

Resolution Highlights Of 21st NFCUS Congress

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Resolution on Scholarships

WHEREAS the world is experiencing a dramatic scientific revolution, and

WHEREAS Canada's natural and industrial resources will play a leading role in the satisfaction of the needs of an underdeveloped world in all sectors of human activity, and

WHEREAS the shortage and increased needs of University trained personnel within the framework of Education, Scientific Research, Industry and Government, imperil the future of a prosperous Canada, and

WHEREAS the National Federation of Canadian University Students together with University Administrators and Professors, and some leaders of Finance and Industry, are aware of the urgency of the crisis in higher education, and

WHEREAS the prohibitive cost of university training establishes, implicitly, as a prerequisite for admission, not qualifications but financial status, thus eliminating from our ranks thousands of young intelligent Canadians,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following principle be adopted by our Governments and applied at the earliest date:

Every Canadian student who has met the entrance requirements of a Canadian University is entitled to the receipt of a scholarship proportional to the revenue and obligations of the student and his parents or guardians."

2. Resolution on Travel

THAT the National Executive be empowered to complete a financial and administrative assessment of the NFCUS Travel Department and to assess the practicality of the proposed Canadian University Travel Service, and that the Executive be required to conduct a referendum of member councils to determine the decision to be made on the basis of three alternatives:

- 1) no travel service
- 2) a NFCUS Travel Department
- 3) support for CUTS,

and that the Executive recommendations in the referendum bear in mind the fact that any decision taken should not affect the general NFCUS budget adversely, and that the referendum be completed by the end of November.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

1. Resolution of Finance

WHEREAS the financial records of the NFCUS were not available to the auditors in time for the pre-

paration of reliable financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1957, in time for this Congress, and

WHEREAS this Congress has resolved to have a complete audit made of the operations of the NFCUS for the 15 months ended September 30, 1957, and reliable statements prepared as of that date, and

WHEREAS until these statements are available it is impossible to assess with any degree of accuracy the financial position of the NFCUS at the present time or the results of its operations since June 30, 1957.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

(1) no financial statements be adopted by this Congress but that the National Executive be empowered to adopt the audited financial statements to be prepared pursuant to the aforementioned resolution, and

(2) the financial statements prepared by the Congress be not considered sufficiently accurate or reliable to be publicized.

2. National Student Seminar:

It was moved by Dalhousie and seconded by Queens that "This Congress welcomes the opportunity presented to hold a National Student Seminar. The Conference recommends to the National Student Seminar that:

- (a) A Consultative Committee be established to make arrangements for the Seminar, including theme, site and staff;

Dalhousie, Laval Reach Agreement

On the fourth day of the Conference, the Laval delegation proposed a resolution asking the Congress to accept the principle of a duo-secretariat consisting of two executive secretaries, one French-speaking and the other English-speaking, and asking the Congress to further mandate a member university to look into the possibilities of establishing such a secretariat. Dal led the opposition against this resolution on the grounds that it would, first of all, accentuate the diversities of the two language groups and would result in a divergence in the administration of NFCUS policies between French-speaking and English-speaking universities. A further objection was that this was administratively undesirable; two executive secretaries would be unable to present the views of the organization with one voice. Dalhousie further opposed the basic idea of accepting a principle before investigation of the facts. Dalhousie accordingly made an amendment eliminating any commitment as to the principle of a duo-secretariat but mandating

(b) the Executive establish suitable selection procedures for student participants;

(c) the Seminar be considered as a major project of the Federation for the coming year."

It was further moved that "The National Executive seriously consider, as a topic for the National Student Seminar "The Future of Canadian Education—its Problems and Potential."

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Laval to prepare a brief on the possibilities of such an administrative structure. This amendment was passed, but with recorded opposition by member universities of the Quebec region.

Laval University has always been the chief proponent of NFCUS among the French-speaking universities, and proposed this resolution as an answer to the criticism of the French-speaking universities that the NFCUS was dominated by English language and culture and that the NFCUS therefore could not speak for all universities. The Laval representatives were not satisfied that the Resolution, as amended, would meet these objections and felt very disgruntled at the end of the morning session.

Through the efforts of National President Gabriel Gagnon, Dalhousie representative Ed Harris met with the Laval delegation during the noon break and in a short time worked out a new resolution that was considered by all concerned to meet both the requirements of Laval and the objections of Dalhousie moved and Laval seconded that the following resolution be substituted for the one that had been passed that morning and this resolution was unanimously adopted amid great applause.

WHEREAS the NFCUS must embark upon a period of continuous expansion, since Canadian students wish to play an increasingly important part in promoting their interests;

AND WHEREAS the NFCUS is the only national organization capable of assuring the integration and the best possible coordination

possibilities of such an administrative structure. This amendment was passed, but with recorded opposition by member universities of the Quebec region.

AND WHEREAS this Congress recognizes the fact that the bi-ethnic and bi-cultural nature of Canada extends to the student level;

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of this Congress the following resolution will provide for the expansion of the National Federation, will conform to the bi-ethnic and bi-cultural nature of Canada, and will promote a better appreciation of the interests of the NFCUS among both major cultural groups;

THEREFORE, for the purpose of promoting the progress of our organization and its greatest possible efficiency, in a spirit of agreement and cooperation,

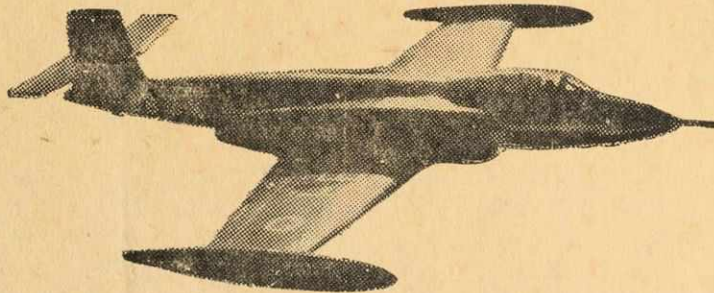
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Congress approve the idea of having
 - (a) a bilingual general secretary, and
 - (b) an associate secretary, preferably bilingual, from the major cultural group other than that of the general secretary.
2. That this Congress mandate l'Universite Laval to inquire into the possibilities of carrying out this idea and to report its findings to the 22 Congress.

Pep Rally Friday Night

Students will meet at Shirreff Hall at 7:45 on Friday night for a street march to the Pep Rally which will be held on the football field. They will then proceed to the Gym for the A&S Dance. Let's beat X.

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