

# Peaceful Co-Existence

HELSINKI (CUP) — What does one do when an uninvited and unwelcome bully decides to hold open house at YOUR house?

This is the problem that is being faced today by tiny Finland as preparations continue to steamroll ahead for the Eighth Festival of Youth and Students. Despite the protests of Finnish students and youth movements, the organizers are adamant about holding their meeting in this Baltic Sea country.

The Communist-sponsored international gathering is not wanted by anyone in Finland, and yet this is where the hundreds upon hundreds of delegates will meet this summer.

In an attempt to clarify its own position in relation to the Festival of Youth and Students, the National Union of Students of Finland decided to issue a statement for public consumption.

"When the Finnish organizations heard that plans were afoot to hold the 8th Festival in Finland, they decided not to participate in the Festival or its preparations because previous festivals had precipitated strong political conflicts. This decision was communicated to the organizers of the festival in good time.

"The decision of the National Union of Students of Finland (SYL) which represents all Finnish students was unanimous, and that of the Council of Finnish Youth Organizations (SHE), to which all Finnish youth organizations belong, was reached by a majority of more than 90 per cent.

It should be noted that the Council of Finnish Youth Organizations is the only one in Finland claiming to represent the youth of Finland nationally and internationally and is recognized as a representative body by the Finnish Government as well as by foreign national and international organ-

izations, e.g. World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY). The National Union of Students of Finland is also the only organization claiming to be the National Union of Students, and is recognized by the International Student Conference (ISC) and the International Union of Students (IUS), as well as by the Finnish Government.)

"In deciding not to participate in the preparations for the Festival, SYL has only followed its traditional policy of refraining from participation in events which are of a predominately political nature. It is quite obvious that the Festival falls into this category.

"Before the meeting of the organizers finally decided on Helsinki as the site of the 8th Festival he then Prime Minister of Finland, Dr. V.J. Sukselainen, issued an official statement to the press, from which the following is an excerpt:

"Since all our youth organizations but one have declared that they will not take part in this project, the event will be a meeting for one ideological group only and would apparently have to be organized mainly by foreign efforts. Since the experiences from Austria seem to show that such a meeting, particularly in a member country of the Scandinavian passport union, would also bring to the country oppo-

nents of the said ideological group, it is to be hoped that the organizers of the Festival will carefully consider whether it is well-founded to arrange the event on the basis of so scant domestic support."

In spite of these explicit statements, preparations for the Festival have commenced in Helsinki.

"As is well-known, Finnish youth and student organizations have whenever possible endeavoured to organize and participate in events which further co-operation and friendly intercourse between students from different countries.

"We have the right to expect that the attitude of the two organizations representing the youth and students of Finland with unchallenged authority is respected by the organizers of the Festival. Our decision is a result of democratic procedure, therefore we can not see how it is possible to ignore it without ignoring the true democratic spirit on which this decision is based."

Some orators don't seem to understand the difference between eloquence and endurance.

Make it a habit to keep your feet on the ground and you'll never have far to fall.

If you wish to be perfect, follow the advice that you give others.

# CIVIL SERVICE TEAM TO VISIT DAL THIS WEEK

A Civil Service team will visit Dalhousie March 28 to tell students of some of the opportunities open in the government services to graduates.

Normally Civil Service officials tour the Canadian universities in the early fall, but this panel of officials is trying a new experiment at three Canadian universities this spring to contact more junior students and give plenty of time to think about applying for a place with the Civil Service.

### Have Difficulty

The universities concerned are Dalhousie, University of Toronto, and a western university.

George Beck, the Dalhousie placement officer, told The Gazette the Canadian Civil Service was finding difficulty in getting good qualified applicants at the university level.

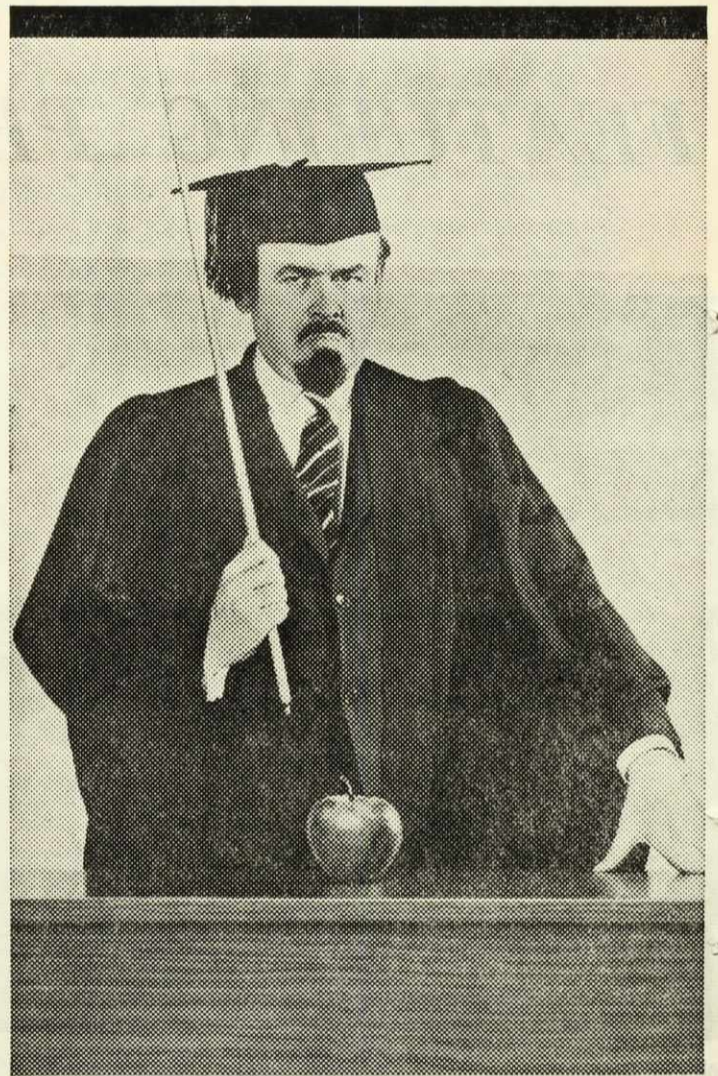
One reason for this, he suggested, was that the Civil Service officials were visiting the universities at the beginning of the academic year and talking to graduating students who had not had time to

think over the possibilities of a career with the Civil Service, and consequently were not applying.

The new system, being introduced on a trial basis following discussion with university placement officers and faculty, would allow interested students to consider over the summer months the opportunities offered by the Civil Service and to make up their mind in good time to write the Civil Service entrance exams at the beginning of November.

The team visiting Dalhousie will consist of J. F. Parkinson, Dept. of Finance; H. M. Maddick, Dept. of Trade and Commerce, J. R. Maybee, External Affairs, and J. Y. Harcourt, university liaison officer and co-ordinator of recruitment.

Time and place of the meeting will be posted on bulletin boards later.



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