

COSMOPOLITAN THIS IS BUSINESS WEEK

by STEVAN D. KARON

On An Imperial Experiment

Eight months from now Westminster will ratify the creation of the Malaysian Federation. The importance of this act is due to the strategic area that the proposed federation occupies. Independent Malaya and Singapore will be federated with the oil rich possessions of Sarawak, Brunei and North Borneo. These territories lie between the Red Chinese expansion sphere and Australia, Siam and Neutral Burma.

Presently Malaya has a democratic form of government which has withstood Communism. Yet Sarawak, Brunei and North Borneo with a large Chinese minority have recently gained self-government but their future is clouded over by the nearby Communist menace. The life of the democratic system in that area depends on how well its seeds have been sown among the small majority of Malaysians. Once the rising Chinese minority gains power or democracy fails to take root, the whole area will be lost and the last dam against Communism will be broken. This will result in a communist takeover of Burma, Siam and pro-Red Indonesia, leaving Australia helpless and isolated and India outflanked.

Seeing this imminent danger the British decided to federate its Borneo possessions with democratic Malaya, thereby hoping to

save the area. Yet even in Malaya democracy is unstable since the Malaysians constitute only 50% of the population and Chinese 37%. Besides this, the federation dream completely overlooks the immediate problems.

The ruling Sultan of Malaya backs the scheme principally because it will give his country of seven million the leading role as against one and a half million of the three proposed Borneo areas. Thereby he will gain control over the oil resources which are second only to Canada. This the people in Borneo have realized and have shown their dissatisfaction with an uprising. The rebellion was only minor due to the area's small population. Besides this the geographic absurdity of the proposed federation will hamper any unity. Not only economic but also political since the huge remaining area of Borneo is part of Indonesia. And of course the vast oil resources make it very tempting for Red China and Indonesia from remaining aloof.

Yet Westminster is determined to go on with its experiment. I say experiment since the British have failed to realize that you can not throw together peoples of a certain area into a pot and hope to create a nation. This was shown recently by the West Indies Federation fiasco. There are too many factors working against this ideal to make it succeed. Unfortunately all the free world will suffer from this Imperial experiment.

This week is Business Week. Next week will be the official Business Brunswickan, till then, following is a list of events. Monday, 21st: Meeting for all Bus. Ad. students, 8.00 p.m., Tartan Room. Bus. Ad. Week, and the trip to Saint John will be discussed.

Tuesday, 22nd: Movie, 8.00 p.m., Chemistry Building, "Oceans II with Frank Sinatra, Peter Lawford, and many others. Free admission.

Wednesday, 23rd: Trip to Irving Oil and Moosehead in Saint John. Bus leaves gym at 9.30 a.m., \$2.50 per person. White shirt and tie please.

Friday, 25th: Dinner-dance at the Kent Inn. Crowning of the queen. \$4.00 per couple. Starts at 7.30 p.m. Semi-formal. Punch will be served. A door prize will also be offered.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE U.N.B. COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

by Ian L. McQueen—NFCUS Co-Chairman

Is "Big Brother" watching you? Quite a stink has been raised at other Canadian universities concerning investigation by the R.C.M.P. of the ideas and teachings of certain professors and students. It is this sort of activity which leads to throttling of free speech by making it dangerous to one's career to speak out on controversial matters or to utter opinions counter to those considered "proper".

Rumor has it that U.N.B. was favored earlier this year with the attentions of the R.C.M.P., but no one is sure of any of the details; can any one provide a few concrete details on their activities? If so, please contact this writer in person or by mail as the National Secretariat of the National Federation of Canadian University Students is urgently seeking information on this subject.

Note to all university organizations and clubs; due to negotiations by the National Secretariat with the Department of National Revenue has resulted in the exemption of many types of printing from the 11% excise tax on publications. To find out if your printing is subject to this exemption, contact this writer, and full details will be forthcoming. This exemption would result in approximately a 10% reduction in cost of certain types of publications.

Over the holidays, a letter was sent to each student regarding

the NFCUS Life Plan. This insurance plan was designed for the needs of the college student who perhaps cannot afford regular life insurance, but who wishes to have coverage during the college years. It is convertible at a later date to ordinary life at normal rates; the plan was designed with YOU in mind, and warrants your consideration.

One of the mandates given at the NFCUS National Congress at Sherbrooke this fall was to investigate ways in which the students of Canada can participate in the celebration of Canada's "birthday" in 1967. If you have any suggestions, do not be a "shinking violet"; pass them on to us.

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FROM OUR READERS

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student funds as the committee is with space!

It is interesting to note that hardly half the people in the sample actually think a building committee is required at all!

One further observation concerns the question "Which of the following would you approve for an annual contribution to the Student Building Fund?" which appeared on the questionnaire. It should be pointed out, as it was shown to me, that the questionnaire listed only three choices, \$5, \$10, and \$20. Of course 33% chose \$5 (since there was nothing lower) and 57% WROTE IN figures less than \$5. No doubt the significant information lies within the write-ins.

We were asked last fall to wait and give the committee time to say their bit, and they have had their chance. Now we must act together to end this silly Student Union Building idea.

The Student Union Building has infinitely less importance than other buildings suggested, and why a certain few people are anxious for it to be built is almost obvious. Certainly a much more worthy contribution by the students would be to a library fund. Enlarged library space, everyone will agree, is a major importance and should have top priority. Lord Beaverbrook seems to have contributed much to our extracurricular activities — gym, pool, rink, etc.—and we should show our thanks not by building something for our own entertainment but something to benefit our curricular training.

Yours,
Gary Davis

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No comment.—ed.



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