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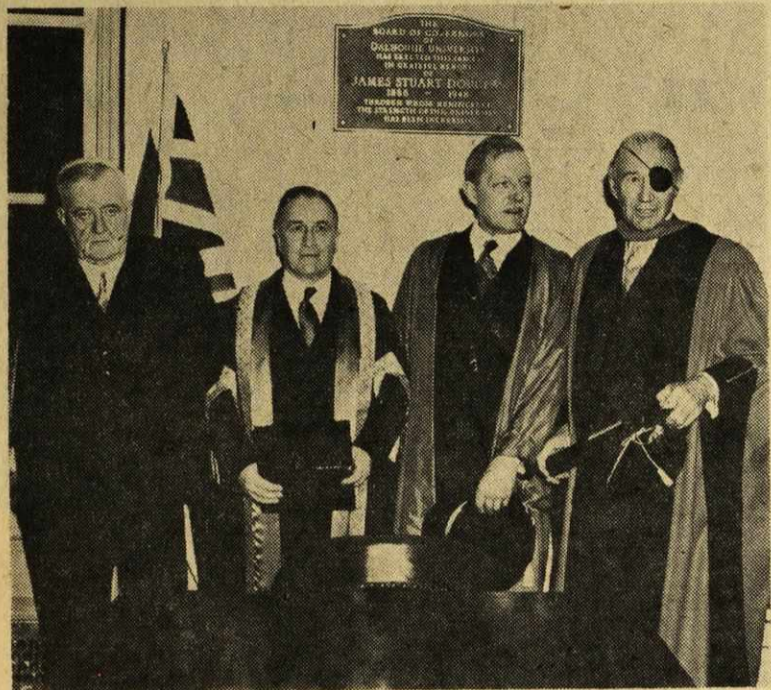
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## REFERENDUM SCHEDULED TOMORROW



OFFICIATED AT CEREMONY: The Honorable Dr. Lewis William Douglas, following a special Convocation Saturday afternoon when an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by the University, officially opened the new Arts Administration Building. Dr. Douglas is shown above with, left to right, W. McGregor Stewart, Dr. A. E. Kerr and Colonel K. C. Laurie.

—Photo by Williams.

### Special Convocation Marks Opening Of New Building

Another milestone was reached in the long and romantic history of Dalhousie University this past Saturday afternoon when a special convocation was held to mark the official opening of the new Arts and Administration Building.

The convocation, which was attended by several hundred distinguished guests from far-reaching points in the province, and had as its guests of honour, the former United States ambassador to Great Britain, Hon. Dr. Lewis William Douglas, the Board of Governors and the members of the senate of the university took place in the gym at three o'clock. The three-fold purpose of the convocation, as outlined by University President Dr. A. E. Kerr, was to confer an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Dr. Douglas, formally open the new building, and to unveil a tablet in memory of Dr. Douglas's father, the late James Stuart Douglas.

The audience rose as requested upon the entrance into the casino of the academic procession and remained erect until the "so be it" of the prayer of invocation offered by the Right Reverend R. H. Waterman, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia and Chairman of the Board of Governors at King's College.

Dean Wilson, head of the faculty of Arts and Science, then presented Dr. Douglas to Dr. Kerr by introducing him as "an economist who believes in economy and an outstanding personage in the field of finance." Dr. Kerr bestowed the honorary LL.B. upon Dr. Douglas, who followed with a short address on the modern conflicts of nations, in which he stated that modern war is not an episode, but total warfare with the ultimate goal of total victory, and an aftermath of social and economic disorganization and moral disruption of both the victor and the vanquished. The former president of McGill University apologized for his great successes, which have made him one of the outstanding figures in public life in the English-speaking world of today, by jesting that he "never had opportunity to make a mistake."

Following this, the gathering adjourned to the new building for the ceremonies of opening and dedication.

On arrival the procession entered the Founder's Room, where Lieutenant-Colonel K. C. Laurie, Chairman of the Dalhousie Board of Governors, made a short address touching on the Dalhousie Story from the old grammar college on the site of the present Halifax City

Hall, to its present prominence as one of the foremost universities in the Dominion. On behalf of the university he thanked all who have assisted in any way in the construction of the new \$1,600,000 structure.

The Reverend W. McCulloch Thompson, oldest graduate in Dalhousie Theology, then gave a prayer of dedication followed by the singing of the hymn "O God Our Help In Ages Past".

President Kerr gave a brief talk prior to the unveiling of the memorial. He told of how Mr. Fraser of Montreal had canvassed Mr. Douglas's donation after the campaign for funds had begun in 1947, and the latter was likened to Goldsmith's "Man In Black" because of his utmost attempts to conceal his philanthropic tendencies. The donation itself becomes even more of a Ripleyism when one learns that Dr. Douglas had never even seen the province of Nova Scotia, let alone Dalhousie, but had heard of its admirable reputation.

Dr. Douglas unveiled the plaque, and prompted on by Col. Laurie the crowd sang to the music of "God Save The King" to close out the official ceremonies.

A reception at Sheriff Hall followed and all were invited.

Saturday evening a dinner was given by the American Consul-General, Cabot Coville, and Mrs. Coville, in honour of the occasion.

#### NEWS BRIEFS

The Women's Division of the Alumni Association has a loan fund available for women students.

This fund has been established for the benefit of those needing financial assistance to complete their year or course.

Applicants for loans must have a good scholastic record and should be in their third or fourth year. In special circumstances, applicants in their second year may be considered.

**BE SURE TO VOTE  
TOMORROW!**

### Executive Of NFCUS Makes Eastern Tour

OTTAWA—(CUP)—Secretary-treasurer of the National Federation of Canadian University Students, Yves Pilon, will make a tour of universities in the Quebec-Maritime region after the New Year.

Pilon is also secretary of the NFCUS-sponsored Canadian University Debating Society and will visit the various campi in that capacity as well. This is the first year that the permanent executive, rather than the president of NFCUS, is establishing contact with the various universities. Two non-NFCUS universities will be included in the tour as a goodwill gesture. So far no official comment has been made by the official on the proposed tour of Canadian universities by Russian students.

### "Arcadia" Paper News In "Time"

The Acadia Athenaeum and Dr. Watson Kirkconnell made the pages of Time magazine this week as the question of inviting 15 Soviet students to Canada reached new heights. Severely misquoting Dr. Kirkconnell the weekly news magazine stated, "Loudest support for the federation's (NFCUS) decision came from Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, president of Acadia University, cried he: 'Any student who would be willing to go from Canada would in any case be a rank fellow traveller.'"

Arcadia's Athenaeum, the student newspaper, argued that there weren't any students at Acadia "intellectually" capable of discussing politics and economics with visiting Russians anyway.

Dr. Kirkconnell points out the difficulty of finding young Canadians who spoke enough Russian to enter Soviet university life, who would be persona grata to the Soviet passport officials, and who would really want to go. He then adds that the type of student who would be keen to go would be a fellow traveller.

The Time article, misleading as it was, was an attempt on the part of the magazine to shed further light on the controversy now taking place on university campi from British Columbia to Nova Scotia. Its origin goes back to the failure of the NFCUS conference held in London this Summer, to ratify Denis Lazure's invitation to 15 Soviet students to visit Canadian campi. Since NFCUS's decision was made known, dissenting groups have voiced their opinion in nearly every university newspaper in Canada. At the present time the NFCUS decision remains fixed.

### Dal Students Hear Talks On Business

The 12th annual conference of Industrial and Business Management took place last week at the Lord Nelson Hotel. The main work of the conference was a series of five lectures on Advance Management, which dealt with the scientific application of the latest thoughts on modern business administration as they apply to the duties of higher management.

The first of these lectures was held Thursday morning and the last Saturday morning, in the Ballroom of the Lord Nelson.

Registration for the lectures was ten dollars, but all Dal students were admitted free on the presentation of a council card.

The lecturer at these sessions was Lt.-Col. Lyndall Urwick, holder of degrees too numerous to mention, and a recent winner of a Gold

### Students To Decide If NFCUS Should Support Plan For Tour Of Campi By Russian Students

At 8.45 a.m. on Wednesday, polls will open at central points on the campus to learn Dalhousie's feelings on a matter of international concern. The question, however, seems to have been slightly misunderstood as evidenced in the Letters to the Editor and in remarks around the campus. This is the problem:

Denis Lazure, a student at the University of Montreal, while a delegate to a conference of Western students in Europe this summer, was given the opportunity to attend a conference, behind the Iron Curtain, of the Communist-dominated I.U.S. HIS ONLY CAPACITY AT THIS CONFERENCE WAS THAT OF NFCUS OBSERVER. After talking to the Russian student group there he saw the way open to extend them an invitation to visit Canada. Although he realized that the proposed tour was more within ISS' province, and although he could not know whether NFCUS would ratify the invitation, he took the chance, and extended the invitation on behalf of that organization.

After a few days the Russians told Mr. Lazure that they could come. They thought that the Russian government would pay their transportation to Canada, and that the students themselves, possibly with government help, could pay for that part of their rail fare in Canada that Canadian students could not finance. THUS EXPENSE IS NOT THE ISSUE. Mr. Lazure's whole conversation with the Russians was at a very general level. (They discussed the possibility of the Russians paying for their trip by means of cultural performances in Canada.)

The question of an exchange Canadian tour was discussed but Denis was unable to say whether Canadian students could get government aid. This half of the proposal was left undecided. THE QUESTION OF CANADIANS VISITING RUSSIA IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REFERENDUM. It has been expressly omitted to enable students to give their opinions without making it conditional.

It is not known whether Canadian students would be able to go to Russia or not. The issue is: SHALL WE REFUSE TO ADMIT RUSSIAN STUDENTS TO CANADIAN CAMPI WHEN THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF AN INVITATION TO COME?

The decision in Europe of Mr. Lazure's, and whether or not you agree with the step he took, it is not the issue in the referendum. NFCUS admits that the proposal is outside NFCUS usual sphere, but at this stage NFCUS is the only group that can handle it. The annual conference of NFCUS representatives at London, Ontario, this September, in full understanding of the situation, refused to ratify the invitation and a letter was sent by

Medal awarded for work in the field of scientific management.

The whole deal was jointly sponsored by the Halifax Board of Trade, the Maritime Bureau of Industrial Relations and the Canadian Manufacturers Association, and was managed by C. Fred Fraser, professor of Industrial Relations at Dalhousie.

### Classes In New Building After Christmas?

Provided the classrooms can be prepared in time and seats moved in, classes will be held in the new Arts and Administration Building immediately after the Christmas holidays. Word to this effect has been received from the Registrar's office.

NFCUS to Russia, informing the students that the invitation had been withdrawn.

The reasons given by the delegates for opposing the motion were (1) fear that NFCUS would get a Red reputation on the campi such as ISS has had to combat through being confused with IUS; (2) the representatives could not guess the feeling of the students they represented, on the proposal. For this reason Dalhousie abstained. The matter was then publicized and opinions were voiced across Canada. The Dalhousie Gazette in an editorial challenged the first reason for opposing the plan. The Editor pointed out that "whether Canadian students are going to allow themselves to be browbeaten into following the mass hysteria attitude against Communism prevalent in the U.S. depends on just such decisions", and she has re-echoed the charge that NFCUS displayed an unbecoming cowardice in the face of possible "McCarthyism." Opinion has varied greatly although it is generally agreed that NFCUS is playing with fire.

A few weeks after the conference in London the annual ISS conference was held, and regret was shown that the matter had not fallen to Canadian ISS, and also that NFCUS' letter to Russia had been sent before campus opinion was investigated. The speaker for McGill said "ISS represents the highest forms of internationalism in Canada. If we feel that NFCUS has not acted for the best in an international matter, we are obligated to ask it to reconsider". The motion was passed and for this reason NFCUS is going to the students. The question you will be asked on the ballot is this: "SHOULD NFCUS SUPPORT THE PLAN FOR A TOUR OF CANADIAN CAMPI BY A GROUP OF RUSSIAN STUDENTS?"

Acadia has opposed the proposal for three reasons: (1) the cost. (2) a Red reputation. (3) Canadian students should be better grounded before encountering such formidable opposition. The Athenaeum claimed that Acadia has no students to pit against the propagandists. The University of Saskatchewan has opposed the idea. McGill, St. F. X. and the University of British Columbia support the plan. Other colleges are still to be heard from. UBC has shown its view by inviting Russian students to share in an exchange study plan. This was not the NFCUS proposal. There has been no thought of an exchange scholarship or study arrangement. The proposal is of a TOUR, probably lasting a few weeks, wherein the Russians would visit interested Canadian campi. Such a plan was undertaken successfully by British and Russian students last year.

Obviously, the proposed tour has tremendous propaganda value for both sides and in order that a truly representative student opinion be secured, it is important that a high percentage of students cast their ballots. BE SURE YOUR OPINION IS RECORDED.

Polling booths and voting times are as follows:

King's College, 8.45-1.15 p.m.  
McDonald Library, 8.45-5.30 p.m.  
Men's Residence, 8.45-4.30 p.m.  
Forrest Building.  
Engineers' Common Room.  
Bring your council card. You cannot vote without it.