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WITCH-HUNT

The refusal of the National Federation of Canadian University Students delegates, at the recent conference of that body in London, Ontario, to sanction the visit of a group of Russian students to Canada should be a matter for serious concern for university students for whom these delegates spoke.

The motion, proposed by Denis Lazure, retiring president of the International Activities Commission, who recently attended the congress of the Communist dominated International Union of Students in Warsaw as an observer, would have had a group of Russian students tour Canada with a return visit to Russia by a group of Canadian students. The proposal was vehemently vetoed by the NFCUS conference.

Delegates stated that "they will give NFCUS a bad name", that "They wouldn't be allowed on the campus", and that "If NFCUS does this it may get a Red reputation and that will finish it for 25 years."

Besides providing the Communists with an ideal propaganda weapon, statements such as these reveal an alarming trend in our way of thought. The Red "witch-hunt" south of the border is well known to every university student but when it is realized that the insidious tentacles of this disease have stolen into Canadian thinking then it is time for a positive action.

A writer of Canadian birth who has lived in the United States for several years recently refused to testify before the Committee on Un-American Activities as to whether or not he was a member of the Communist party. In refusing he said that the feeling on Communism had reached such a pitch in the United States that to speak the word peace was to be branded as Red.

This is what threatens in Canada and at the first signs it should be stamped out, for if the word Communist is going to prove an insuperable bogeyman to clear and rational thinking we are lost indeed. The opportunity to meet a group of Russian students and to show them our form of government and the ideals behind that government would not only prove refreshing but enlightening.

It would seem that in expressing the above statements the delegates not only show an alarming tendency to think with their feet instead of their heads but also express a lack of faith in the basic elements of our government and its strength.

"He that knows only his own side of the case knows little of that" and students would do well to take a second look at the principles and ideas expressed in the delegates' statements and spend a little more time mending their own fences.

THE LONGEST WAY 'ROUND

The University has asked that the attention of the student body be drawn to the present practice of many cutting across the lawns and the football field on the way to and from classes.

The same problem arises at this time every year with the students seemingly, over the summer, developing a convenient loss of memory on the subject. There is absolutely no necessity for the situation to arise—walks to and from every building on the campus having been set out and even the east end of the football field, formerly a sea of mud now has a cinder path.

The upkeep of the campus forms a considerable item on the budget of the University and to have the students who profit from the immediate labor turn around and despoil it is an incredible situation.

PLEASE, Keep Off the Lawns!

I.S.S. Conference Lends Understanding Of Member Countries to Delegates

I. S. S., three initials which stand for the International Students' Service, are known to almost every Canadian university student. To many, however, as they were to me until I had the wonderful opportunity of attending the I. S. S. Seminar this summer, the aims and work of this organization are unfamiliar.

During four weeks at the College St. Alexandre, in a small village on the Gatineau River, about six miles from Ottawa, eighty-odd students learned something of what I. S. S. stands for. Here was an expression of the unity of the world university community; we had the chance to exchange ideas with students from all over the globe.

From Germany, Finland, Israel, France, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, Canada and United States came students to the village of Limbour. A number from India, Pakistan, and Ceylon, who came to Canada under the Colombo Plan for the Development of South and South-east Asia, made invaluable contributions to the seminar, the general theme of which was "The Contributions and Needs of East and West".

The international spirit of that small community was evident from the moment of our arrival, when turning in at the gates of the College, we saw, playing tennis, two Roman Catholic priests, a woman dressed in a sari, who came from India, and an Englishman.

I don't mean to suggest that there were no problems to be overcome at the seminar. Many of us arrived with preconceived ideas and prejudices, and at first found it difficult to be completely frank with each other in our discussions. Gradually, however, there was more and more evidence of that friendship and complete trust upon which Dr. Lynch, who directed the activities of those four weeks, had told us the seminar must be based.

A mere description of what happened at the seminar would, I'm afraid, convey to the reader very little of the stimulating fellowship which we found at Limbour.

There were lectures and panel discussions during which we learned much of the history philosophy, religion, and the political and economic problems, particularly of South and Southeast Asia, but also of our own country and the rest of the world. From discussion on the Colombo Plan, the idea of the Commonwealth, world federalism, and metaphysics, we were brought to a deeper under-

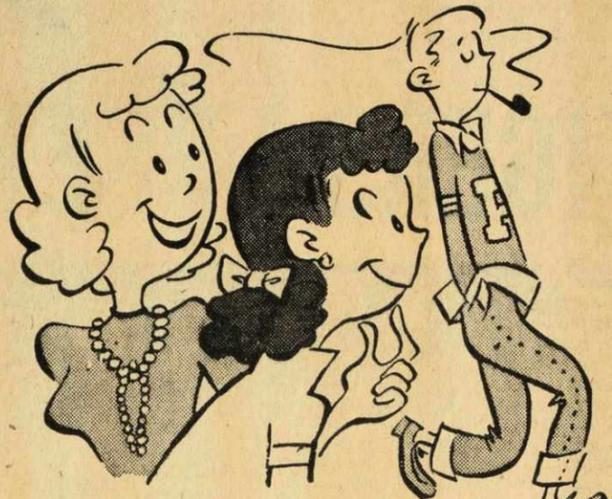
standing of each other and of international affairs.

More valuable even than these organized methods of learning, however, were the "bull sessions" which arose spontaneously at any time or at any place, after a swim, in the library, in the dormitories, or in the evening in the

Pharos Available At Book Store

Copies of the 1950-51 edition of *Pharos* are available and have been for some time at the book store. Students who failed to order them last year, or freshmen, may obtain one there.

The Year Book which was late in being published was mailed during the summer months to students who had previously paid.



"Oh, Sue, he's a doll! He's tall and he's cute, and his father gives just heaps to the Community Chest."

common room. We learned much, too, from the fun we had together, from the games of volleyball, and the Thursday trips to Ottawa, from the games of bridge, the sing songs, and the parties. All these were expressions of the spirit of friendship and togetherness which prevailed.

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The new 1951 edition of the Canada Year Book has now been authorized for distribution and released.

This book has long proved invaluable to all thinking Canadians, comprising as it does all vital statistics in every branch of our National life. This year's edition has proved worthy of the reputation set by its predecessors although the task of consolidating the date of a nation increases in difficulty with the growth and expansion of a nation.

Paper-bound copies are available at \$1.50 to teachers, university students and ministers of religion from the Bureau mentioned above. Cloth bound copies: \$3.00.

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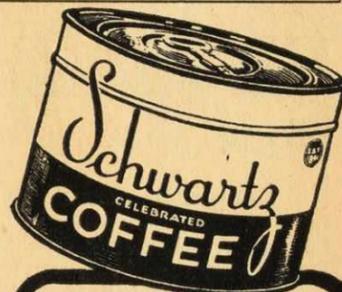


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