

## Canadian University Press DATELINE

### Student feature film made

TORONTO—What has been billed as "the world's first student feature film" will have its North American premiere at the Royal Ontario Museum Dec. 9-18.

"Winter Kept Us Warm," an 81 minute black-and-white film was produced by undergraduates at the University of Toronto and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute at a cost of \$8,000.

Produced and directed by David Sector, 22, a recent U of T graduate, the film examines a close campus friendship between two young men from different backgrounds.

"Winter" had its world premiere Sept. 27 at the opening night of the Commonwealth Film Festival in Cardiff, Wales, where it received enthusiastic notices.

Mr. Sector began the venture last year when he placed a notice in The Varsity, asking "Will the Great Canadian Film be produced at U of T?" and inviting all interested students to join him in making a full-length movie.

For a camera crew and equipment, Mr. Sector went to Ryerson, where he recruited students in Photographic Arts.

All roles in the film were played by amateurs with no previous screen experience, although the four leading parts were taken by veterans of Hart House Theatre.

### CUS wants UN supervision

OTTAWA—The Canadian Union of Students has called for a United Nations peace force to supervise general elections in Rhodesia.

In a statement Nov. 13, the union urged British Prime Minister Wilson to support such a move by the UN so that the principle of one man—one vote can be implemented.

The statement condemns the Smith government's unilateral declaration of independence as "the culmination of a long series of injustices that have characterized the white colonial domination of Rhodesia."

"It is clear that the rebel government of Ian Smith and his Rhodesian Front party aims to establish an apartheid-like regime in Rhodesia," it continues.

### SCM to hold conference

TORONTO—The Student Christian Movement will hold a conference on world affairs in Saskatoon Dec. 27-31.

The meeting to be held in conjunction with a national conference of the Student Union for Peace Action will feature Josue de Castro, a Brazilian author-scientist now president of the International Development Centre in Paris, and Albert van den Heuvel, youth secretary of the world council of churches.

Participants will focus on south-east Asia, non-violent action for social change, Christian-Marxist dialogue and international aid and assistance.

The conference, open to full-time students and "other interested persons" from across Canada, will be held in both English and French.

SCM planners are hoping for a broad dialogue since a meeting of Kairos (United Church young adults) as well as the SUPA gathering will be held in Saskatoon at the same time.

### Students' campaign successful

NEW ZEALAND—Considerable success has been achieved in a campaign to improve conditions for university students in New Zealand.

Reacting to a build-up of public opinion in favor of the students' cause, the government finally acceded in the last budget to part of the student demands.

Concessions gained included an increase in the boarding bursary from \$240 to \$375, an increase of \$60 to \$240 in fee and allowance bursaries for third year undergraduate students, and an increase in Master's bursaries from \$300 to \$450.

The campaign began with a written brief presented to the government. This was followed by a series of meetings to arouse student enthusiasm and generate public support from outside the universities.

Finally mass demonstrations were held in several cities. In Wellington, New Zealand's largest ever student demonstration saw 1,500 students present a petition to the government.

### Laval students demonstrate

QUEBEC—About 50 students from Laval University demonstrated Nov. 17 in opposition to Britain's handling of Rhodesia's unilateral declaration of independence.

The marchers, mostly Africans, accused Britain of applying fake economic sanctions against the Smith regime and called for sterner methods. They carried placards denouncing the white Rhodesian regime.

Accompanied by a handful of Quebec students and one Asian, the singing and shouting demonstrators marched into the British government office in downtown Quebec where they were received by David Wehl, a British representative.

After Mr. Wehl assured them that their views would be relayed to his government, the demonstrators returned outside where they burned Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Mr. Smith in effigy, before returning to the campus.



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**GREETING THE CHANCELLOR**—One of the more than 700 graduands at Fall Convocation pauses on stage to greet Chancellor F. P. Galbraith, who is flanked by university president Walter H. Johns, right, and Lieutenant-Governor J. Percy Page, left.

## Non-political Peace Corps takes skills to new nations

CUSO needs you.

The Canadian University Service Overseas is the private, non-governmental, non-denominational Canadian equivalent of the Peace Corps.

This is CUSO week on campus and Judy Ransom, associate secretary of CUSO at its head office in Ottawa, is spending the week on campus promoting the cause and hoping to interest thirty U of A students to work overseas for CUSO.

Mike Stuart and Daphne Rowed of U of A are assisting Miss Ransom by organizing CUSO meetings in every faculty.

Gord Banta, grad studies and Bob Liddle, grad studies, both returned CUSO volunteers now on campus are speaking at the meetings.

CUSO wants to recruit graduating students or those who have graduated to serve overseas as teachers, nurses, agriculturalists, foresters, engineers, doctors, and social workers.

"Students in all ranges of jobs are needed in serving the developing countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the West Indies" says Miss Ransom.

#### TWO YEAR TERMS

CUSO volunteers serve two year terms in their host countries and are paid at the same level as the indigenous staff at their post.

"This means a salary of between \$15 and \$100 a month" said Miss Ransom.

CUSO gives each volunteer a five week orientation program before stationing them in the host country.

The intensive orientation is at York University in August or September.

Volunteers are given language-training, courses in community development and medical lectures.

The last two weeks of the orientation program are spent in "separate area studies" at different Canadian universities.

"Separate areas studies" acquaint the volunteer with the social customs, history and politics relevant to his particular area.

#### THIRD YEAR WITH CUSO

Miss Ransom is now in her third year of CUSO work. Following her graduation from the University of Toronto, she spent one year as a CUSO volunteer in a small south Indian village.

There she assisted in running a small dispensary and leprosy clinics, trying generally to improve nutrition and hygiene in the village.

During her second year in India, Judy was stationed at Delhi as co-ordinator of the CUSO Indian program, helping to station other volunteers throughout India.

Miss Ransom describes CUSO as an "opportunity to do something worthwhile—to help others to help themselves."

"It is an education in learning about other people and how they live, in understanding the problems, aspirations and aims of the people in the developing countries," she added.

Relating her own CUSO experience, Miss Ransom said, "It was a real challenge, above all my other training and experience."

#### CUSO REQUESTS

CUSO volunteers never go where they have not been requested to fill the need for trained personnel at this junior level, said Miss Ransom.

"In other words we would never do an Indian or an African out of a job."

"For instance, Ghana does not have enough trained teachers to meet their needs."

"Each volunteer is working to do himself out of a job, but this will take a long time," said Miss Ransom summing up the aims of CUSO.

"It is exciting to see more and more young people in Canada are interested in giving time to service programs, not only CUSO," says Miss Ransom.

She attributes a great measure of CUSO's success to the fact that it was begun by university students.

"Their initiative and enthusiasm has helped CUSO to grow from the seventeen volunteers in 1961 to the 350 Canadian students now working for CUSO overseas."

Students may contact Prof. J. King Gordon, room 331 Assiniboia Hall, for further information on CUSO.