

# Churches Not Entertaining Russian Students Conclude

"I have attended church services, but there are many theatres and cinema in the Soviet Union—these are far more interesting and entertaining."

"Canadian student associations arrange mostly for the leisure activities of their members, not for the crucial problems of student life that concern their Soviet counterparts."

"In many Canadian Universities we found fairly good facilities but these classrooms, these libraries, had few if any students in them. In the Soviet Universities facilities are always in use—they are filled with industrious students."

"Canadian students have received us very warmly."

"To the Communist party belong all the people with an advanced outlook."

These were among the statements made by the four visiting Soviet students at an open meeting in Convocation Hall Tuesday evening.

Emmanouli Eqizarov, 30, a graduate of the Moscow Institute of Foreign Languages, and the group's interpreter, began the meeting by presenting a lengthy, memorized speech on the students' impressions of Canada, and about the Russian educational system.

He said many contacts have been established with Canadian Youth groups, notably the YMCA and the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

Everyone 17 to 35 years may enter one of the USSR's 759 institutions for higher learning. Preference is given to those who have academic ability and who have worked for at least a year following high school.

The average University course is

five to six years long. The academic year is 10 months. Equal time is spent in practical and classroom training.

### FREE EDUCATION

Education is provided free of charge as are books, laboratory and library facilities and most recreational facilities. Students living in residences pay 15 rubles per month (about \$3.25) for room and board.

About 90 per cent of all students receive scholarships and grants to cover their living expenses. Value of the scholarships range from 200 to 650 rubles (about \$45-\$140) and is paid to the student whether studying or on vacation.

The other members of the delegation made frequent references to the "free education of the Soviet Union which we do not find here in Canada."

All undergraduates in the USSR participate in scientific research, Eqizarov continued. All graduate students are placed in a job—usually the student is given three or four choices of where he will work.

Boris Ponomarev stated that Soviet students do not question the Communist party. "Everything that the student has is thanks to our big brothers and parents in the party."

"Women have equal rights in all things," Alla Tsutsarova said. "We make better specialists."

In reply to a question which was asked about the cool relationships between students and professors that the questioner believed existed in the USSR, Alexei Golubev talked around the question without answering it, answered another question, and then thundered that such a cool relationship "never did exist and never will exist."

### ID CARDS NEEDED

He stated that all students at the University of Moscow must carry identification cards so that they could be distinguished from the "100,000 visitors to Moscow daily who want to visit the University. In addition, we must add the 5,000

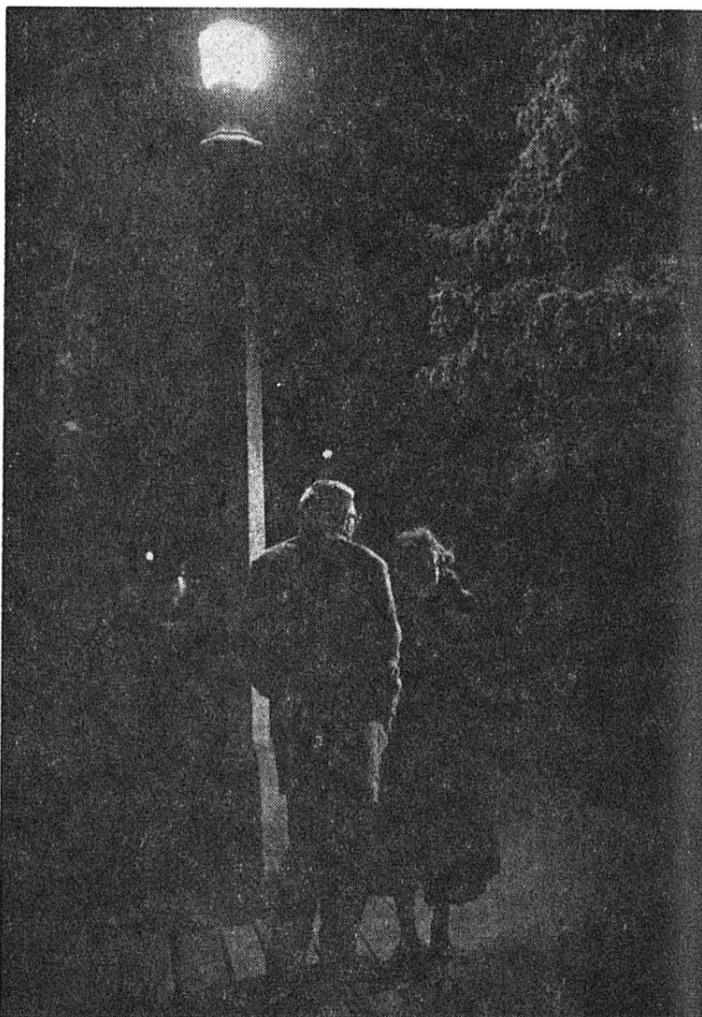


GOLUBEV, CHANAL, TSUTSAROVA, EQIZAROV, ROSE, PONOMAREV

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## TWICE THE SEX FOR GIRLS

You've got it made girls! outnumber the females two to one. Once more the males on the University of Alberta campus | This ratio has prevailed



foreign visitors to the city every day who would want to visit the University. You can see what this would do to our education, so we must keep them out."

Following the question period, Golubev presented a model Sputnik I and two recordings of Russian songs ("These are music by a peoples' choir, not propaganda.") to the University. Said he, "We consider that all peoples participate in world and human culture . . . In the USSR, we learn from each other: you should also behave in this manner." He stated that their visit to the city was a pleasant one.

Prof. Grant Davy was chairman at the meeting, Eqizarov translated for the other Soviet students, assisted occasionally by Dr. O. Starchuk. About 200 persons, including several exchange students, attended.

## Bears vs Clowns

The internationally renowned Harlem Clowns will be playing the University of Alberta Golden Bears Friday and Saturday nights, Nov. 25 and 26 in the PEB gym.

The Clowns are reputed to be better than the Harlem Stars who entertained two weeks ago and drew capacity crowds the two nights they were here

In spite of the fact that the Clowns are supposedly a superior squad to the Stars, coach Steve Mendryk feels confident the Golden Bears will provide an equally superior brand of basketball to that seen in the Bears' first encounter. He says that now with football over, the boys are able to put a 100 per cent concentrated effort into their basketball, without being hampered by the demands of football.

For the clowns there are such attractions as playing coach Eurae McKelvy, a 6'1" sharp-shooter, and veteran court comic, Bob Woods, who captains the squad.

throughout the past few years even though the normal ratio of males to females in life is one to one, as any sociology student

knows.

Questioning members of the majority group, on the explanation of the imbalance, this reporter was met with the blunt retort, "Why do girls get married so young?" Has the mass hysteria of teenage marriages really taken such a toll immediately following high school graduation? The males feel even those of the fairer sex who do not decorate their mortarboards with orange blossoms have the theory that "after all the men want to wear the pants and be the bread-winners; they need better jobs."

Certainly the rather weak male opinion on the lack of superior intelligence in those fairer ones has been disproved.

Other opinions advanced, state parents are less willing to finance a higher education for their female offspring. Girls, also find it harder to find better paying jobs during the summers and cannot finance their own way.

Whatever the explanation, remember, "Each for two and two for each."

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