

Here Comes 8,000 Pounds Of French Canada

Quebec Seminar Final Event Of FCW



MONSIEUR PAUL BOUVRETTE UNPACKS ENAMELLED WORK

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Message From Francis Saville

"Understanding Through Communication" is a process of learning which is vital to everyone in this day and age. It is by utilizing this principle that we hope to take a positive step towards solving the most fundamental question facing Canada and Canadians today.

Over the past few months I have been fortunate enough to participate in a great many discussions concerning Canadian unity, and with many French Canadians. I am convinced that this is the only way in which to grasp a true understanding of the problems of Canadian unity. French Canada Week is an attempt by the Students' Union and the local committee of the Canadian Union of Students to provide you with this same kind of opportunity.

Most of us are aware that something is happening in Quebec these days and that changes are taking place. Yet very few Canadians, particularly in Western Canada, seem to know what specific changes are occurring. Very many of us

have failed so far to grasp (1) the significance of this change vis à vis the rest of Canada and (2) the role that we as Canadians in this part of Canada must play. Hopefully French Canada Week will stimulate us to at least do some thinking on this question and to become more informed.

Elsewhere in this publication the many events of French Canada Week will be made known to you. I ask you to participate as much as you can in this programme of activities. The personalities we have been fortunate enough to attract for this event are, without exception, well informed Canadians. The value of their contribution will be immeasurable.

The more informal seminar type of programme arranged by the committee is also of infinite value, in that it will give you a chance to voice your opinion, ask questions, and actively participate in the discussion of this vital topic.

I should like to conclude by saying on behalf of the Students'

Union of the University of Alberta how much we appreciate the assistance given this project. In particular, I should like to thank the Government of Canada, the Government of the Province of Quebec, the Government of the Province of Alberta, the Board of Governors of the University, Friends of the University, the Alberta French Canada Association and Air Canada.

No words of appreciation would be complete here unless the names of the students who have organized this project were included. Although it is impossible to include the names of all the students, I cannot help but mention and say thank you to David Estrin, Michelle Lefebvre and Jim Dube.

This project has been extremely well organized and now with your participation we can make it the success that has been envisioned for it and take a positive step in attempting to solve, in some small way, the problems of Canadian unity.

A bit of French Canada will be brought to U of A by eight thousand pounds of paintings, sculpture, domestic arts, commerce and industry.

The displays valued at more than \$25,000 have been provided by the Quebec government for French Canada Week.

Art, wood work, books, and tapestry done by Canadian artists of French origin will be on display in Lister Hall and the Education and Rutherford libraries.

An exposition, "Aspects of Contemporary Quebec," will be displayed in the Pybus and old Dinwoodie Lounges of SUB 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7-10:30 p.m., Jan. 25th to 30th. A scale model of Expo '67, the World's Fair which will be held in Montreal in 1967, will also be on display in SUB.

Seven departments of the Quebec government are providing the display material—the handicraft centre, the tourist bureau, Quebec hydro, the ministry of industry and commerce, the Quebec museum, the film department, and the information and publicity office of Quebec.

Télesphore Gareau, agent d'information, service du Canada Français d'outre-frontières, of the ministry of cultural affairs for Quebec will be presented to explain the displays in SUB.

Films in French and English will be presented in the lecture wing of the math-physics building each afternoon of the week at 1 p.m. These will assist in the presentation of French-Canadian culture.

The displays will be officially opened at 12:15 p.m., Mon., Jan. 25th.

A special "Citizens' Seminar on Quebec" will be held Jan. 30 in SUB as the final event in French Canada Week.

Invitations are being mailed to individuals and groups throughout northern Alberta.

Seminar speakers will include the Hon. Pierre Laporte, minister of Cultural Affairs of Quebec; Canadian author Hugh MacLennan; Madame Solange Chaput-Rolland, a noted French-Canadian author and lecturer; and Jean Bazin, national president of the Canadian Union of Students.

David Estrin, chairman of the students committee planning French Canada Week, said the Saturday seminar aims to "let citizens of Edmonton and northern Alberta meet outstanding citizens of Quebec to discuss common national problems. We believe such discussions will reveal a broad bond of agreement about the future of Canada".

Free Coffee!

Free coffee is offered to students and faculty members from 3-5 p.m. every day in the Wauneita Lounge of SUB during French Canada Week.

This is part of the FCW Committee's plan to allow as many students as possible to meet the students from French-speaking universities and the other prominent Canadians who will be present during the Week, says Dave Estrin, CUS Chairman.

During the coffee parties, informal panel discussions will take place, with visitors Hon. Maurice Sauve, Dr. Hugh MacLennan, Hon. Paul Martineau, Madame Solange Chaput-Rolland, Dr. Michel Brunet, and the six Quebec students participating.



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