

NDP CLUB MEETING DISCUSSES FOUNDER

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Mr. Jeffrey Sack, spoke to a meeting of the campus NDP Club Thursday. His subject was the book, "Prophet in Politics", a biography, of J.S. Woodsworth, founder of the CCF movement in Canada. While Mr. Sack's summary was often sketchy on circumstances surrounding events in Mr. Woodworth's life, it did reveal, superficially at least, two very cogent facts. First, Mr. Woodworth was a man holding great ideals, the pursuit of which he refused to compromise even when it meant extreme hardship for himself and his family. Secondly, these ideals appear to have become deeply ingrained in the political philosophy of the New Democratic Party, as evidenced by much of their work in Saskatchewan, where it forms the provincial government.

BLAMED BIG BUSINESS

Briefly, Woodworth's concern was always for the down-trodden, for those who did not get a fair shake in life. These were the unskilled laborers, the small farmers, often beset with steep mortgages in hard times, and those who for one reason or another were unable to support themselves. The blame for these deplorable conditions as he saw them on the Prairies in the 'twenties and 'thirties he blamed squarely on big business and the entrepreneurial classes, whose sole concern, he maintained, was for max-

imization of profit. Woodworth supported these charges with evidence of pressure by business for an unrestricted immigration policy, which permitted depression of the wage level almost to the subsistence point for many of the less skilled workers; the fact that business showed a negligible interest in employee welfare schemes such as disability benefit funds, pension plans, and support of unemployment insurance. The final factor which raised his ire was the total refusal of business to deal with their employees collectively through unions.

HATED WAR

Mr. Woodworth hated war on two counts. Primarily, he saw it as a senseless waste of human life, and moreover he felt that the only benefits of war accrued to the profiteers in armament production, who not only thrived on war, but generally caused it as well. He always advocated an isolationist policy for Canada, and strongly opposed her entry into both world wars.

In summary, Mr. Sack's talk indicated that the paramount need expressed in Rev. Woodworth's philosophy is the necessity of giving a fair standard of living to those groups who are generally oppressed and underprivileged. This he felt must always overshadow such consideration as aggregate economic well-being, and the growth factor in gross national product.



DEAN SPEAKS — Dr. Walter C. MacKenzie, Dean of Medicine at the University of Alberta, gave the John Stewart Memorial lectures at Dalhousie last week. Dr. MacKenzie (centre) is shown with Dalhousie Dean of Medicine Dr. Chester B. Stewart, (right) and Dr. Ian MacKenzie, professor of surgery at Dalhousie. (Purdy Photo)

SCM COFFEE SESSION DISCUSS EDUCATION

"The university should bring students face to face with everyday decisions . . . it should liberate the mind from superstition. . . it is to discover truth." These were some of the reasons given for the existence of a university at the SCM discussion last week. Under the chairmanship of Prof. A.D. MacDonald, the panel was composed of Prof. W.J. Archibald, Fr. Lloyd Robertson, Don Oliver and Tim Grew.

Each member of the panel gave his ideas on higher education. It was generally agreed that "a little learning is a dangerous thing." Commented Mr. Oliver, "A little bit of philosophy makes one an atheist and a lot of philosophy turns one to God." After the individual addresses

the panel answered questions from the floor. One question, "What is faith?" aroused a heated discussion, the main participants in which were Fr. Robertson and Prof. MacDonald. "Faith," said Fr. Robertson, "is believing something on the testimony of someone else (is Christ)" and he added, "Faith is not a question of knowledge. . . it is a question of will." Prof. MacDonald, however, felt this definition was too restrictive and suggested faith as "a quality of life so as to meet the crises that one faces."

Fr. Robertson countered by saying that this definition of faith refers in reality to education and knowledge. "Faith, unlike education, is a gift from God, and cannot be learned out of a textbook."

Alberta Dean gives lecture

Dr. Walter C. MacKenzie, Dean of Medicine at the University of Alberta said Wednesday that Africa needs Canadian doctors. Dr. MacKenzie was speaking at the John Stewart Memorial lectures in the 36th annual Dalhousie refresher course series. He told students that although Canada thinks her proportion of doctors is low, the situation in Africa is much worse.

In his lecture "Geographic Patterns of Disease", Dr. MacKenzie stressed the effect of environment on disease patterns. He said that "human disease, particularly in Africa is really the maladjustment of humans to their environment." Besides those diseases common to all mankind, Africa has tropical diseases as well as those attributable to low hygiene standards and malnutrition.

"It is tragic when one considers that a little skim milk would alleviate many of the conditions that take a heavy toll of child life." Liver diseases are common and pregnancy is complicated by meningitis and malnutrition. Dr. MacKenzie said that there were four or five cases of tetanus in every hospital that he visited.

The lecture was illustrated by coloured slides showing patients in diseases almost unheard-of in North America or Europe. Most diseases are in advanced stages. Dr. MacKenzie commented, making patients "walking pathological museums."

Dr. MacKenzie said that understaffed missions lacking adequate money and supplies, were doing a "magnificent job. These medical missions are opening the gates of mercy for mankind."

Earlier in the meeting Dr. A.E. Kerr traced the progress of medical research at Dalhousie since World War II and made a plea for support of the \$16,000,000 building fund for needed facilities.

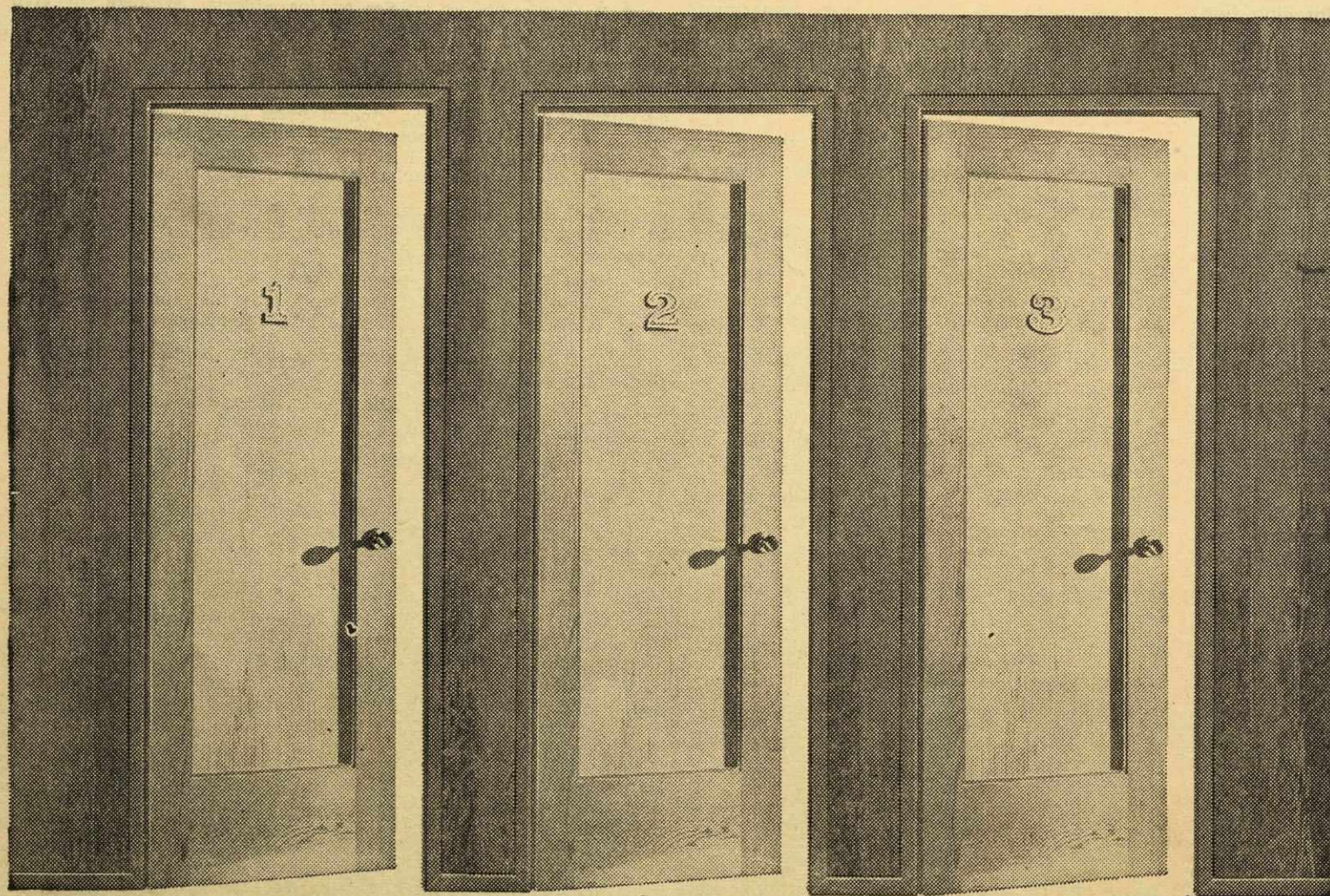
Dal Ski Club gets deductions

A number of ski enthusiasts turned out for the third meeting of Dalhousie's Ski Club November 7. President Tony Roy told members that transportation to Wentworth Valley will be by CNR at reduced student rates.

Accommodations are available for students at the Youth Hostel. Membership fees for the hostel range from \$3.50 to \$7.50 with a small overnight fee of about \$1. This membership is also good throughout the thirty countries of the International Youth Hostel Federation.

Students must also join the Wentworth Valley Ski Club, but special rates will be available. All fees should be paid as soon as possible to Jack Killin.

A ski show will be held December 1 at the Anglican Diocese. There will be a display of ski equipment and fashions and a ski exchange. Anyone interested is invited to attend.



THREE DOORWAYS TO A REWARDING FUTURE

Here are three attractive plans that cater for the varying circumstances

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