

Unity petition runs into opposition

Canadians need understanding

by Peter Michalyszyn

The severest challenge to Canadian unity is understanding each other, U of A Chancellor Jean Forest said Thursday.

Forest, chairman of the People to People Petition for Canadian Unity campaign, told the small SU Forums crowd she was speaking as a "concerned Canadian."

After a visit to central Canada, she was "disturbed by their perceptions that Alberta was no more committed to Canadian unity than the government in Quebec," she said.

However, a 1978 Alberta policy statement clarifies our position, she said.

The statement, *Harmony in Diversity*, emphasized strengthening confederation by sharing power realistically between the provinces and the federal government.

Moreover, we must admit differences exist between the regions of Canada, she said.

Forest admitted that in the fight over oil ownership and prices, the Alberta government

contradicts some of its own principles. It is this fight for resources, she said, that gives the impression that Albertans don't care about the rest of Canada.

Nonetheless, she said "We should be striving for special status for every province in Canada," because each is unique.

The People to People Petition for Canadian Unity, simply tries to show Quebecers "they shouldn't be making their referendum decision thinking the rest of Canada doesn't care," Forest said.

Quebeckers may feel confronted, she said, by politicians' statements about federal-provincial infighting.

But ultimately, "The debate the petition should stimulate is much more important than the signatures," she said.

Several members of the Edmonton Committee for the Defense of Quebec's Right to Self-Determination attended the Canadian unity forum Thursday.

Led by representative

Michel Gagnon, the Committee openly criticized the People to People Petition.

The petition does not recognize Quebec's fundamental right to self-determination and denies the reality of the Quebec nation, they say.

In addition, the petition merely supports the status quo, says the committee.

Gagnon says the petition will "reinforce the prejudice against Quebec's repression by the rest of Canada."

And, although like Forest,

he says the petition won't sway the referendum significantly, Gagnon says chauvinist pro-federalist groups may use it as a "tactical tool" to influence Quebecers.

The Committee also says it objects to the funding of the petition, which comes from "pro-federalist" forces like Chambers of Commerce and public corporations.

Gagnon says Alberta utilities companies may be sued for distributing copies of the petition with monthly utility

bills. However, any action will await the results of a similar suit in British Columbia.

In the meantime, his committee has received support from the Alberta Federation of Labour, and Gagnon says a national meeting may be called to deal with the People to People Petition.

Committees for the Defence of Quebec's Right to Self-Determination now exist in B.C. and Ontario. Others are forming in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Edmonton voices Olympic support

Citizens of Edmonton are being asked to sign a petition expressing support for Canada's participation in the Moscow Olympics.

The petition is being sent to the International Olympic Committee, currently meeting in Lake Placid, as well as Prime Minister Joe Clark, Pierre Trudeau and Ed Broadbent.

A first set of signatures has already been sent in the form of a telegram to Lake Placid. It was signed by many familiar Edmontonians, including former mayor Ivor Dent, alderman Bill Chmiliar, NDP candidates Gordon Fearn and Doug Trace, George Mossman of the U of A chaplaincy, SU president Dean Olmstead, FAS Executive Officer Lake Sagaris and Ed Ewasiuk.

The petition reads: "We, the undersigned residents of Edmonton, Alberta wish to express our continued support for Canada's participation in the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. This stand we believe will help sustain the spirit of detente, and lessen grave international tensions. We are of the view that any interference with the Olympic Games will add to the recent trends towards the return of the Cold War, which would pose a real danger to world stability and peace."

The Gateway has copies of the petition available for anyone who wishes to sign. All those who sign are being asked to contribute one dollar towards the cost of the telegram.

The deadline is tomorrow afternoon.

U's booze blues news

Planning to booze it up?

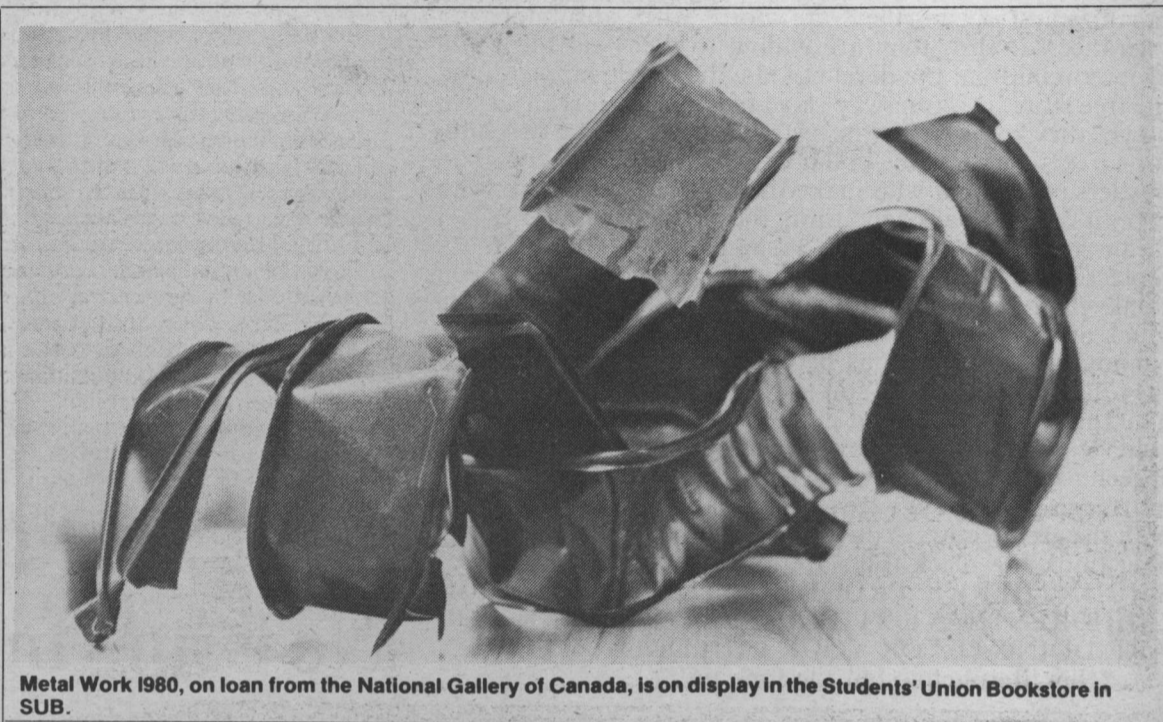
All campus functions, where liquor is to be served require approval by the Office of Student Affairs prior to a permit being issued by the ALCB.

Vp internal Sharon Bell points out that all ALCB regulations including prices, the availability of food and security are all applicable to university functions.

And she says that any violation of those rules could jeopardize the university's liquor license.

"Regulations exist — people just have to live with them," she says.

Copies of the university regulations concerning liquor permits are available in the Office of Student Affairs, Room 225, Athabasca Hall.



Metal Work 1980, on loan from the National Gallery of Canada, is on display in the Students' Union Bookstore in SUB.

History chairman appointed

The U of A Board of Governors (B of G) announced at its monthly meeting Friday the appointment of Dr. Roderick C. Macleod as chairman of the Department of History. His appointment, which becomes effective July 1, 1980, is for a three-year period.

Macleod, a native of Alberta, earned a B.A. at the U of A in 1962.

He then gained an MA from Queen's University in 1967 and a PhD from Duke University in North Carolina in 1971.

He joined the history department in 1969 while obtaining his doctorate.

Macleod has been active as an editorial board member of several historical publications and has published papers in a number of books and periodicals.

Macleod will succeed Dr. R.R. Hett who will take a sabbatical leave for one year before returning to teaching.

The B of G also appointed Dr. Gamila Morcos Dean of the Faculte Saint-Jean commencing July 1.

Morcos, currently Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Laurentian University, a bilingual university in Sudbury, was appointed for a five-year period.

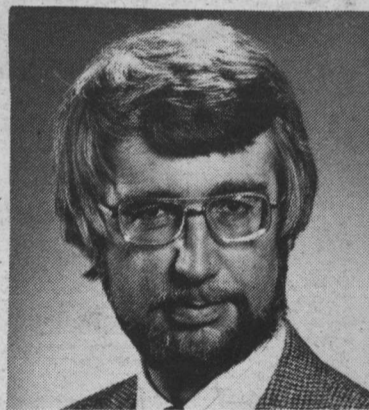
She will succeed Frank McMahon, who plans to continue his studies at the Universite de Montreal.

In order to fully understand the concerns of the Francophone population in Alberta, Morcos says she intends to visit each of the Francophone regions in the province. She says she also hopes to form an advisory committee to represent the Franco-Albertan population.

The 15-member commission on the university's purpose, established by the U of A Senate, was granted a budget of \$40,000 by the Board of Governors Friday.

The money will be expended between now and 1982 on the commission's task of inquiring into the nature, purpose of purposes, and function of a "university" and in particular the U of A.

The commission will undertake four stages: a public awareness program, public participation, research and a report on all proceedings.



Roderick C. Macleod

Israel views Soviet activities as dangerous

by Nina Miller

"Israel will give the United States every kind of assistance if Russia keeps pushing towards the Persian Gulf," said Matti Golan, spokesman from the Israeli Consulate in Toronto, at a forum in SUB Wednesday.

"Russia's invasion has set a dangerous precedent as it is the first time Russia has sent troops beyond their immediate sphere of influence," he said at the Hillel forum.

Golan also said there is no way of predicting Russia's plans but Israel is a potential target. Israel would welcome U.S. troops into the country if

necessary to protect the free world as we know it, he said.

Another new development is the movement of troops from Lebanon to Syria, he explained. The movement is causing increased tension on the Israeli border as well as the possibility for renewal of Moslem-Christian fighting, said Golan.

"But amidst the turmoil in the Middle East there are also emerging hopeful signs," said Golan, speaking of the peace treaties between Israel and Egypt. Borders have been opened between the two countries and ambassadors are being exchanged, he said.

However "nothing goes smoothly in the Middle East," Golan added, admitting Palestinian refugees are still a big problem.

A five-year trial autonomy for refugees is one of the proposals Golan mentioned. However, much depends on the power of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) he said.

"Many Palestinians want to see an end to this problem but are afraid to speak out because of threats from the PLO."

"Israel can't grant the Palestinians total independence while the PLO advocates the

total destruction of the Israeli State," he said. He equated this with asking someone to your home for supper after he has sworn he will kill you.

However, Golan expressed a desire for negotiations.

"We want to negotiate. We have no preconditions — everything except our destruction is negotiable."

A debate with a Palestinian supporter following the talk brought out numerous references from modern and ancient history by both parties. Golan closed discussion by identifying this as the obstacle

dividing the Middle East.

"We have to stop looking towards the past and look towards the future."

"I promise you there will be a time when we will talk with you about peace but I hope not too many people lose their lives before this happens."

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