"Canada Should Respect Senate"

by GRAEME ROSS

Senator Muriel Fergusson may have just been interviewed by The Daily Gleaner. Undoubtably, the talk took place in a conventional Fredericton office or sitting room.

Enterprising Brunswickan reporter, Graeme Ross, talked with the charming and spirited Senator approximately 17,000 feet over the northern forests of New Brunswick on the way to Quebec. Their air borne conversation disclosed the role of the Canadian senate and the Senator's personal interest in the United Nations and UNICEF.

Senator Fergusson, a Fredericton resident, feels that in Canada, Senators are not given the respect that is due to them. The American reveer their senators, Senator Fergusson said.

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"Nobody is made a senator unless he has made a mark somewhere, whether this is in law, business or any profession. We are fortunate to have such people in the senate," she said.

The senate consists of ten senators from New Brunswick and only six from the prairie provinces. This is the price the rest of Canada had to pay to get New Brunswick to remain committees set up on aging,

in Confederation. At that time, said the senator, they felt that this was the compromise for the future growth of the other provinces. The senators stress their places of origin, said Senator Fergusson and protect the rights of their provinces. The most important feature of the senate, Senator Fergusson feels is that the senators have had the experi-ence in life that most of the party members have not had.

Another important aspect of the senate, Senator Fergusson feels is the joint committees that have been set up by the senate. There have been joint

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man power, public service and many other things.

The joint committee on aging set up between the House of Commons and the Senate met 52 separate times during the past Christmas recess of the senate. The bill was then passed without too much difficulty. Senator Fergusson was the chairman of this committee.

Senator Fergusson is presently acting on three committees while the senate is not sitting. One in particular is on the public service, which is discussing collective bargaining in civil matters. This particular committee is meeting all the time. "Eventually, an act will emerge from all these meetings which will be different from the original bill," said the Senator.

"With joint committees being established more and more, the procedure of having bills closely studied by both houses is being accepted more and more," Senator Fergusson said.

On the topic of Federal Student Loans, the Senator is very sympathetic toward the Quebec student. The chances of a Quebec student getting a student loan are very poor, a as students of UNB who are from Quebec are aware. The Senator proj ised to look into the matter and see what could

be done to remedy this situation. Senator Fergusson is extremely interested and active in UNICEF and CARE programs, particularly since both organizations are attempting to give more aid than just sending food to various countries.

Countries are now receiving both physical and financial aid through the actions of these programs, said the Senator. UNICEF is no longer giving

only temporary aid, the Sena-

"UNICEF is now teaching people how to do things for themselves. There is no sense just keeping them alive and healthy and the education program will have long run benefits," Senator Fergusson said. An example of this education the senator gave is the instruction in tropical countries on how to preserve food. "This will help the whole family situation and the benefits will oast," she said.

Senator Fergusson is one of the reasons why Canadians shov'd give respect to their Senate. They are the learned and wise who give advice to the parties. Canada's parties are not in very good shape at the moment but think of the state things would be in if there were no senate behind them.

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STRATFORD

the Sun." For British television his Hamlet, filmed on location at Elsinore, is considered one of the most remarkable ever made in this medium. His latest film, not yet released, is "The Triple Cross," directed by Terence

Perhaps Mr. Plummer's best known film is "The Sound of Music," in which he co-starred. Others include "Inside Daisy Clover," "The Fall of the Roman Empire," and "Stagestruck."

Miss Caldwell made her Stratford debut in 1961 in "Love's Labour" Lost." Australianborn, she acted professionally in that country before joining the Stratford-Upon-Avon com-pany in England in 1958 and toured Russia with that company. She also has appeared at the Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Tyrone Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis and during the winter of 1966 won a Tony award as best supporting act-ress for her Broadway role as Polly in Tennessee William's "Slapstick Tragedy."

IUS Leader Denied Entrance

OTTAWA (CUP) - The president of the International Union of Students was denied entrance into Canada this weekend because "he didn't meet our requirements", an immigra-tion department official told the Canadian Union of Students.

When asked to explain this statement, the official, "No comment", and so Zybnek Vokrouhlicky was not allowed to make his unannounced visit to CUS.

A CUS official said the national union was unaware of the IUS leader's visit until it received a telegram from the IUS stating simply, "Regret IUS president cancels visit to you due refusal visa."

However, a government source said Vokrouhlicky was probably denied entrance because he was not invited to Canada by the CUS. If the leader has a specific reason for entering Canada, he would probably be admitted.

Volunteers For CUSO Wanted

TORONTO (CUP) - The Canadian University Service Overseas is attempting to send twice as many volunteers overseas this year, a CUSO spokesman siad.

In order to meet the demand from developing countries, the organization aims to have 1,000 volunteers in the field by the end of 1967.

This year 315 volunteers are serving in Africa, 89 in Asia, 69 in the Caribbean, and 69 in South America.

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