

WUSC Is Dead

DAVIS REPLIES WITH FACTS

by GARY DAVIS

The local Treasure Van people can rest easy, because this is not a reprisal for that childish slandersheet published by Tom Forbes and Malcolm Goldman at the students' expense last week. This is merely a statement of some interesting facts about the World University Service of Canada and Treasure Van.

* WUSC pays its head man in Canada \$12,000 annually, and when he threatens to leave this year, he will probably get a raise again.

* The Canadian Union of Students is considering withdrawing its recognition of WUSC because of the way it is run.

* Last year's CUS President, Pat Kenniff, wrote a paper on WUSC, urging that CUS remove any association it has with the organization.

* Treasure Van made almost \$26,000 last year.

* This money is used to pay head office personnel.

* Last year WUSC expended over \$20,000 additional dollars on 'administrative expenses' for Treasure Van. This is over and above the \$43,000 for 'selling expenses' and \$14,000 for 'wages' for Treasure Van.

* This year Treasure Van expects to double its profit, and sales are already far above last year's.

* 85% of the sale price of

Treasure Van goods disappear in the form of exporters commissions, damage and depreciation writeoffs, and other charges.

* In addition to Treasure Van, students at UNB support WUSC through a grant of more than \$1500 to WUSC, plus extra grants to send WUSC personnel on trips to seminars, conferences, and so on.

* Representatives from the head office of WUSC are quick to fly to all parts of Canada when crises arise. They fly at the expense of WUSC. They fly on short notice, with little concern for planning regional trips during their voyages. WUSC headquarters staff do not try to conceal these facts.

* Local WUSC personnel, who are volunteers, have an explicit faith in the national office. They are not anxious to lose this faith. They defend WUSC with a religious devotion.

* Early in the term, the SRC defeated a motion to remove WUSC from the council. WUSC has the power to make motions. It has speaking priority over students from the floor. The motion was defeated after a half-hearted debate in which little was said for either side.

* Indications are that important Council members, including the President, are not

in favour of WUSC. The question may arise again.

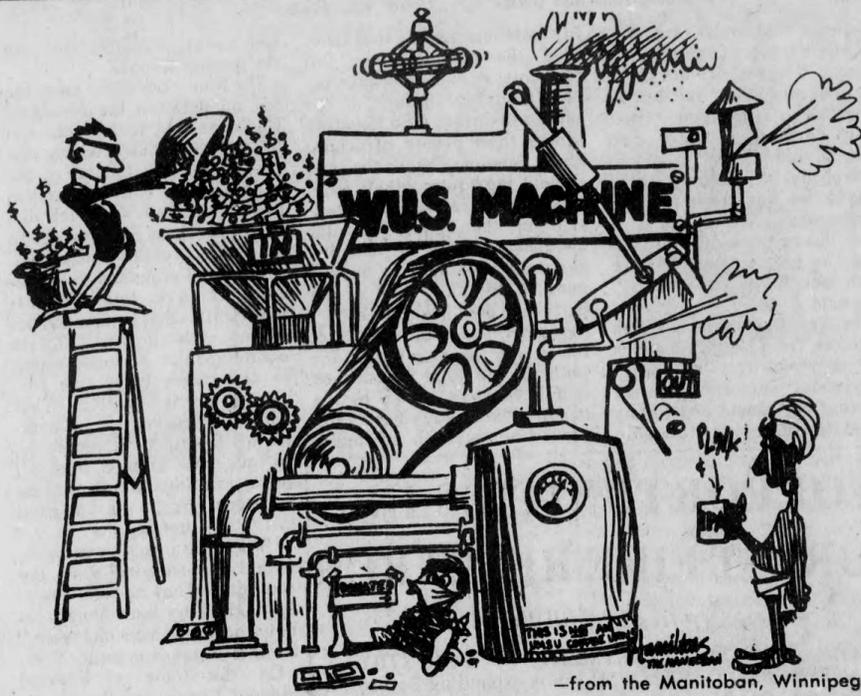
One might feel that the writer has aligned these points in order to form an argument against WUSC or Treasure Van. Well, they speak for themselves in any order.

WUSC Chairman Dave Kam-

weti is not stirred to defend his organization's existence. Perhaps there is no defense. Treasure Van Chairman Forbes and Malcolm Goldman are busy writing attacks on the Brunswickan and Gary Davis. Their organization futures depend on the success of this sale, or so they seem to think.

Collectively the incompetence and passiveness of the local committee and its subcommittees may mark the death of WUSC at UNB. Across the country the clouds are forming for a deluge of anti-WUSC campaigning.

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Too bad.



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