

CUS opposes Americanization, quotas

PORT ARTHUR (CUP) — The Canadian Union of Students Congress voted almost unanimously to oppose the Americanization of Canadian universities, but rejected a quota system that would directly restrict the number of U.S. professors teaching in Canada.

The delegates noted in a resolution at the 33rd CUS Congress that "a professor's ability to deal with Canadian reality is not always based on his nationality."

"Some American professors

have the concepts and experience to understand that reality, and conversely, some Canadian professors — often trained in U.S. graduate schools present an American discipline that has no relation to our Canadian reality."

A quota system also would not attack the other features of American influence that permeate our universities delegates decided.

This includes:

— Course content heavily loaded in favor of American textbooks, concepts and history (Canadian

economics is taught largely from an American textbook).

— Courses where Canadian content is deliberately devalued — a University of Toronto graduate student often cannot do a PhD. on only one Canadian author.

— Canadian universities doing research for American corporations and military departments;

— The prestige positions of American universities in certain disciplines and their effects on Canadian teaching in those subjects.

The Congress particularly objected to the heavy emphasis on empiricist and behavioral Methodology imported from the U.S. into Canadian subjects.

"The Canadian educational system services and rationalizes Canada's colonial status within the international capitalist system," the resolution concluded.

The Congress resolved that all academic openings in university must be advertised in Canada; that Canadian graduate schools emphasizing the Canadian perspective be established to orient faculty toward Canadian problems; and that students participate in hiring, promotion and tenure of professors, and in curriculum committees.

The criterion for hiring should be a professor's "concern with the needs of the Canadian people, rather than strictly — (his) nationality," the resolution said.

David Leadbeater, student president of the University of Alberta, asked how such concern could be judged. "Couldn't nationality be more important than we've established here?" he said.

"We'll just have to tell as we go along," responded Toronto delegate Bob James, mover of the resolution. "If professors at Lakehead University are looking at the problems and situations in northern Ontario, that might be more significant than where they come from."

An amendment to set up departments of Canadian Studies in our universities was soundly defeated.

The whole university should discuss Canadian content, not just one blasted department," said Brandon delegate Harko Bhaget.

Toronto delegate Chris Szalwinski pointed out a separate institute would not solve the problem of Americanization of other courses.

'The student should open up'

CUS attacks rigid classroom structures

PORT ARTHUR (CUP) — Students must "reverse the power relationships between the instructor and the student," according to a resolution on "authoritarian structure in the classroom" passed Tuesday (September 2) by the 33rd CUS congress.

The resolution attacked verbatim note-taking, memorization for examinations and long reading lists for leaving little time for critical thinking.

The resolution further attacked this situation because it "prepares

the student to fit uncritically into the corporate capitalist structure," without questioning the social and moral effects of the system.

Memorial University delegate John Harris called this section "an attempt to relate the economic factors in our society right to the classroom, since the role of the professor is that of the boss."

"The students in the classroom should be in control in the classroom and should be actively par-

ticipating in the classroom," he said.

The only opposition to the resolution was led by Calgary delegate Bob Ferrier, who stated that "the problem is more with the student than with the system," and that "the student should open up."

But Laurentian delegate Steve Vick expressed the general sentiment of the delegates when he replied that if this authoritarianism didn't exist "students challenging the basic ideas of professors wouldn't be failed or kicked out."

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Capitalist elite to discuss corporate empire expansion

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SAN FRANCISCO —

More than 500 representatives of the international capitalist elite will meet here Sept. 15-19 to discuss protection and expansion of the corporate empire.

The occasion will be the International Industrial Conference (IIC), cosponsored by the National Industrial Conference Board and Stanford Research Institute, a leading defense research contractor. President Nixon will address the gathering.

Movement groups on the West Coast are planning a series of demonstrations to protest the meeting.

The IIC is held every four years, bringing together such men as David Rockefeller, president of the Chase Manhattan Bank, Roger Blough, board chairman of U.S. Steel and John H. Loudon, chairman of Royal Dutch Petroleum. Also playing leading roles will be G. I. Phillippe, board chairman of General Electric; Paul Davies, a senior partner in Lehman Bros., the Wall Street banking house; Birney Mason, chairman of Union Carbide; J. R. White, vice presi-

dent of Standard Oil of New Jersey; S. Clark Beise, executive committee chairman of the Bank of America; T. Vincent Learson, president of IBM and Henry S. Wingate, chairman of the International Nickel Co.

Rockefeller will be general chairman of the conference, with Blough heading the United States Council and Loudon the International Council. The others, along with additional high ranking officers from leading corporations, serve on the conference's policy board.

Ostensibly, the corporate leaders will be talking about "closing the world's income gap" — general theme of the conference — but the agenda also includes such topics as "safeguarding international investments," "improving the public image of private enterprise," "developing feasible alternatives to free collective bargaining and strikes," "obstacles to private foreign investment" and "coordinating development efforts of private business and government enterprise."

This year's conference has apparently been timed to coincide with San Francisco's Japan Week, a cultural and commercial festival designed to sell the U.S.-Japanese Security Treaty to both the American and Japanese people. The treaty comes up for ratification again next year.

Part of the Japanese fleet and the leading Japanese bankers and industrialists are expected to be in San Francisco in September. Vice President Spiro Agnew is expected here Sept. 14 and Nixon is scheduled to address the conference Sept. 18.

The analysis here is that the corporate leaders will be discussing ways to maintain and extend their influence in Asia and the Pacific. They will no doubt be discussing ways in which to defend their investments from revolutionary and nationalist movements in the third world.

