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FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW—A large crowd of campus well-wishers greet Prime Minister Pearson as he arrives at the Jubilee Auditorium in the western sweep of his non-campaign. Mr. Pearson's comment centred on the necessity for strong central government. (See story page 3.)

Teach-in and ribbon of dimes highlight National Student Day

By PETER ENNS

Campus and downtown activities will be U of A students' contributions to National Student Day, Wednesday.

Education action programs will be held to enhance the awareness of both university and the community at large on various issues of importance today.

A teach-in will take place in the form of four panels. Portable microphones will be stationed in the aisles so that the audience can participate.

Included among the notables on the various panels will be Premier E. C. Manning; cabinet ministers Hon. A. O. Aalborg and Hon. R. H. McKinnon; Basil Dean, publisher of the Edmonton Journal and Colwyn Williamson, philosophy lecturer and editor of Commonsense.

Panels will be held at 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The first panel will discuss the roles of the university in the community: the morality of it all. Here the audience will discuss the questions:

- should students demonstrate in order to make the public aware of their views?
- do universities have the right to sponsor teach-ins?
- should faculty take part in discussion of public issues?

The second panel will discuss the economics of education—should it be free?

The 7 p.m. panel will discuss education and party politics. Representatives of the respective political parties will be there to tell what they have done, are doing and will do for education.

The climate of Canadian thought will be the topic of the last discussion of the teach-in.

Permission has been obtained from city council to stage a "coins for college" march on Jasper Avenue.

This is not a demonstration. It will be a graphical representation

of the cost of education.

The march will begin 8 p.m. Wednesday on the Royal Bank corner. Students' council hopes as many students as possible will be downtown.

It is hoped by the National Student Day committee that \$1,500 will be collected to form the ribbon of dimes on adhesive tape alongside Jasper Ave.

The money will go for grants to needy students.

A depot will open in SUB Tuesday for students to contribute their dimes.

Pamphlets entitled "Education—

A Privilege or a Right" will be distributed downtown and on campus Wednesday.

Students' council is hoping to arrange assemblies in Edmonton high schools to publicize National Student Day.

Wednesday's program is probably the most important and constructive issue in which students will be involved, says National Student Day chairman, Bruce Olsen.

"Students' council plans to do much to try to break the attitude barriers, social barriers, and financial barriers toward education," he says.

Expansion policy criticized

By AL BROMLING

Acquisition of land for the university's expansion into North Garneau has caused some deterioration of the area, a university official admitted Tuesday.

He rejected criticism of some North Garneau residents who termed the university's policy uncertain and badly-planned from the beginning.

J. M. Whidden, chairman of the land acquisition committee, says the acquisition policy has been explained to the residents and they are free to sell to the university at any time.

The North Garneau area was declared a public works development area by order-in-council Aug. 12. This effectively prevents any land transfers except to the government for university use.

Mr. Whidden says any landowner may offer his land for sale to the university—stating his asking price. Should the discrepancy between the landowners asking price and the government appraiser's assessment make the issue non-negotiable, the landowner can request expropriation procedures in the courts.

"We have acquired 50 properties with values between \$12,000 and \$35,000 since the 1960 zoning decisions — all of these by negotiations," says Mr. Whidden.

"We expect some of the transfers will be made only

after expropriation proceedings have set the price."

One-half of the 50 properties now owned by the university are rented to students through a rental agency, while the other 25 are used by the university and maintained by the staff.

"It's the other 25 buildings occupied by students which are not properly cared for," he says.

Mr. Whidden says the main objectors to the university's acquisition procedures are the people who are making a living by renting and boarding students.

"It is unfortunate for some of the people, but the land must be appraised as a residential area and we are sure a fair adjustment can be made," he says.

The landowners have had two years to sell on the open market since a public announcement in July, 1962 informed the landowners the university would begin buying the land.

In its public announcement the university asked the landowners to "offer their properties for sale at a fair market price based on present use."

This summer Garneau residents received letters informing them they would have to deal with the department of public works only since the area was declared a special area by the government. North Garneau extends from 87 Ave. to Saskatchewan Drive between 110 and 112 Streets.

Residents hit campus move into Garneau

Disregard for earnings, poor appraisals, garner criticism

The intended expansion of the university into Garneau has upset many of the area's landowners.

Plans call for the land in Garneau to be sold to the university through the department of public works within the next ten years but residents have three objections.

The first objection is a financial one. The government appraisers have evaluated the homes but have neglected to take into account the future earning power of the houses. Also, the appraisals tend to be too low, according to some residents.

The majority of the residents accept the fact that they cannot halt progress but they have a feeling of being dispossessed.

Many residents make their living renting rooms to university students. They disagree that their property should be evaluated strictly as a private dwelling.

One gentleman commented, "I'm going to lose my whole living outside of one small pension when they take my home. I've spent money in this house as a home and a business and now I lose both. I just wish it had never happened."

Most of the Garneau residents interviewed in a Gateway survey declined to have their names published because they felt it might interfere with their negotiations with the government.

Older people and widows make up many of the landholders and they are reluctant to bind themselves to the long-term mortgages necessary to acquire a new home.

Said one man about the low appraisals, "We can't stop progress but the university will not pay us enough to buy another house of the same quality in another district."

The third objection is that the university is making a beautiful residential area into a slum. They point to the fact that the university does not keep up the houses that it has purchased very well. "They never cut their lawns or hedges and they leave lots of beer bottles around," said one Garneau dweller.

As an alternative to buying up Garneau, some of the landholders want to know why the university did not make Windsor Park the object of development.

Feeling was that this would have been less costly than buying land in Garneau but that the university would not consider Windsor Park because they would lose face.

Another resident who wished to remain nameless said: "by buying back Windsor Park the government would be showing their lack of foresight, so therefore they won't —although the houses in this area are cheaper."