

Don Jamieson

Giving aid - keeping peace

by Michael Burns

"It's a miracle that we've avoided total war," said Don Jamieson, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, at a recent lecture given at Dalhousie. Portraying recent economic and political trends as "exciting", the secretary explored the current state of international affairs from continent to continent.

He said that the answer to third world tensions lies in development, and insisted that Canada must do her share. And, of course, with a federal election looming, he hastened to say that the present Canadian government is indeed doing its part abroad and more. This is vital in order to pre-empt the seemingly inevitable culmination of violence and discontent,

which, he said, is just one symptom of a most unevenly balanced economic world order.

Questioning the nature of unilateral aid to backward countries, Jamieson said that Canada tries hard "not to link aid to political type". But, he admitted, it is easier said than done, especially since such a policy is a tenet of U.S. aid to underdeveloped countries.

Rather than spending aid money the way we see fit, Jamieson added, perhaps we should consider financing what they think is best for themselves. In fact, he said, the desirability of creating carbon copies of western developed nations abroad is questionable at best.

Like Robert McNamara, Jamieson believes that

developed nations should not send so much aid to the poorest nations, but more to the semi-developed nations within a given region, so that they might provide a measure of stability in the area, and in turn assist their neighbours.

Before closing, Jamieson said that Canada's aid program is partial to certain "earmarked threads", such as Commonwealth and French-speaking countries, with whom he believes Canada shares "a natural area of affinity".

Finally, Jamieson closed on the note that "in the name of preserving peace and world order, we must give aid."

The lecture was one of the last in the series, Three Days for International Development.



Don MacDougall, University Chaplain, cleans up spaghetti before leaving Dalhousie after 14 years of service.

CUSO

May not receive funding

by Val Mansour

Canadian University Press

Canadian Universities Services Overseas (CUSO) has not been guaranteed continued government funding for this year. Peter Ross, the Atlantic regional coordinator, said the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), that provides 90% of CUSO's funds, is planning to make a cutback.

"CIDA is not too happy with SUCO, the Quebec wing of the organization", Ross said. "There are internal tensions but CUSO thinks they can work it out."

According to Ross, a year ago CIDA said the amount SUCO spends in public education programs in Canada is too much and that more money should be spent overseas.

SUCO had also passed a resolution calling for the "liberation of political prisoners" in Quebec. Sharon Capeling, CUSO's public affairs director, said that although the English side of the organization had nothing to do with it, they suffered because of the resolution.

The CUSO executive-director was removed by the board members in late January because they lacked confidence in him. Ross said the Atlantic board disagreed with the timing of the firing because it would look like a reaction to the negative publicity CUSO had been getting.

Jim Griffith of the University of Prince Edward Island's Department of Student Services is one of three board members who resigned following the firing. He said the Atlantic Committee of CUSO passed two motions urging the post-secondary institutions in the Atlantic Provinces to withdraw institutional support from CUSO, and to dissolve the Atlantic Regional Executive Committee.

Griffith said the motions supported UPEI's disapproval with the internal friction within CUSO as well as between

CUSO and SUCO. "It also showed our objection to the manner in which the CUSO Board of Directors abruptly dismissed the CUSO Executive Director", Griffith said.

Both UPEI and St. Francis Xavier University withdrew from the organization because

of the firing. The universities were recruiting and fund raising centers which provided people for overseas projects.

CUSO has members on 70 campuses in Canada as well as metro communities. The funding decision is expected shortly, as the fiscal year ends this month.

Chaplain leaves

For the past 14 years Don MacDougall have represented the United Church of Canada at Dalhousie. After several years in the field Rev. MacDougall came to Dalhousie in 1965 and has seen the University change from a small college to the large conglomerate it is today. During his years here MacDougall has actively identified a church community and has been renowned for his nature retreats. MacDougall's term will end on June 30 and he will take up duties at the Atlantic Christian Training Center in Tatamagouche N.S. Rev. MacDougall will be succeeded by Avery Kempton.

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