Canada.

"Many people believe that the losses from disarmament can be offset by government spending," he said.

"We want to find out if this is so."

Alcock said an attitude survey of Canadian businessmen showed 55 percent feel total disarmament would result in depression or recession.

CPRI currently has six full-time researchers working in separate projects at a number of Eastern Canadian universities.

Alcock said the institute would soon be housed in a building at the Ontario Experimental community near Toronto.

He said researchers are paid

from \$6,000 to \$12,000 per year. Alcock gets \$7,000 himself. CPRI collected just more than \$300,000 in a public campaign last year.

"The major study done by the Institute so far has been on Canadians' attitudes to peace and war. It is a serious sociological study -- perhaps the most comprehensive in the field," said Alcock.

A thousand Canadians were asked 40 questions by professional pollsters.

The survey showed 91 percent of Canadians are in favor of disarmament and 71 percent would be in favor of it if it would result in a loss of employment.

The survey also showed 78 percent of Canadians are in favor of a strong permanent police force, but only one third wanted to spend more money on it and less than five percent knew how much the UN costs.

The Institute may do work on attitudes toward foreign aid contributions, Alcock said.

Earlier work plans for CPRI had envisioned a study of means of preventing an accidental war.

"CPRI now realizes that it is not equipped to do such a study, it is too technical and much of the relevant information is classified," Alcock says.

CPRI will not be concerned with international law either.

"One of the least dramatic, but most important projects of the Institute is to build up a card file of all works in the war-peace field."

At present CPRI has 4,000 listings, but plans to include foreign publications are under way.

One researcher is currently undertaking a study to determine attitudes of, and towards national police forces. This could help in the establishment of a UN police force, Alcock said.

Crooners Paul Breithaupt and Peter Hayden strum forth at the IFC party for Halifax underprivileged children last week, held in the East Common Room.



CUP COMMENTS

By Ed Schwartzberg — CUP Editor

A few months ago I came across an article in the University of Michigan daily newspaper, concerning sterile course content and monotonous teaching methods found at almost all North American colleges and universities. Harold Taylor, former president of Sarah Lawrence College, now chairman of the National Research Council on Peace Strategy, declared that it is these methods of teaching that are driving sophisticated students toward social action and university reform. "On every campus I have visited, I have found a small group of students interested in improving their education," he said. Apparently within the educational system there is a severe discontent; a realization that the system in the university is not working as it should. Taylor speaking at Michigan said, "Today, there is a greater sophistication among students about what society is." And it is this sophistication, coupled with the sterility of the colleges, which causes students to participate in social action.

The sterility is a result of an impersonal and over-organized society which makes it difficult for the individual to find any meaning in his life. To be specific; Taylor noted that in his travels he has met many successful businessmen and others who suffer the same difficulty — a vague feeling that "a whole dimension is missing in their lives, despite material success."

Taylor urged students "to keep testing yourselves against reality" and to work for various reforms within the university and society as a whole. He called the inability of students "to jump right into subject materials" the greatest lack on the educational system.

"All things that really matter are screened out of the curriculum," Taylor said. At various institutions students have worked successfully for reforms. In one case, students dissatisfied with the English curriculum at a university compiled a list of works they felt should be read and submitted it to faculty members with the suggestion that they teach it.

WE'D FORGOTTEN THAT . . .

The president of the Colorado University has announced his resignation, bringing to an end a six-year term marked by extreme political turmoil.

President Quigg Newton's resignation follows by a few months his battle with and acquiescence to Senator Barry Goldwater.

Goldwater demanded, and finally got, the firing of the editor of the university newspaper because of articles making what Goldwater considered to be "Objectionable" remarks about him.

Newton fired the editor after the appropriate student and faculty channels upheld the editor's right to publish such material.

Ex-editor Gary Althen, when commenting on the president's resignation, responded with the same quotation Newton had given for his firing: "I think it is in the best interests of the University."

Newton will become president of the Commonwealth Fund of New York, a foundation devoted primarily to medical research.

THATS A WOMAN ?

KINGSTON (CUP) Taken from the Queen's University Levan Journal, the special edition of the Queen's Women's Society:

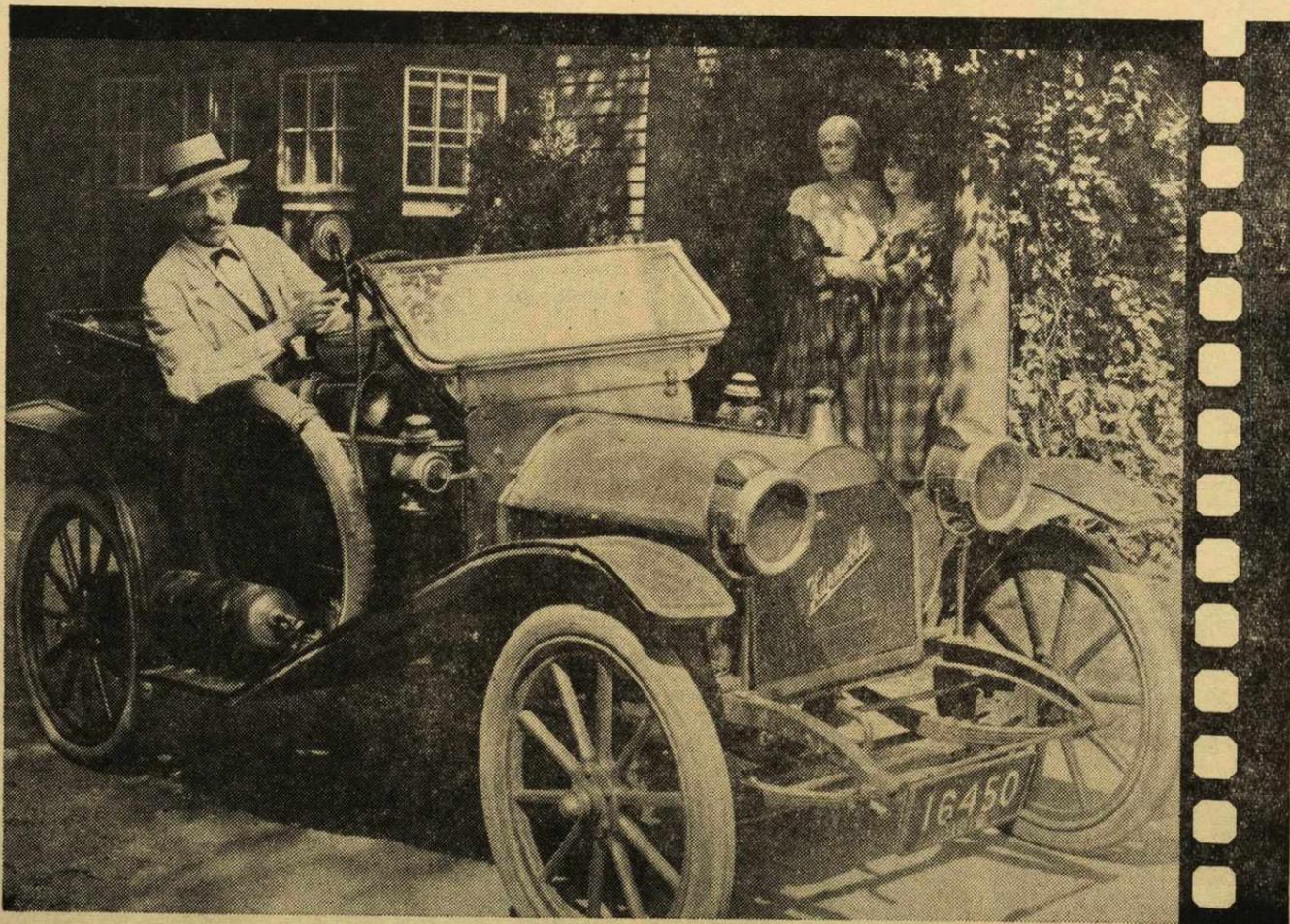
"Girls are like newspapers: they all have forms; they always have the last word; back numbers are not in demand; they have great influence; you can't believe everything they say; they're thinner than they used to be; they get along by advertising; and every man should have his own and not try to borrow his neighbor's."

"A woman's fondest wish it is to be weighed and found wanting."

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