

Galbraith award to Slave Lake journalist

Bruce Thomas of Slave Lake is the recipient of the sixth annual F.P. Galbraith Award in Journalism, an award affiliated with the U of A.

Thomas, 29, is editor and publisher of *Scope Newspaper*, a weekly publication. As winner of the Galbraith Award, he is entitled to attend the U of A during the 1977-78 academic term. Thomas indicates he will

likely enrol as a full-time student in a fine arts program with emphasis on creative writing and drama.

The Galbraith Award was instituted to give Alberta journalists an opportunity to enrol at the U of A for one academic session, September to April, as either full-time or part-time students.

The award pays tribute to the late Dr. F. P. Galbraith,

Chancellor of the university from 1964 to 1970. Dr. Galbraith was the publisher of the *Red Deer Advocate* for 36 years.

Thomas was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is now a Canadian citizen. He received his education at Central Bucks High School in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

He was employed by the U.S. Government as a VISTA field worker in Maine and New York from 1967 to 1969 and was a ward aide at the Alberta School Hospital in Red Deer during the latter part of 1969.

He then became recreation director for the Town of Slave Lake, a position he held until 1971 when he assumed control of *Scope Newspaper*.

In addition to being editor and publisher, Thomas writes articles and serves as photographer, paste-up artist, advertising manager, part-time typesetter and copyboy.

He describes himself as "dedicated to rural community journalism."

As a married recipient of the award, he will receive a scholarship of \$8,000 plus all tuition fees for one year of study.

Previous winners of the Galbraith Award are: Gordon Keith, editor and publisher of the *Sedgewick Community Press*; Gary Park, a reporter with the *Calgary Herald*; Michael Braithwaite, an *Edmonton Journal* reporter; Frank Dolphin, a reporter and editor with CBC television and radio in Edmonton; and Elsie Ross, a reporter with the *Red Deer Advocate*.

Cullen stalls

George Pedor Denegri may be expected to return to Chile even though federal minister of manpower and immigration, Bud Cullen, admits he has the power to stop his deportation.

This was the outcome of a March 19 meeting between Cullen and more than 20 supporters of Denegri who met with the minister and the media at his Regina constituency office.

Members of the group, which included representatives of Amnesty International and the Committee for Change, a London-based political organization, urged the minister a petition gaining about 300 signatures. They urged him to take immediate action by using his discretionary powers as minister to cancel his department's deportation order against Denegri.

Cullen said he refuses because he doubts Denegri's claim for political refugee status is valid. However, Denegri and his lawyer are quite adamant his case is bona fide on humanitarian legal grounds.

Denegri was forced to resign from his job as a Chile civil servant after he exposed military repression involving the black marketing of food from government warehouses. He was then arrested, imprisoned and tortured by the Chilean military regime.

Cullen said Denegri did not seek political refugee status when he first arrived in Canada a year and did not seek permanent residency here until after his visa expired last April.

Denegri replied March 19 that he did not seek political refugee status when he first

arrived because he thought he would have no problem obtaining landed immigrant status here. He was reluctant to declare himself a political refugee while his wife and family still live in Chile.

Fund drive begins

The Canadian Cancer Society's 17th annual Edmonton Daffodil Days are this Friday and Saturday.

Since 1961, when \$500 was collected, over 1/4 million dollars have come from Edmonton Daffodil Days for cancer research. This year's goals for more than \$45,000.

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A novel feature of Model Parliament is that, after first and second readings, bills will be sent to special committees, which will examine the bills in detail, and which will provide a final draft. All members of the house will sit on some committee, and will participate in the passing of some bill.

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