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## A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY?

By Dr. G. M. Weir in the Ubysey

Closely related to the question of federal jurisdiction over education, recently debated by the UBC Parliamentary Forum, is another vital and perhaps more immediately realizable project, i.e., The Establishment of a National University for Canada.

### A. Character of the National University

In a panel discussion recently conducted by the teacher training class of UBC, the subject was defined as follows:—The establishment in Canada of a National University open only to highly qualified graduate students, selected by the sponsoring universities, and capable of doing advanced research work; this National University to be financed by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and administered by a National Board of University Governors free from politics. The proposed University would probably absorb the present National Research Council. It should attract and retain in Canada the best type of graduate student as well as conduct research in such fields as:—public administration; aeronautical and other branches of engineering; radio activity; meteorology; industrial, agricultural, and health projects; educational administration; and social sciences.

### B. Probable Advantages of a National University

- (1) **Finance**—This should be adequate by the Federal and Provincial Governments as well as by scholarships, on a large scale, for deserving and highly competent students who might otherwise be financially handicapped. Since the Dominion Government has the ultimate taxing power; since the majority of the provinces are unable to support university education adequately; since university fees should be reduced rather than increased if universities are not to become the special preserve of the sons and daughters of the wealthy; since education, especially research, is a matter of national concern—it is essential that the Federal Government should materially assist in financing the proposed university.
- (2) **More Efficient Leadership** in academic, scientific, political, and administrative fields will be especially desirable in post-war Canada. In great measure these desiderata can be developed by means of a properly equipped and financed national university.
- (3) **National Unity**—The promotion of much needed national unity by dissipating prejudices arising from parochial attitudes of private and provincial institutions is desirable. Greater mutual understanding and social solidarity—between East and West, French and English-speaking Canadians, sectarian groups, labour and capital—should arise from a more objective and scientific approach to the solution of Canadian problems based on social need rather than on the foibles of petty groups "warring in the bosom of a single state."

## Looking Around

C. U. P.

**Montreal**—(C.U.P.)—Gillis Purcell assistant general manager of the Canadian Press, has consented to become honorary president of C. U. P. He was approved on Jan. 22 by Betsy Mosbaugh, editor of the Varsity, according to instructions she received at the C. U. P. conference.

**Vancouver**—(C.U.P.)—U. B. C. has received 100 returned men, either discharged or on extended leave, in the new short courses being offered in preparation for Applied Science and Agriculture. These courses are offered in a special winter session, and the men may complete their year's work in an extra spring session or in the regular summer session.

This is the first university in Canada to offer these special courses, though University of Toronto plans to start similar courses next month. The returned men take their classes for the most part separately from the regular students.

**Edmonton, Jan. 6**—(C.U.P.)—Number of casualties in University of Alberta Christmas examinations amounted to five students, two from the Faculty of Arts and Science and three from Applied Science, according to a press release from the Registrar's office early this week.

She doesn't like  
Smutty jokes  
She doesn't neck  
She never smokes  
She doesn't wear  
Silk lingerie;  
No slender ex-  
Lax beauty she.

Yet people in  
Her calves delight,  
And often she  
Stays out all night,  
And artists paint  
Her in the nude  
In forest glade  
At dawn bedewed.

You ask her name?  
I'll tell you now  
She ain't a dame;  
She's a jersey cow.

**Vancouver**—(C. U. P.)—Students of U.B.C. were forced to walk, cycle or thumb their way to lectures recently, as a result of the first transportation strike in 25 years. On January 9, at 4 a.m., 2,700 street car and motor bus operators in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster left their jobs.

Since few students live closer than two miles from the university, attendance was considerably depleted. Many labs and lectures which were officially cancelled were those in English. Dependence on buses for transportation pared down attendance to an estimated 25 to 40 per cent.

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## CANADIAN CAMPUS

— A CUP FEATURE

**Suspension of U. A. S.**  
With the announcement from Ottawa that the University Air Squadrons have been suspended due to the Government's policy of discontinuing recruiting and training of aircrews, Canadian University Press has compiled a report on the activities of U. A. S. squadrons across the Dominion.

**Toronto, January 17**—(CUP)—The Joint Services University Training Committees in an effort to provide military training for the discharged members of the U. A. S. here, stated through Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. Wilson of the C. O. T. C., that the C. O. T. C. would endeavor to provide the training requested. The University, through the Committee, is making every effort to see that the student personnel will not suffer through the decision of the R. C. A. F. The general regulations governing the reduction of training during the year to 60 hours, applies equally to all services, and men will be credited with all parades taken to date.

The Training Command of the U. A. S. will play host to the members of the squadron at a farewell dance to be held in Hart House on Friday, January 19.

**Winnipeg, January 17**—(CUP)—In an address to the last parade of the disbanded corps here, Air Vice Marshal Guthrie, Officer Commanding Number 2 Air Command, stated that the post-war plan of the University is to have an Auxiliary University Air Squadron.

**Quebec, January 17**—(CUP)—After being transferred to the Laval University contingent C. O. T. C. members of the U. A. S. squadron here paraded in the streets of Quebec City shouting "a bas la conscription" (Down with conscription) and "C'est l'Angleterre qui nous a mis dans ce trou" (England has put us in this hole).

**Vancouver, January 17**—(CUP)—The announcement that the university air training plan was to be abandoned, was a complete surprise to Air Force officers here. The last word received before Christmas was that the plan was to continue, and that a full year syllabus to coincide with the college course would be given. Two hundred and fifty students are to be enrolled in the U.B.C. squadron.

**Montreal, January 17**—(CUP)—In his address to the final parade of the U. A. S. here, Lt.-Col. J. M. Morris, M.C., V.D., Officer Commanding the McGill Contingent of the C. O. T. C., welcomed U. A. S. trainees stating, "We (the C. O. T. C.) are looking forward to having you with us for training, and I know that you in turn will approach this training with an open mind, and will give of your best."

Those who already have a non-commissioned rank will obtain a corresponding rank in the C. O. T. C. "We will need additional N.C.O.'s and who could be a better choice than those who have already earned promotion in your own ranks," he concluded.



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HALF MOON STREET"  
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SPENCER TRACY in  
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