

# Campus Political Battles Conclude

The Liberal party on campus, with Jim Coutts as Prime Minister, last week survived three nights of Model Parliament. Although lacking a majority, the Liberals defended their proposals, with the help of opposition members in unofficial coalition.

The fifth Model Parliament of the University of Alberta convened Monday night, at Convocation hall. The first session opened with the Speech from the Throne given by Governor-General Elmer Roper, Mayor of Edmonton. The House was presided over by the Speaker of the House, Bernie Adell.

Outlined in the Speech from the Throne were the aims of the newly-formed Liberal govern-

ment, and the bills which it was going to present.

The first was the defence resolution which would decrease defence expenditures and establish Canada's position in the world arms race. Next was an amendment to the Criminal Code which would abolish capital punishment.

Other bills to be presented were changes in the Narcotics Act, establishment of a Royal Commission to investigate the Eskimo and Indian situation, educational assistance to students with better than average ability, changes in agricultural policy which would provide more foreign markets, tax law changes to increase University students' exemptions, changes in the Rutherford library hours, and a raise in student nurses' salaries.

Following approval, the bill on defence, a government resolution, was given first reading. This 5-point resolution would, if passed,

encourage total world nuclear disarmament, and consolidate Canada's three armed services, which would be used exclusively in Canada and in the UN police force. This force would include all armament with the exclusion of atomic weapons.

An amendment to the Opium and Drugs Act was the next bill presented. It made provision for increased prison terms for drug-peddlers and a compulsory cure treatment for addicts.

The third bill proposed was an amendment to the Criminal Code concerning capital punishment, which was to be abolished.

The rest of the session was devoted to private member bills.

The PC party presented a bill which would legalize alignment of foreign unions with those of Canada, including the financing of Canadian unions.

An act to enfranchise Canada's Indians was moved by the CCF party.

A member of the Social Credit party then proposed a bill whereby Canada's grain would be exchanged for the services of educational organizations of Europe and Asia to train Canadians and facilitate their research.

The Communist party introduced a resolution which would prohibit the storage, testing, or use of nuclear weapons in Canada.

The second session of Model Parliament opened with the second reading of the Labor Union bill. This bill, which would remove all foreign control from Canadian Labor unions, was opposed by the Minister of Labor, Al Smith, who felt that there was no control by American unions but it was necessary to have affiliation because of our north-south ties.

Further contesting evidence was given by representatives of other parties. It was generally agreed that affiliation would not hurt Canadian Labor. Ted Bond of the PC party stated, "Those voting against it are

anti-Canadian." Voting found the bill defeated with the Liberals unanimously against it.

The Social Credit bill on grain exchange for foreign scholarships was bombarded with heavy opposition from almost all parties. The bill took long in discussion and was finally talked out of the house.

Second reading was given to the CCF bill for enfranchisement of the Indians. After some discussion, it passed. The house went into a Committee of the Whole during which small changes were made in the wording of the bill.

The Liberals opened the third session with the second reading on the bill on the defence policy. Conservatives in opposition stated, "We can pray for peace, but we must still remain a power of military strength." They claimed that this bill will effect the end of Canadian contributions to NORAD and NATO.

The Liberals, in support of the resolution, maintained that defence will be more mobile and that there will be better coordination in all lines of defence. The bill, when put to vote, was approved.

The amendment to the Opium and Drug Act was then given second reading and after little debate was approved.

Another Liberal bill, to abolish capital punishment in Canada received second reading, but the House closed before the bill could be taken to a final vote.

## Council Notes

A committee to receive tenders for Evergreen and Gold pictures was established by Council Tuesday night. Bids will be received from Edmonton and Calgary, although the tender will be advertised to give other printers notice.

A suggestion that a browsing library be established in SUB was squelched in Council.

Council has been given the unofficial green light in their efforts to allow out-of-province students to retain their license plates. The Administration did not realize insurance expires when license plates are changed and were not aware that Saskatchewan allows out-of-province students to retain their licenses.

Following a suggestion from the Administration, Council supported a recommendation that the dining hall in the new residences be used to hold dances with the reservation this will not reduce the number of dances to be held in the skating rink of the Jubilee Gymnasium.

The faculties of dentistry and medicine and the school of physiotherapy will receive their share of the fifty cent levy charged against each graduating student to help cover the cost of the graduating class's social functions.

A committee was formed to negotiate for the appearance of a big-name band for the next Homecoming Weekend.

Roberta Collett, phys ed 3, subbed for George Kinston, regular phys ed rep and Drina Hutchison sat in for arts rep, Lionel Jones.

From P. J. Clooney, NFCUS rep, during a debate centering around the use of the Jubilee Gymnasium by students' spouses, "Certainly a married man or woman cannot take part in team sport."

## One Dollar Buys Concert Seat

A concert of four sections will be presented by the University Mixed Chorus on January 25, 26 and 27 in Convocation hall, at 8:15 pm.

The first section of the program will be comprised of a cantata by Buxtehude, "Jesu, Joy and Treasure." The two middle sections will be comprised of several folk songs, mainly by English composers, with one Flemish folk song. The fourth section includes a collection of short songs, "Songs of the Fleet", by Charles V. Stanford.

Soloists will be Garth Worthington and Jim Munroe. Tickets for the performance are one dollar.

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Phi Delta Theta:  
Jan. 22—Pledge Party "Tropical Heat Wave"

Delta Kappa Epsilon:  
Jan. 30—Pledge Party "Highland Party"

Phi Kappa Pi:  
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