

British Union Debating Team Defeats Evans And Tennant

John Thane and David Penrey-Davy of the British Union debating team Monday defeated Burn Evans and Marilyn Tennant, U of A debaters.

The British team took the affirmative of the resolution, "Politics is too serious a business to be left to the intellectuals," at the Oxford Union debate in Convocation Hall.

OXFORD DEBATE

Since it was an Oxford Union debate, the audience was encouraged to criticize any comments made by the speakers. A question period was held before the rebuttal.

"Politics is too serious to be left to anyone," said Thane. "We do not wish to exclude the intellectuals."

"A government of intellectuals is not best suited to meet the demands of government," he continued. "Stevenson was the salvation of U.N. but never was elected president and Pearson has never had the support that Diefenbaker did."

"Many problems of government are not intellectual problems," said Penrey-Davy.

"Emotions, common sense and understanding are important in politics," he said.

"Parliament is a reflection on the world outside," he continued, "and can not only reflect the interests of one group."

COMPLEX PROBLEMS

"Many problems of government are becoming more complex," said Burn Evans. "The non-intellectual is not able to understand and correlate the important facts."

"Government must plan for the

future," he continued. "The non-intellectual is often unable to see the long-term effects of an issue."

"There are no politics in Canada," said Marilyn Tennant. "Political parties do not differ in their philosophy or issues but only on electoral strength."

"The intellectual is reluctant to enter politics," she continued. "When Canadians face the issues of economics, separatism and hyphenated Canadianism, then the intellectual will enter the realm of politics."

Firemen Fight Two Hr. Blaze At Pilot Plant

Edmonton city firemen Tuesday fought a stiff breeze, sub-zero temperatures and fire at the Alberta Research Council pilot plant.

Fire department officials said heavy damage was caused to research equipment, but damage to the building was light.

The two-hour blaze is believed to have started in a bin of wood shavings saturated in a light oil.

Fire department officials said Tuesday a spark from a welding torch operated by a second floor repair crew touched off the blaze.

Hampered by temperatures approaching -30 degrees, firefighters still managed to quell the flames before the main building was damaged.

The pilot plant contains laboratories involved in chemical engineering research.

EQUIPMENT DAMAGED

"The fire didn't destroy any of our records,—most of the loss was to equipment," said Dr. Norbert Berkowitz, head of the research council.

Most of the work to get things back to normal will be clean up work and restocking of supplies, he said.

Estimates of damage are not yet available. The building is insured.

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British Debaters Notice Conservative Attitudes

By HELENE CHOMIAK

Canadians have a very limited sphere of tolerance, say David Penrey-Davy and John Thane.

The two British students are debating in Canadian universities on a tour sponsored by the British Commonwealth Relations offices.

"For example," he continued, "I was dismayed to find that Waterloo University is the only university in Canada which has a bar on

campus."

"When I heard a teacher was dismissed because he was an atheist," he continued, "I was shocked. I wanted to run away."

UNBEARABLE

"This type of attitude is unbearable," he said.

"Canadians are very conservative in their attitudes," said Thane. "This attitude extends to every field."

"There is a narrow consensus into which all Canadian politicians fit," he continued. "The only difference in Canadian politics are the few NDP's."

When asked about the Social Credit party they said Social Credit seems to be a very foreign party. "It is different in B.C. than in Alberta and the Creditists seem to be another group altogether," said Thane.

CULT

"The party seems to be mainly a cult of personality," he said, "and Alberta strikes me more as a theocracy than anything."

The students were very sympathetic with the separatist issue. "They have a strong case," said Penrey-Davy, "but English Canadians are very intolerant to their demands."

"Most English Canadians wish the separatists would just keep quiet," agreed Thane. "There seems to be an assumption that the English are always superior."

"The west is simply indifferent," said Thane. "To them separatism is just a lot of noise."

Short Shorts For Next Month Due Jan. 5

This is the last Gateway for 1964.

Next deadline for Short Shorts is Tuesday, January 5, 1965, 7 p.m.

Short Shorts for that issue should include all events up to Sunday, January 24, 1965, when an exam-riddled Gateway staff produces another newspaper.

Confusing, isn't it?



—Scarth Photos

FREEZING FIREMEN FIGHT FIRE — Two icicle-clad Edmonton city firemen mount an offensive (see insert) while a third stands there wiggling his toes to keep out the cold. This was the scene Tuesday as firemen quelled a two-hour blaze in the Alberta Research Centre.

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Graduate Study At McMaster University

- One student in eight at McMaster is a graduate student, studying for a master's or Ph.D. degree in an Arts, Science or Engineering Department.
 - Most are receiving generous year-round Scholarship or Fellowship financial support.
 - Most of those holding National or Provincial awards have also been granted supplementary University Scholarships or Assistantships.
 - All are enjoying the many benefits of close individual guidance and regular personal consultation with their faculty supervisors, a situation made possible by a 1:2 Instructor-Student ratio.
 - Many are participating in exciting and challenging new programs of interdisciplinary research in fields such as Chemical Physics, as well as in Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology.
 - All have the rare opportunity of extending their cultural and intellectual boundaries as members of a graduate student body that is half Canadian and half from foreign countries.
 - Science and Engineering students have available to them the most advanced research facilities, such as the Nuclear Reactor.
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