

# A Page about I.S.S. - What ISS It? . . .

## A Report on I.S.S. Summer Seminar

— By Joan Eddis —

It's hard to convey Pontigny. I could describe the 12th Century abbaye itself — its vaulted stone refectory with the fishpond in the centre — the millrace under our dorm windows — the nightly increasing footprints under the plum trees — the Baroque organ swelling into the church, over the cemetery and down the tree-lined road-way, the rabbits in hutches beside decaying bomb shelters against the high stone wall — the red poppies "out in the daisies" in our baseball field — jolly pere Couture stuffing all our tough, tan sheets into his ancient Renault and bringing them back washed to go on again that night.

But that's only the exterior of Pontigny.

I could describe our morning lectures and afternoon discussion groups in the orchard (interrupted now and then to shoo away the fly-laden abbaye cow) Dean de Konninck saying that in this age of television sight dominates our lives and that even food is considered tasty if it looks appetizing — Dr. Brock Chisholm asserting that with the hydrogen bomb and bacteriological warfare war has become an obsolete behaviour pattern, wheth-



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## BILL MacDOUGALL REPORTS ON EASTERN STUDENT CONDITIONS

— AT DAL UNIVERSITY —

Bill MacDougall, travelling I.S.S. Secretary, addressed a poorly attended Student Forum held on Thursday in the gymnasium. His remarks emphasized the strength of I.S.S. in Canada, and the need for aid in South-East Asia.

Mr. MacDougall observed student conditions in India and Burma during the summer, when he attended an international conference as Canadian delegate. "The universities are expected to provide the eventual solutions to all their problems" he said.

He pointed out that educated people faced a heavy burden in these areas, since their ratio of university students to population is among the lowest in the world. With that nucleus, Mr. MacDougall said, tremendous problems in every sphere—educational, political, social, economic, and ethical—must be met.

He outlined some of the difficulties the students themselves must face. They have no books, and are hard put to it to find even pencil and paper. Many students are without adequate living quarters;

er the peoples of the world realize it or not.

This is a vital side of Pontigny, but only the academic side. I would have to add the informal bull sessions on the lawn in the sun, over our bread and vin in the noisy refectory, at 3 a.m. on the stairs and in smoky little classrooms. The subject of these sessions ranged from religion or Germany to the customs of students courting in the various countries represented.

I could describe our social activities (at the expense of having you say Pontigny was just one big wine holiday — in the singsongs of the International Hotshots trouncing the Canadian Allstars on the basketball field — Kimi Matsui in her native hawaiian dress dancing and singing for us in her bare feet at the masquerade ball — German waltzes that had more than one Canadian girl clutching dizzily for support. An English student at bat sweeping at every ball pitched to him whether above his head or behind him, as if he were on the cricket green instead of a baseball diamond.

I could describe the seminar students themselves — the Dutch student who worked alongside an American and some German students in the International laundry so that he could learn to get along with Germans — Lou Tepper, that wonderful smooth-talking character from Queens who was carried bed and all, into a nine o'clock lecture when he found it impossible to get up after a midnight session with the "Every-Niters" in the fields behind the cathedral — Amin, the handsome fur-capped Pakistani, who tried to convert us to the Moslem faith — and Mister

some must sleep on street corners. "I.S.S.'s greatest asset in South-East Asia is its non-partisan attitude" Mr. MacDougall said. "The students like to feel that I.S.S. is their organization." After 150 to 200 years of Western domination, they do not wish to be either patronized or directed by the West, but the students do like to feel that they have the sympathy of the West. We must proceed on a basis of complete equality," he said.

With him Mr. MacDougall brought to Dalhousie the greetings of the students of the University of Helsinki, who received aid purchased with funds raised on the Dal campus.

Mr. MacDougall's stay in Halifax will conclude on Sunday, when he will leave for St. Francis Xavier University on the last lap of his Maritime lecture tour.

Hans the comical German with his Ya, ya, of course. By the way, what are we talking about?" — the Danish chap who stood up at our last meeting who stood up at our meeting (last) to tell us that before he came to Pontigny, Germany was to him Hitler's country — but now it was Peter's country, Hanno's country and Gustav's country — the quiet French Jewish girl whose parents had been killed by the Nazis, who changed her mind about not speaking to the Germans.

There are many more — a hundred and twenty of them. An article could be written on each one. But individually these students are not "Pontigny" — the essence of the Seminar. Now its a nostalgia, a spirit that we all keep with us. It made the Dutch students produce an extra copy of the "The Daily Crisis" for the Canadians embarking at Rotterdam. It brings a letter a week with European stamps. It is something indestructible.

I loved Paris from the first moments. You can't help but love Paris. We landed in Gare du Nord at 6.30 a.m. after a night of cramped sleep in a second class car compartment. A bus juggled us through the awakening streets to our hotel in le Quartier Latin . . . past the farmers setting up their stalls . . . across L'ile de la cite . . . a glimpse of Notre Dame . . . the flavour of sleepy eyed Paris . . . and the crazy drivers the daring bicyclists, the cacophony of strange, now horns, even at that hour.

And there we were, a narrow street around the corner from the (Continued on Page Seven)

## Principles And Aims of I. S. S.

International Student Service shall have for its object to encourage and support all efforts on the part of students, professors and others to better the material conditions of life, and to develop the cultural means of action inside universities and institutions of higher learning, so that they may become real centres of national and international life, intimately bound up with the social and economic realities of the modern world. International Student Service is impartial and works without distinction of race, nationality, political or religious conviction.

To achieve this task International Student Service will promote and defend the following principles which correspond to the real needs of the international university community.

A The sincere and disinterested search for truth, which implies:

- (1) Creative thinking and a critical and many-sided approach to all results reached and all theories generally accepted;
- (2) Resistance to all external pressure liable to hinder freedom of study.

B The training of men and women with a wide and coherent view of human culture and a sense of their responsibilities within society, which implies:

- (1) A harmonious balance between professional training and true scholarship;
- (2) The development of human culture on the national and international plane;
- (3) An active concern for social realities.

C University community, which implies:

- (1) That no one should be held at a disadvantage in the university on account of factors of race, nationality, wealth, sex or political or religious conviction, while recognizing the place, within the wider community, of foundations representative of particular groups, religious racial or other;
- (2) That material resources should be provided to en-

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Thirty-seven students, formerly displaced persons, are now studying in fifteen Canadian universities.

Three exchange students from Germany are now studying in Canada. Upon completion of their studies they will return to Europe.

Three ISS seminars have been held in Europe.

ISS intends in the coming year to concentrate 75 per cent of its relief program on India, Pakistan and Indonesia. The need is greatest in these areas.

ISS intends to extend the scope of its scholarship program.

ISS proposes to hold a fourth seminar in Europe.

### First Cousin

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sure the widest access to the university according to merit;

- (3) The strengthening of community life among students, between teachers and students and between students and the whole of the society of which they form a part, in such a way as to ensure their full development as members of the university;
- (4) That a real spirit of understanding and collaboration should be fostered between the university communities of all nations.
- (5) That the university has a right and a duty to protect itself against the infiltration of elements whose aim is the destruction of the principles laid down in this declaration.

## The Defence Research Board is

interested in students in the following fields:

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| Aeronautical Engineering        | Geology                |
| Aerophysics                     | Hydrodynamics          |
| Bacteriology                    | Mathematics            |
| Biochemistry                    | Maths & Physics        |
| Biology                         | Mechanical Engineering |
| Chemistry                       | Metallurgy             |
| Chemical Engineering            | Meteorology            |
| Civil Engineering               | Physics                |
| Climatology                     | Physiology             |
| Economics and Political Science | Psychology             |
| Electrical Engineering          | Radio Physics          |
| Electronics                     | Servo-mechanisms       |
| Engineering Physics             | Slavonic or Russian    |
| Geography                       | Statistics             |

The Defence Research Board is prepared to offer financial assistance to a limited number of high-ranking students who are completing their university training this year in the listed fields. A successful applicant will receive \$153 per month while attending university, and will be offered a position in his own field upon graduation. Preference will be given to students doing post-graduate work.

When a candidate is notified of the approval of his application he will also be advised of the grade, salary and location of the position he will take up after graduation. He will then be given the opportunity of accepting or rejecting the offer. Students accepted on this basis will be required to remain with the Board for a period of four years after graduation.

Upon selection, the assistance will be made retroactive to the date of application. Those who receive this assistance from the Defence Research Board may not accept DVA benefits or part-time employment with the university.

In addition to the above, 150 scientists are required for Research Development, Intelligence and Operational Research positions. The summer programme of the Board will be announced later.

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Sorbonne, French sou where. The phrases I stand were just as me exciting as those whic a meaning. I must a disappointed with the c ton bitter even with o sugar. But the bread like it.

We lay down on our for a minute — mustn thing. Already I'd ope french doors, opening balcony yes, there it tour Eiffel. I am, I re

I woke with a start, some of the others an over to meet the boys a sidewalk table and du bon vin in a stu place, a reception by ISS with patisseries t me to overindulge an that I mistook for a s bubbleless champagne.

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