

Canada Service Bureaus axed by Tories

by Suzette C. Chan

Canada Service Bureaus across the country are scheduled to close at the end of the year, but one Edmonton business is circulating a petition to keep the Edmonton bureau open.

Hobbitt's Bookstore, at 10144-101 st., next door to the CSB, has collected "a couple of hundred names" since it started circulating the petition in mid-November, says Hobbitt's manager Barry Saibe.

It was then that federal Finance Minister Michael Wilson announced the country's 11 CSBs would be closed as of Dec. 31 as a cost cutting measure.

The CSBs started in 1980 after the then-Liberal government acted upon a survey conducted by the department of Supply and Services. The survey indicated Canadians preferred to deal with government information officers in person rather than on the phone or by mail.

Brenda Cameron, manager of the Edmonton bureau, says she and Don Savaria, now the CSB Regional Director, were hired to initiate the service.

"We're a referral centre for federal programs and information," says Cameron. "A lot of university students and faculty use the service, but there's a wide variety (of clients): lawyers, doctors, small business and boy scouts and girl scouts. Younger levels of schools, like elementary, use it for projects and posters and so on."

A popular service which Cameron says will continue to the 31st is the National Job Bank.

The Job Bank is programmed into the Telidon computer and has notices for public and private jobs across the country.

Last year, the Job Bank and other services were well used. "(The service was constantly growing and without advertising," says Cameron. "The service is not being cut because it wasn't being used. It was just part of the budget cuts and this was a very visible cut."

She adds, "In Edmonton and Calgary last year we dealt with 150,000 telephone inquiries and 3000 walk-ins."

After the CSB office at 10138-101 st. closes, inquiries about the federal government and its programs



"The public will lose" as the Canada Service Bureau closes due to budget cuts

Photo Bill St. John

will be fielded by phone at 420-2021 but publications will be available at local MPs offices and department offices.

But Cameron doubts people will be as well served by telephone as

they are in person. "It (the closure) affects me personally, after all I started it. But I think it's going to be a sad thing when it's gone. The federal government is too large and spread out not to have a referral

service like this.

"It's a hell of a good service and they'll probably never replace it. It's the public that will lose."

Disarmament through public education

by Peter Block

Halting the race toward nuclear annihilation is a difficult but achievable goal, says Dr. Fred Ustina, a representative of Educators for Peace.

The campus organization strives to obtain its goals through public education and is open to anyone with an interest in education, including educators, students and parents of students.

Ustina's optimism stems from observing the results of the peace movements in New Zealand, Australia and Denmark.

New Zealand has declared itself a nuclear-free zone and the recent Australian election demonstrated the strength of the new Nuclear Disarmament Party in that country.

Most impressive for Ustina is the success of the Danish peace movement.

Denmark was prepared to commit 75 million Kroner toward the cost of deploying Cruise and MX missiles in Europe. But due to strong opposition to this plan Denmark is no longer supporting

Cruise and MX deployment financially and, while still a member of NATO, recently supported a United Nations motion on multinational disarmament.

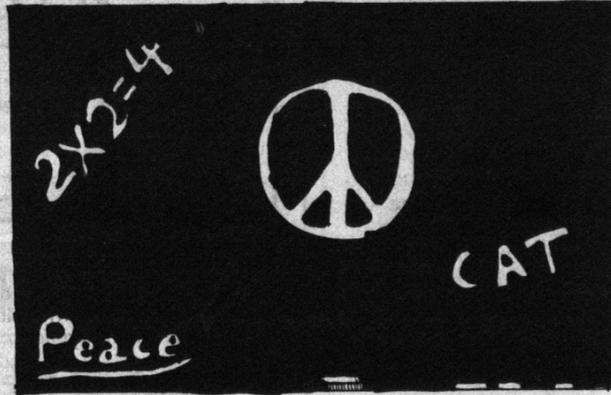
While 111 countries, including the U.S.S.R. and two NATO members (Denmark and Greece), supported the UN vote, Canada and 11 other countries opposed the motion.

Most disheartening for Ustina was that Canada's opposing vote was cast by Doug Roche, who, prior to being named Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament, supported such a proposal.

Ustina believes, "Canada, in the interests of peace and as a spokesperson for the Canadian people, had an obligation to vote in favor of the (disarmament) motion."

When asked if this would not mean a break in NATO policy, Ustina cited the other NATO members who supported disarmament and added, "we should not follow a suicidal policy simply because of our membership."

When asked if a nuclear freeze at



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this time would mean nothing more than Soviet superiority, Ustina responded, "Superiority in what? Talk of superiority in nuclear (capabilities) is idle talk." The U.S.S.R. is the first to admit there can be no victors in a nuclear war and the government has fully apprised its citizens of the horrors of nuclear war.

On both of these counts, Ustina claims, the U.S. has failed.

Ustina answers the charge that the peace movement is simply anti-American by outlining the goals of the peace movement, and then examining the records of the two superpowers.

"One of our principle aims has been to bring about a freeze in development and deployment of new weapons."

Ustina states, "The U.S.S.R. is in favor; the U.S. is against. The U.S.S.R. declared no first use — not only no first strike — but no first use of nuclear weapons." Efforts must be directed at those against these policies, according to Ustina.

If it were the U.S.S.R. which opposed these proposals, Ustina said he would have no hesitation in directing his efforts at the U.S.S.R.

But has the theory of deterrence not prevented a nuclear war? In reply, Ustina quotes author Paul Goodman: "With reasonable men I will reason." The horizontal proliferation of nuclear weapons means "some idiot with a finger on the atomic trigger will pull it to achieve his own ends," according to Ustina.

This does not account for the possibility of nuclear war by accident," said Ustina. "How many sleep more soundly with a nuclear umbrella protecting us?"

Educators for Peace are meeting this Sunday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Education 2-115 North.

After the meeting there will be a panel discussion with Father Kevin Lynch of the Catholic School Board, Jim Fields of Psychologists for Peace, Dr. Mike Donoff from Physicians for Social Responsibility, Dave Werlin of the Alberta Federation of Labor and Helen Ready, of Alberta Nurses for Nuclear Disarmament.

The meeting is open to the public and more information can be obtained from Dr. Ustina at 432-0047.

Socred cuts close B.C. colleges

ABBOTSFORD, B.C. (CUP) — A satellite college campus in this Fraser Valley town will shut its doors to 3,000 students at the end of next summer because of shrinking government funds for education.

The Mission, B.C. campus of Fraser Valley College, which offers a community outreach programme to nearby native Indian reserves, is the latest casualty in a round of Social Credit government cutbacks to satellite campuses.

According to Earling Close, the college's student and college services dean, the B.C. government is systematically cutting funding for satellite campuses within 50 kilometres of the main community colleges.

"You ain't seen nothing yet," he said. "This is just an early warning of what we can expect in the future."

Close said Mission's closure means many of the 3,000 students will not be able to go to school after the summer semester ends. He said they will have to compete for spots in Fraser Valley's main campus but not all will be admitted because the college recently imposed enrolment restrictions.

The college boasts that it has one of the largest per capita native student enrolments in the province, but the participation rate of natives

in the area will decrease as a result as well, he said.

The announced closure comes in the wake of another campus shutdown in the province. The first was the announcement recently that Okanagan College in Kelowna will end university transfer programmes at two of its satellite campuses, Penticton and Salmon Arm. About 273 students in the interior will have to seek other education facilities and 48 full-time faculty and staff will be fired.

In addition, Capilano College in North Vancouver may abolish support services for women, disabled, part-time and adult basic education as well as reduce library hours

and the numbers of some arts programmes.

Though Okanagan College faces a \$2.1 million shortfall next year, it is not known how much of a shortfall the other two institutions, Capilano and Fraser valley, face. But all three college boards will likely have to grapple with up to a five per cent decrease in funding next year.

The government's cutback in satellite campus funds is a policy spreading throughout the province, Close said.

"They (the government) are just cutting back and cutting back until they get some kind of response," he said.

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