

## CULF TWENTY YEARS AFTER

On September 6, 1967 the Canadian University Liberal Federation was twenty years old. In their first decade of existence, University Liberals have consistently remained a force of progress, of "left-wingism" one might say, within the National Liberal Party.

Here is CULF's record throughout the years on a number of issues which have faced the Liberal Party and Canada as a whole.

### EDUCATION

CULF has always felt that its main role within the Party is to represent the interests of its constituents, Canada's students, within the Liberal Party.

**1948:** The newly born CULF at its first national convention proposes an education policy whereby "any young man or woman who successfully completes senior matriculation and desires to continue his or her education at a recognized university at home or abroad, is eligible for a loan of at least \$3,000 with no interest charge."

**1955:** Unhappy with apparent provincial reluctance to aid higher education, University Liberals propose that the Canadian government "implement a system of direct scholarships bursaries and loans to students."

**1956:** CULF proposes that special income tax exemptions be given to students.

**1964:** A Federal Liberal Government institutes a wide system of University Loans.

**1966:** At the National Policy Conference of the Party, University Liberals successfully move the adoption of universal accessibility to university as a plank in the Federal Liberal platform.

### CANADIAN IDENTITY

The development of a sincere Canadian patriotism and the

preservation of a distinctly Canadian way of life on the North American Continent has been a major concern of CULF. From its earliest days the University Liberal movement proved itself to be more aware of the needs and potential of a bi-national Canada.

**1948:** CULF called for a distinctive national flag and O Canada as the national anthem.

**1949:** University Liberals advocated complete re-patriation of the constitution and the creation of national symbols which would "strengthen national unity and promote the development of an essentially Canadian patriotism."

**1965:** CULF moved for the removal of the British monarchy as the Chief of the Canadian state. The first national organization to espouse this measure, CULF has subsequently seen a vigorous and healthy debate emerge all across Canada around this issue.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

CULF has promoted several new directions in Canadian foreign policy.

**1958:** University Liberals were the first group within the Liberal Party to advocate the recognition of Communist China and its admission to the U.N.

**1964:** CULF moved that Canada reconsider its position within NATO.

**1967:** University Liberals advocated a complete withdrawal from NORAD by Canada. Also advocated the complete withdrawal of all military forces within Vietnam, in line with the plan suggested by President de Gaulle.

### CIVIL RIGHTS

CULF, unlike many radical or progressive groups, has not overlooked the need for protecting the individual in a mass society. Civil rights have been a concern over all our twenty years.

**1948:** CULF condemned the treatment of Canadian citizens of Japanese origin during the Second World War and successfully promoted a resolution that no government under Liberal leadership would ever deprive any Canadian of his rights for racial reasons.

**1949:** CULF demanded a new deal for Canada's Indians and Eskimos.

**1967:** University Liberals again condemned government treatment of Canada's "First Canadians" and demanded a complete restructuring of the workings of the departments and agencies concerned.

In addition to these main areas, CULF has promoted - successfully and unsuccessfully - a wide range of other public projects. Reform of the Immigration laws, to remove all discrimination of race, religion or colour has been advocated by the organization since 1947. The 1966 Immigration White Paper has gone quite a way toward realizing this goal.

As of April 1967, University Liberals have acquired a new vehicle for direct representation within the party. Bi-annual cabinet presentations will now allow the Liberal Party's youth wing to bring the views of its constituents directly to those in power.

University Liberals are continuing to urge upon their Party those measures which it feels, will better the way of life of all Canadians - a guaranteed annual income for all, a complete Medicare plan, vigorous federal action to curb foreign ownership, and the development of a courageous and independent Canadian foreign policy.

CULF today has over 50 clubs situated in every province of Canada. This year it will expand its university and college enrollment by 15. In addition, plans are underway to organize Liberal groups in Ontario's new community colleges.

In its drive to continually keep the political system relevant to the usually cynical student, CULF is pioneering new programs for political clubs on campus. Model parliaments are out. Direct community action and social involvement by clubs in their local communities and university life will break the sterility of two generations of campus politics.

Student Liberals undoubtedly face their greatest challenge in twenty years in combating growing youth cynicism toward formal political structures and parties. Jim Lightbody, the President of CULF, sums up the aims and challenges facing the student liberal movement in its 20th year:

"CULF was born as an opposition to placid party establishments. We have struggled against these for some time and I think we can truly say that the Liberal Party of 1967 is a much healthier and more democratic organization than it was in 1947."

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The exhibition showing drawings by university artists from across Canada, including Bruno and Molly Bobak, resident artists at UNB, is distributed by The Fine Arts Gallery, University of Alberta, Edmonton, in co-operation with The Canadian Centennial Commission.

Altogether there are 59 works of art in the display, all from artists who are on the full-time art staffs of Canadian Universities.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exhibition.

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