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Student Leaders-Irresponsible?

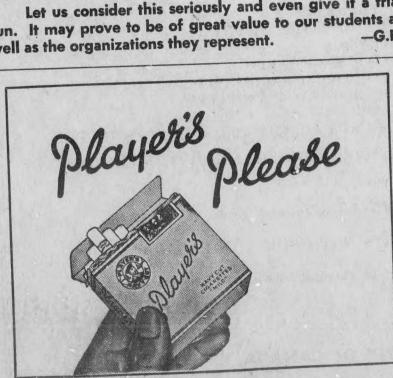
During the last few weeks the attitude towards Campus leaders that is taken at various campi has been hours, misunderstanding became brought to our attention. At McGill for instance there is an organization consisting of the campus leaders only. They meet regularly and discuss problems common to all organizations. At the University of B.C. the student community goes one step further. In a recent issue of their paper we found a news report concerning the "Student evening training programme designed to give student world peace. Thus the United nations to recognise the existence that the present sentimentality of leaders an opportunity to learn about leadership from B.C.'s experts in the field."

In an enumeration of the topics discussed during power in the world, and must negotiation. SEP'S of former years were mentioned such subjects as Parliamentary Procedure; Executiveship; Leadership, and other related subjects. The whole programme is under flict. the direction of a number of faculty members and senior students.

Of late there have been a number of complaints concerning the behaviour and general aptitude of our student leaders. We therefore thought that a similar institution as that of the U.B.C. Executive Programme could be developed here at our university. This could be under the direction of some of the members of the Departments of Psychology, Sociology and other pertinent subjects and the President of the S.R.C. and/or other high level campus organizations. It would be an excellent way of bringing to the attention of the students who take on positions on the campus what their duties and responsibilities are and how to conduct general and executive meetings skilfully.

Too many organizations fluctuate greatly in activity and efficiency, an ailment that could be remedied by an annual series of discussions of the sort suggested. If the enthusiasm for such an activity would not be great enough at first, it could perhaps be made into a pre-requisite for

Let us consider this seriously and even give it a trial run. It may prove to be of great value to our students as well as the organizations they represent.



THE MILDEST BEST-TASTING CIGARETTE

The McGill Conference on World Affairs

Canada, NATO and the United Nations

by Stephen Fay

How can Canada aid in the formation of political and economic stability in NATO? To what extent does the United Nations fulfill the ideals of its original Charter? These were some of the questions asked by delegates at the McGill Conference on World Affairs. The international organizations were the subjects of much discussion at the three day meeting in Montreal early last month.

The object of these questions was to give Canadian University students an opportunity to dis-cuss, collectively, aspects of Canadian foreign policy. To what extent it is possible to reach any conclusion on such questions never became clear; but there accepted because a large majority was little doubt that after two felt that the UN was not an efless frequent.

between idealism and realism. forum for discussion. Second World War it became im- pose. Delegates generally thought embarrasment to our national possible for an organization in that admittance of Red China to administrators. Again the realist power to make progress toward move.. It would enable other different solutions. Let us hope stop an outbreak of world con-

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the fact that all nations within | the body were motivated by self tries who could claim this distinction. Canada's position as a second class power makes compromise and mediation easier for her than for most other members. And while our delegation the organisation it can, and does, adopt an enlightened and often a moral policy toward many questions in the United Nations. We might be called a useful sounding board of General Assembly opinion on many issues.

A suggestion that Russia be asked to leave the UN was not It now reflects the balance of for better understanding and

I suspect that it would not be reality. The UN will never bring unfair to sum the delegates atabout world peace, but it can titudes as being more realistic it tends to be a less effective than romantic. However there means of expression when used are still students who have not yet given up hope that the United

pressed during discussions on interest. In some cases the self NATO. Although the alliance interest is enlightened; we hope was formed as a defensive pact that Canada is one of the coun- against Russian expansion some delegates seemed to believe that organisation might be instrumental in the formation of a Utopian western society. Most students were willing to recognise that NATO would benefit by increasmight not act as a conscience for ed political and economic cooperation. Lester Pearson was quick to forward this ideal in his opening keynote speech. This will, of course, demand certain concessions to nationality, but there is reason to hope that recent Russian scientific advances will tend to draw the Western Powers closer together.

Canada's position is slightly nebulous for she must satisfy fective instrument to end wars, trade demands that fall in the either hot or cold, but that it is dollar rather than the sterling effective as an organ to control area; and must concentrate on the UN must consist of a battle these wars because it provides a North American rather than Were European defence. After the failure of the great Russia asked to leave the UN it flict of commitment has been powers to agree following the would no longer serve this pur- and will continue to be one of which a security council held the Assembly would be a wise and the idealist would propose Nations became a field of conflict of the Peking Government, as Canadian politicans towards our between two great power blocks. well as providing opportunities European neighbours is overa crisis occur. Idealism is fine in a round table discussion during a Conference on World Affairs, but by men controlling foreign policy.

The concluding article in this Nations is the first rung on the scries will deal with Canada's ladder up to Universal brother- relationships with the Commonwealth and the United States.



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