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Board Of Governors Of Dal Formally Accept Stanley Resignation

HALIFAX, Feb. 27 — (CP) —
Resignation of Dr. Carleton Stanley as president of Dalhousie University here followed differences over purely administrative matters, and no question of academic freedom was involved in any way, Col. K. C. Laurie, president of the university board of governors, said tonight.

(Dr. Stanley's resignation was tendered Feb. 6 and was formally accepted tonight by a meeting of the board.)

It is expected a statement will be issued tomorrow dealing with financial settlements and other matters connected with the resignation. There has been no indication of who will succeed the president, whose resignation was to become effective at the end of the academic year in June.)

Referring to a report in a Toronto newspaper Monday outlining several incidents which purportedly led to the resignation, Col. Laurie said that these incidents "were not in any way relevant, or considered, in connection with the action the board recently took."

"The question was an entirely administrative one and, as the

American Association of University Professors was informed, no question of academic freedom arose in any way."

(The newspaper report said that Dr. Stanley had asked that a representative of the Association be permitted to attend the governors' meeting when his resignation was tendered, but had been refused).

(Other matters referred to in the report were: that of Dr. Stanley's remark to the 1944 graduating class referring to slum conditions in Halifax, and that the board wanted to discharge a young Dalhousie professor who was charged with giving information to the enemy, but that Dr. Stanley and Lord Tweedsmuir had intervened).

(The latter apparently referred to the case of Allan Findlay, 25, former Rhodes Scholar and then lecturer at Dalhousie Law School, who was found technically guilty of a breach of Defence of Canada Regulations by conveying military information in letters to his Danish fiancée in Copenhagen. He was fined \$1 and costs).

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