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JUSTICE MINISTER FULTON BACKS BILL OF RIGHTS

"There have been times," Justice Minister Davie Fulton said Friday to the assembled Dalhousie Law School, "when government action has taken extensive and literal interference with the rights of individuals. Just stop to think of the extent to which government today enters into almost every realm of human activity: so much of what government does has a direct effect on the individual, that it is essential that there should be some limitation on government activities which interfere with them."

With these words, Mr. Fulton began his presentation of the case for a Bill of Rights, recently proposed by the federal government, to a group of law students and their professors, Dr. Kerr, and Member of Parliament Edmund Morris.

Following introduction by Dean Read, Mr. Fulton commented that "it is indeed remarkable that this Law School has consistently, over many years, contributed leaders to the country."

In speaking for the Bill of Rights, Mr. Fulton assured his audience that the Bill would be a limitation of executive government only; certainly not of the sovereignty of parliament. As to whether such a Bill ought to be written into the constitution or simply enacted in a statute, the Minister continued, "My personal, non-political views are, first, there is the problem of the provinces. There must be a constitutional, legal, and logical foundation for the first step, and therefore nothing must be written into the constitution that might infringe upon provincial authority. It would do more harm than good."

The Bill, Mr. Fulton stated, would only list the fundamental freedoms necessary for the preservation of any democratic society.

By setting an example, he felt, the provinces would be induced to follow suit and enact similar legislation, "which is our goal." Among other advantages for enacting the Bill by statute, Mr. Fulton said that subsequent legislation overriding it "can't be done inadvertently, by subterfuge, or stealthily," by virtue of a required proviso in such future legislation that it was, or was not, overriding the Bill of Rights. This, he concluded "would make it almost as safe, if not as safe, as incorporating it into the BNA Act by constitutional amendment."

During the question period Mr. Fulton was asked his views on a member of parliament's recently introduced private bill for the abolishment of capital punishment.

"I think I'm safe in saying the country wants a full discussion on the matter," he replied. "The government should not do anything that would have the house divide on the basis of a political issue, since this bill is obviously not a political one. The problem is to get the bill before the house . . . the government is anxious to see the matter come on by way of discussion, and would be quite happy to see it come to a free vote."

Upon a second question regarding the "accepted conventions" under which Supreme Court Judges appear to be appointed, Mr. Fulton said "there are, of course, geographical, religious, racial, and lingual considerations. With regard to other conventions I am aware there

is a degree of practical considerations . . . I have recommended appointments, however, and will be prepared to defend, appointments on the basis of the best man available."



Dave Fulton

U.B.C. Students Council Rejects C.U.P. Charter

VANCOUVER—Jan. 25 — (CUP) — The Canadian University Press charter for freedom of the student press has been rejected by the Students' council of UBC on the grounds that it clashes with the student society constitution.

The charter which is supported by the 24 CUP members, asks for freedom from all external influences. It was presented to the UBC council, the Alma Mater Society as a motion for adoption.

At present the AMS controls the financing, and in theory, the censoring of the student paper, The Ubysey, although it has pointed out it does not wish to dictate policy.

In a front page story the paper stated that all but one of the editorial board felt that, "the AM's refusal of the charter, with no reasonable solution, is typical of the uncompromising nature of this administrative body."

However, the AMS treasurer pointed out, "The students' council does not have the power to adopt the charter because it is against the constitution as it now stands."

Members heard a combined progress report and plea for Council support from SUB Committee representative Dave Matheson. Questioned about student participation in helping to finance the project, he said, "We've got to get a price that is psychologically acceptable to the masses and is also going to be sufficient to get the building up." He continued that "an increase

in students' fees will depend on the estimate from the architect. It is very possible that the increase will be \$10 or more."

Following this report, the Council heard some additional comments on the importance of a SUB from Jacques Gerin, National President of NFCUS. "A SUB is more than a benefit; it is an essential. It is the greatest gift that students

can give to the university," he said.

A motion of significance to all campus organizations was proposed by Vice-President Wally Turbull, to the effect that "any organization on the campus that plans to hold a function in conjunction with a charitable organization to raise funds for charity, which might cause a loss of receipts to the Council must first consult with the Council before finalizing plans." This motion was carried unanimously.

Awards Committee Chairman Jim Hurley, whose group has completed a revision of the point system for D's, presented a number of recommendations to the Council for approval. While some adjustments were made concerning organizations currently receiving points, it was decided that no new societies would be admitted to the point system this year.

The Council elected this year's Malcolm Honor Award Committee, consisting of Dr. G. Wilson, permanent member of the committee, Dean W. J. Archibald, George Martell, Kempton Hayes and Dennis Stairs.

Reporting on club activities was DAAC President Spud Chandler who presented the constitution of the newly formed Athletic Board to the Council for ratification. Janet Sinclair, President of the DGAC was also present and emphasized to the Council that the new body marks a significant step forward in co-ordinating the activities of these two important associations.

Election committee representatives Dave Logan and Fred Dobson presented a brief summary of their activities to date in making preparations for the forthcoming Student Council elections.

They expressed the hope that more than the usual two candidates for a position will be running this year and stressed the role of campus societies in finding candidates.

Council Hears S. U. B. Committee Matheson Hedges On Price Must Be "Psychologically Right"

By ROBERT RYAN

A number of lengthy committee reports ranging from the SUB to the D's formed the backbone of February's first Student Council meeting, held last Tuesday evening in the Women's Common Room.

Uninspired Forum Hears Nat. NFCUS President

Jacques Gerin, president of NFCUS, says the Federation will continue to "press the federal government" for more financial assistance to university students.

1. The government could allow income tax deductions for anybody paying university fees.

2. The government could stop taking unemployment insurance deductions from students working during the summer in casual employment.

Mr. Gerin also said the Federation was expanding its operations by widening its scope throughout Canada. He suggested a NFCUS weekly newspaper would come into operation "in the near future."

The forum, chaired by Student Council president Byron Reid, considered other matters of importance to the Campus.

Some students felt the present system of awarding D's to students participating in extra-curricular activities should be abolished. These students felt the system was setting up a "false set of values" for the students to work toward. Some felt that the students who would be awarded D's would gravitate naturally towards the activities in which they participate, and thought students should be "encouraged artificially by a false end." However, the majority of students attending the meeting were hostile to the abolishment of the system.

These students felt the D's were a valid way "for the University to thank the students who have given outstanding service in extra-curricular activities."

No motion was made, but it was agreed the system should continue.

By far the most heated debate was in the discussion of Friday night dances in the gymnasium.

Almost all the students in attendance felt the were in opposition to the "Friday Night Dances." Various ways of amending the situation were introduced. All agreed that the Society holding the Dances should keep out students from Junior and Senior High Schools, who have been attending the dances in numbers over the past few weeks. Some suggested this be done by keeping out all but Dalhousie Students. Others felt that University Student Council cards, over even NFCUS cards, should be the criterion of admittance.

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Byron Reid