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Liberals Retain Power Accomplish Nothing

by Roberta Sheps

Model Parliament adjourned Wednesday night with the liberal government undefeated, despite opposition attempts to overthrow it.

The last attempt to topple the government never really went into operation. A division was held with minutes to go til the 10:30 adjournment time, on a motion to adjourn debate on the government's bill, "a resolution concerning a national health scheme". The division resulted in a vote of 38-27 against the government. With approximately 30 seconds left in the sitting, New Party leader Grant Notley rose, apparently on a motion of non-confidence, but Speaker Peter Hyndman walked out, officially closing the session before Notley had a chance to speak.

The first attempt to defeat the government came with a motion to adjourn debate on the government's disarmament bill, "a resolution delineating a Canadian program for peace". The motion, supported by the New Party, Conservatives, and Social Credit, was carried, with the opposition of the Liberal government. Tory Bernie Adell rose to move a vote of non-confidence, saying that the fact that the debate had been adjourned was an indication that the government non longer enjoyed the confidence of the House. Prime Minister Dave Haigh chose to interpret the motion as not one of non-confidence, and would not resign.

RESOLUTION FALL

Neither government resolution discussed Wednesday night reached the final voting stage. The disarmament resolution, introduced by defence minister Sheldon Chumir, was supported by the New Party and the Communists, both of whom expressed the opinion that although this was a good step, it had not gone far enough.

The government was attacked by shouts of "vague" from the opposition benches, and Liberal backbencher Bob Rose was shot down in flames as he mentioned that the book from which he took his aviation statistics had been published in 1955.

After speaking at length on why Canada should invest in the Globemaster airplane, Rose was informed by Tory Dave Jenkins that the US government begun a phase-out program and that the Globemaster was obsolete. Rose stood, said "Unfortunately," and without any further statement, gulped, turned red, and sat down.

As the debate on the resolution took up more than its allotted time, the bill was dismissed without a vote on it.

Health and Welfare Minister Ross Rudolph's resolution on a national health scheme barely reached the debating stage, with the introducer and seconder taking up most of the

time speaking on the principles of the resolution. The scheme, Rudolph said, would not be compulsory, and would be designed to provide medical service for those in serious need who could not afford to pay.

COOK REPLIES

During the starred question period which opened the evening, New Party member Don Fowler asked Dave Cook, minister of education, if the government intended to place flashing lights at all railway crossings for school buses. Cook replied that it did not, because of the cost, but that the government did intend to take all possible precautions to safeguard the life of Alberta children.

Bob Kambeitz, Nat Fed, asked the Minister of Education if the government favored lowering the legal drinking age to correspond to the legal voting age, which in Alberta is 19. Education Minister Cook replied that the government was very much in favor of doing so. Kambeitz asked if this would not cause a general demoralization among high school students. "Instead of going out and playing at recess, they'd whip down to the local pub and have a few beers." Would this not, he asked, foster drunken behaviour among teen-agers? "Not any more drunken than you act at some of our law club parties," replied Cook.

James Taylor, New Party, asked the Minister of Immigration if he would table the immigration quotas imposed upon the Commonwealth countries of India, Pakistan, and Ceylon. The Minister, rather than immediately replying, stated that far from being discriminatory, the government felt that it was wiser to limit the number of immigrants from these countries, as they would have a difficult time assimilating into Canadian culture, and too large a number of them would upset the ethnic balance of Canada's population.

The only legislation passed during this year's Model Parliament was a Conservative private members' bill, passed Tuesday evening.

Let It Stand

In the belief that U of A students attempts to compose literature sometimes succeed and certainly deserve encouragement, STET was launched ten years ago. STET is a student literary publication that is supposed to appear in spring. This year it may not appear, unless those students who write wish to see their work appear in STET.

If YOU write, and want to see your work in print, then type it out or scrawl it legibly, seal it in an envelope along with your name, and leave it in The Gateway office. Publication is not guaranteed, but consideration is. If your work is to be published, you may use a pseudonym. Phone Wolfe Kirchmeier at GE 9-1097 for any further information. Deadline is February 21.

Education Carnival

Varsity Guest Weekend will be complemented by a two-day Winter Carnival sponsored by the faculty of education. Winter sports, games, novelty events, a Queen contest, an ice figurine contest, a beard-growing party and a moccasin dance are planned for Friday and Saturday of VGW.

Fifteen to twenty ice-figurines are expected to be constructed in front of the major buildings on campus. Trophies donated by the Southside Business Association will be awarded to winners in four competitions.

Figurines must be completed by Thursday, Feb. 23. Judging will be held Friday afternoon. Trophies will be presented at the Moccasin Dance in the Varsity Rink, Friday night.

Ice games will be held in PEB rink at 7:30 p.m., Friday. They will include a boat race, spoon and egg race, diaper change race and chuck-wagon races. Prizes will be awarded for men's, women's and mixed competitions. Events are open to teams entered by faculties, residences, fraternities and campus clubs.

Following the Ice Games, a Moccasin Dance will be held at 10 p.m. on the ice of PEB rink. Dancing to Mike Camenar and his Saratogas will continue until 1 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for novelty dances.

Awarding of prizes to the winners of the Queen contest, ice figurine contest and beard-growing contest will take place during the intermission of the Moccasin Dance.

Winter games will continue on the Varsity Gridiron at 2 p.m., Saturday.

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Expect 15,000 Visitors Varsity Guest Weekend February 23, 24, 25

By Bev Woznow

Out With the Old, In With the New, the eighth annual Varsity Guest Weekend, will introduce the University of Alberta campus to visitors, many of them prospective students, February 23, 24 and 25.

Every opportunity will be taken to display University, academic and extracurricular life and activities by conducted tours of major buildings and faculty displays, concerts, dramatic performances, an ice carnival, teas and dances.

This year's "growing up" theme emphasizes the changing physical face of the campus, comparing the new Physical Education, Math-Physics and Chemistry Buildings and the Medical Sciences addition to the old Air Force Drill Hall and Varsity Rink.

Members of the Civic and Provincial governments will be honored at opening Presidents' Reception and Appreciation Banquet at the Jubilee Auditorium Thursday for the support they have given the University.

GUESTS TO SEE VARIETIES

Their student hosts will be the Students' Union Council, Gold Key Society and campus club presidents. Three hundred guests have been invited to attend the banquet which will culminate in attendance at the opening performance of this year's Varsity Varieties, "Not With a Bang".

Varsity Varieties performances will continue Friday and Saturday evenings, February 24 and 25. Studio Theatre's Shakespearean production "The Merchant of Venice" to be presented in the Education Auditorium will correspond to the three Varieties nights.

Quick and comfortable access to the scattered buildings will be provided by a new glass-topped touring bus. Equipped with a guide, the bus will make regular runs between stops at major buildings. A special trip to the University farm from the agricultural building Saturday morning will be of particular interest to agriculture students.

EXPERT GUIDANCE

Further assistance will be provided to allow guests to find their way around the campus. Guides will be present in every building and at each registration booth with directions to

locations of displays. Handbooks containing similar directions, a timetable of events and a special campus guide map will be available at registration points.

Various free services will allow relaxing breaks from the rush of tours and events. A nursery in faculty lounge, SUB will offer babysitting by a staff of competent nurses. Coffee parties will be given by the Pan-Hellenic Society in Wauneita Lounge and by the MacLeod Club in the nurses' residence Saturday morning.

The education faculty will offer a hot chocolate party in their cafeteria and the Wauneita Society a tea in their lounge, SUB, Saturday afternoon. The University cafeteria and SUB snack bar will open all-day Saturday for those wanting hot meals or light lunches. Lounges will be open to the public in SUB and in the Education Building.

Student guided tours of the many displays of the various faculties will form a large part of the activities of the weekend. The displays designed to acquaint the 15,000 expected visitors with the University, allow an optimum number of students an opportunity to contribute a share of the hosting job.

Nearly every faculty on the campus will be represented in some way in the different buildings. Some of the interest groups such as flying club, math-physics club, radio club and ballet club offer samples of their activities during the weekend. On the second floor of the Students' Union building the various publications will throw open their offices to the public.

The William G. Pybus Lounge, SUB, will be the center of extracurricular societies as Pan-Hellenic, Inter-Fraternity Council, Students' Wives, Photo Directorate and their exhibits. A feature will be the Debate "High School Students' are not Prepared for University" to be held in Pybus Lounge Saturday noon.

Varsity Guest Weekend, unique in Canada to the University of Alberta, has risen from a small agricultural display in 1952 to include cooperation of almost all faculties in a varied program working on an \$8,000 budget financed completely by three showings of Varsity Varieties.

Peter Hyndman and numerous sub-committees of his VGW committee began working and planning in early November for the mid-February weekend. Students' Union and Gold Key Society co-sponsor the event.