

# NFCUS Fosters Exiles

(CUP) A campaign to raise Canadian scholarships for Algerian students in exile, fostered by the National Federation of Canadian University students has been set in motion.

Jacques Gerin, NFCUS president, said recently that individual students' councils across Canada will conduct the fund-finding campaign.

"The federation hopes that Canadian students' will raise as many scholarships as possible to allow Algerian students to study in Canada," he said.

The money or scholarships raised by the councils would pay for travel from North Africa to Canada, plus tuition fees. The scholarship committee of the Union Generale des Etudiants Moslem Algerion (UGEMA)—the Algerian student union in exile—would choose the students.

This campaign is part of an official one now being conducted by the International Student Conference (ISC) of which NFCUS is a member.

"It is simply the case of one student helping another," Mr. Gerin said.

It is hoped that accommodation will be provided for by foster-committees in the cities which will receive the students," he said. He added that these do not necessarily have to be University people.

Already a member of the faculty of medicine at the University of Ottawa has indicated that he is interested in offering accommodation

for one student.

In Montreal a committee of University students has been formed to investigate the problem of accommodation.

Plans for the campaign followed a motion passed by the last NFCUS annual congress to set up a "symbolic scholarship" for one Algerian student.

The last Canadian University Press national conference passed a motion supporting this motion, "in principle."

This week, Peter Meekison, president of the Alma Society at the University of British Columbia, expressed the desire, in an editorial in the campus paper The Ubyssy that, "some funds will be raised to help one of two Algerian University students to continue their education."

During the Christmas holidays, Messaoud Ait Chaalal, president of UGEMA, visited Canada in search of bursaries, and scholarships for students now living in refugee camps in Morocco and Tunisia.

He stated that there are 250 students in Morocco, and 750 in Tunisia studying in these refugee camps. Another 500 are scattered in universities throughout Europe.

About 130 scholarships have been granted by the East German government for study in Eastern European countries. The United States has granted 23 scholarships, 17 of which came from the United States National Student Association (USNSA). Some of the students have commenced their studies here.

Mr. Chaalal said he hoped he would find similar support in Canada.

# UGEMA Prexy, Messaoud Ait Chaalal

## Accepts "Devils" Offer

A CUP Feature  
By Pat Benham

No Algerian has studied in Algerian Universities since 1957, according to the president of the Algerian national student union now banned by the French government.

Messaoud Ait Chaalal, president of the National Union of Algerian Moslem students in exile (UGEMA), said last week that there were two alternatives.

Many students leave the country, others remain, and many join the resistance movement Fronte de Liberation Nationale (FLN).

"They cannot study, so they fight," M. Chaalal said.

He was visiting Canada, and the United States seeking bursaries, and

scholarships for students now living in Tunisia, or Morocco, many of them in refugee camps.

The average ration is 1,100 calories a day, much less than the minimum required by basal metabolism.

One thousand students, 750 in Tunisia, and 250 in Morocco, live at subsistence level in refugee camps or holds jobs sporadically.

"That explains the war," M. Chaalal said, "there is a limit to what human beings can stand."

Since 1957 M. Chaalal has been the leading flying Dutchman for a nation of flying Dutchmen, students without a University, banned from their homeland, and from their studies.

Since his arrival in Canada December 24, M. Chaalal has spoken to officials of Montreal, Laval, Ottawa, and Carleton Universities, asking for bursaries and scholarships.

In the United States, the United States National Students' Association (USNSA) offered 23 scholarships, including travelling expenses, room and board, tuition fees, and \$70 a month spending money.

Seventeen of these scholarships have already been taken up, and the students have been studying in the US since fall. M. Chaalal said he expected the other six to begin classes early in the new year.

During his six week extensive tour of the US, he talked to University personnel, labor union officials, and politicians, gaining support for the students of UGEMA.

M. Chaalal pointed out what he believed were some of the problems facing Algerian students:

The average annual revenue of all citizens, including the French, is \$40 a year.

Those who are successful in winning scholarships to study in other countries will definitely return to Algeria to set up an educated governing elite when the country will have gained its desired goals from France.

"I'm not working to get these scholarships in order to feed industries in other countries," M. Chaalal said. "Algeria needs educated people, and the West needs an educated Algeria."

Many of the students have left Algeria to study in sister North African states, and some study in France, Belgium, and Switzerland.

Belgium and Switzerland are the only two Western European countries which have offered the suffering students any substantial relief. "And if the West does not help us, where else can we turn but to the East, even though we hate the Communist doctrine?"

For some time after the beginning of the Algerian war, UGEMA, as the official organization of the students, refused all offers of aid from Communist countries.

However, Western countries were slow to respond to the plea for help from the expatriate students, and UGEMA was forced to yield doctrinal pride for the sake of intellectual subsistence. "If the angels refuse me help, and the devil offers it, I must take it," he said.

At present there are 130 scholarships provided by the East German government.

## Old Rivals

The intervarsity basketball will begin for the defending league champion University of Alberta Golden Bears this weekend when they travel to Winnipeg for Friday and Saturday contests against University of Manitoba Bisons.

With the addition of University of British Columbia Thunderbirds to the league this year, the Bears will be hard-pressed to maintain the 7 won-1 lost record which have netted them league crowns in each of the past two years.

The Bisons, who held the league title for three years prior to 1957, handed the Bears their only defeat last year, a 63-59 squeaker in Winnipeg.

## Like Commercial, Man!

Toronto—(CUP)—A beatnik-for-hire business that started as a joke mushroomed into an NBC television appearance for a pretty 20-year-old University of Toronto co-ed during the Christmas holidays.

An ad placed in U of T's student paper, the Varsity, began the series of events that catapulted Ries Karvanaque (admittedly an alias) onto the Dave Garroway show, to read a poem by A. A. Milne as beatnik poetry.

The ad stated that Ries was for rent—with a chaperone. For \$5 she would attend parties, wakes or other events. Another \$5 was charged for the chaperone.

Parties often fall flat without a topic of conversation. Clad in a black sweater, a black skirt and black stockings, Miss Karvanaque was to be it. For an additional sum, stated the ad, she would read beatnik literature.

By the time the Toronto Telegram, radio station CHUM and the Canadian Press had picked up the story, the monkey-business was serious business.

Miss Karvanaque's manager, Gelfellyn Ignazio, a third year student, said, "It was too late to do anything else. So Ries and I went into business." They flew to New York to make the television appearance.

Miss Karvanaque was supposed to

do a five-minute interview, but she proved such a success that she was worked into the show. Ries faced the cameras and solemnly read to the audience from A. A. Milne's "Winnie-The-Pooh".

## Odds Evening Up

Men beware! This is Leap Year and the girls are closing in. There has been a greater percentage increase of girls enrolling at the University over the last year than men.

The figures show that co-ed enrolment has gone up by almost 16 per cent, while male enrolment has increased by only 14 per cent. As of December 1, 1959, there were 1.9 males registered at the University for every female. Girls, you can choose between a man and .9 of a man. The gross enrolment of males is 4,204 as compared to an enrolment of 2,173 females. The total enrolment including part time students of the winter session is 6,753.

Three schools at the University, house ec., nursing, and physiotherapy, are exclusively female. There is only one male enrolled in the medical lab science course.

Only one group, theology, can claim to be all male. Only one girl is registered in agriculture, and one in dentistry this year. There are

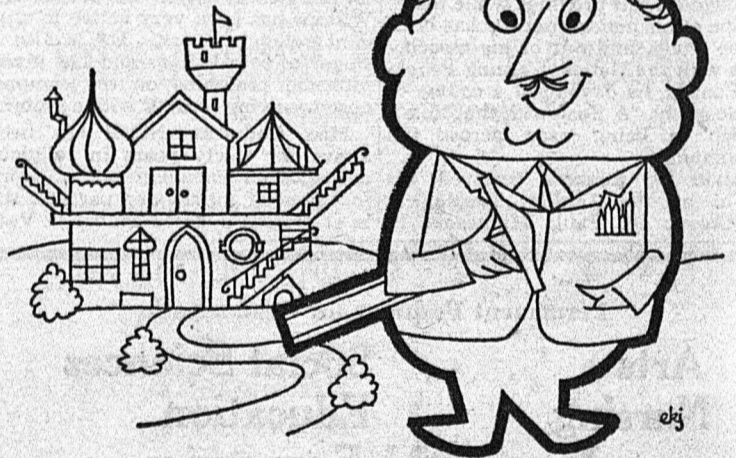
three brave girls in engineering, showing no change from last year. There are 19 girls in medicine this year as compared to only 13 last year. On the other hand there are only 6 girls in law, which is a drop of one from last year.



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