

Panel Reveals:

USSR Students Obligated To Government

Two Soviet students told a Panel discussion at Dalhousie last week that education plays "an integral part" in the development of Communist Society.

The students said one of the laws of Soviet society was production of specialists in different fields. They said although "adequate" preparation was being given to students in the humanities, engineers and specialists were being prepared for many branches of economic development. They claimed three times as many engineers were graduated in Russia this year than in the United States.

Panel Members

Members of the Soviet panel were Emmanuil Equiaqarov, the translator and a post-graduate student in languages, and Alexi Golubev, history student. Gazette editor Denis Stairs and Nick Sinclair represented Dalhousie on the panel. Moderator was Dr. Gordon Kaplan of the Dal Physiology department.

They said Russian students also had a great obligation to the Soviet government. They said since almost all students were given economic assistance in college this resulted "in certain obligations which the graduate would have." They said although all students between 17 and 37 were considered for admittance to University, priority was given to those who had worked for not less than two years "in the cultural or economic fields of the Soviet Union."

But the Soviet government also had an obligation toward the students. No enterprise could fire the graduate after he had been hired for at least three years. And they said almost every student had a choice of two or three places to work after graduation.

Place of Women

The Soviets expressed surprise at the place of women within the Canadian educational system. They said they had been told there were few women in law and medical faculties, and thought this was probably the result of Canadian men being afraid such education would be a waste of money as the women would probably get married. But they said in the Soviet Union, "the males understand this problem and tries to help the women be free from household duties . . . and provide the right of every Soviet women to receive education in any field she desires."

When asked if Soviet society gains more from the contribution of women to science than it loses through their absence from the home, one of the students replied "there is a women doctor in our group, and we can feel the effect of it. None of us has been ill."

The students disclaimed any control of the Soviet government over the student affairs, and said the Soviet State received full support from the students.

The students said they had come with open hearts to develop friendly relations with Canadian students. They said their purpose was to find the points which unite us."



RUSSIANS COMMENT ON SOVIET EDUCATION: Shown above are members of the panel discussion held at Dalhousie last week. From left to right are: Nick Sinclair, Denis Stairs, Dr. Gordon Kaplan, moderator, and the two Russian representatives, Emmanuil Equiaqarov and Alexi Golubev. Judging from the varied expressions on the faces of all concerned, the arguments were productive, if of nothing else, at least of different attitudes. (Photo by Bissett.)

Increased Contacts Between Canada And USSR Will Better Relations

A delegation of Russian students visiting Canadian universities told a press conference at Dalhousie last week they saw hope for greater understanding between East and West.

The students told a press conference in the Arts and Science Building that increased contact between Russian and Canadian students would "naturally" better relations between their countries.

One of the students said the group had come to Canada "in order to strengthen our ties with Canadian students. We must do our best to find points which will better our relations, and not concentrate on matters which will drive us apart."

The delegation, on a two-day visit to Halifax, was made up of Boris Ponomarev, vice-secretary of the Soviet Youth Organization Committee; Alla Tzutzayeva, a medical student; Emmanuil Equiaqarov,

a post-graduate languages student and the group's translator; and Alexi Bolubev, a post-graduate history student and group's chief spokesman.

Eager to Learn

The Soviet students said they were eager to learn of student conditions within Canada, and said they would report to Soviet students what they saw in Canadian universities upon their return to Russia. However, they told the conference they had seen little of the universities at that time, as Dalhousie was their first stop after arriving at Ottawa.

But they said they hope future meeting with students "would be as warm as they have been" in Dalhousie.

They spoke of content within the Soviet student body toward the Communist government of Russia. Although only "a pronounced minority" of Soviet students were members of the Communist party, one of the group members said there would be "no possibility" the students would ever act against the government. The students were "well satisfied" with the Communist party's program.

Student Subsidies

Although Mr. Ponomarev seemed unwilling to deal with the question of "salaries" or subsidies paid to Soviet students, he admitted that "between 85 and 95%" of Russian students received pay while attending universities. But he said the money, usually between 250 and 600 rubles a month, was in the form of scholarships for living allowances.

The group disclaimed any knowledge of differences between the Soviet government and the Red Chinese regime. When questioned about the supposed difference, Mr. Ponomarev said the question was sent "to the wrong address." He said it "should have been addressed not to us but to Comrade Mao Tse Tung."

But he flatly denied that any "ideological difference existed be-

tween the Soviet and Chinese government as far as Russian students are concerned."

Chinese Students

He said that of the 11,000 foreign students studying at Soviet universities, the majority came from Red China.

The group said although they were sure Canadian students wanted and worked for peace, one member said he had found in the United States "certain circles" who were interested in fanning the armaments race and keeping the cold war in existence.

Miss Tzutzayeva, the only female member of the delegation, said it was "natural" for Soviet women to be interested in fashions in other countries, and said she thought Canadian women students "dress beautifully."

The press conference was staged by the Dalhousie NFCUS group, and chaired by Peter Green, Dalhousie NFCUS head.

To All Campus Societies

The Student's Council wishes to announce the following:

1. In future, all societies must provide THEIR OWN PUBLICITY for all events. Paper will be provided in the Publicity Office, but societies must provide their own marking instruments (mark-a-lot pencils, paint brushes, etc.) Keys to the office may be drawn from the bookstore, the main desk at the Library, or from Wilf Harrison.

2. All societies must still obtain permission to use University facilities from Wilf Harrison, Campus Co-ordinator.

3. For clarification, eligibility, for society queens is NOT limited to members of the junior class (female). ANY student returning to Dalhousie the following year may hold a society, or ultimately campus, queenship.

Miss Archibald felt that the plays on the whole were well casted and ran smoothly. The audience seemed to agree, for there were excellent turnouts on both Tuesday and Thursday, although Wednesday saw crowds diminished somewhat.

Anne Mason, secretary for DGDS, organized the plays. Make-up was supplied and programmes were printed by DGDS. The cast of each play made their own costumes and arranged their own sets.



RUSSIANS VISIT: Boris Ponomarev and Alla Tzutzayeva are shown above at the recent press conference held at Dalhousie, where they advocated better USSR-Canadian relations. (Photo by Bissett)

Council Hears Russians, Establishes Dance Band, And Criticises Gazette

Four Russian students visiting Dalhousie attended a meeting of the Student Council Tuesday, Nov. 2. Emmanuil Equiaqarov, interpreter for the party, said they found the meeting "interesting," although they had some difficulty in following the proceedings.

Mr. Equiaqarov spoke briefly to Council members at the end of the session. He urged an increased exchange of information between Canadian and Soviet students.

He suggested that students from different universities exchange scientific papers, periodicals, photographs and student art displays. "It would be interesting for you and certainly for us" he said.

He said this trip to Canada was to establish better relations between Canadian and Russian students. "I think we must use every opportunity to establish friendship between Canadian and Russian student and youth movements," he said.

Dance Band

During the Council meeting, \$200 was voted to help establish the Dalhousie Dance Board.

Following the meeting, Tom Raddall said "We've got the money for the equipment, all we want now is the response of students who want to take part in the band." He said applications so far had been disappointing, with only three prospective musicians giving their names.

Mr. Raddall said the formation of

the band had been cleared with the Musicians Union, whose main concern had been whether the Dal band would play off campus without notifying them or not.

Don Warner has offered his services in an advisory capacity, Mr. Raddall said, and he suggested a band of not less than 12 pieces.

"There can be very few universities in Canada without a dance band," said Mr. Randall, "and Dalhousie should be ashamed of itself if it doesn't have one. There should be some pretty good talent on campus for a band," he said.

Professors

President Douglas Cudmore noted at the meeting an editorial in the Gazette suggesting Council consider taking some action over the flow of professors away from the university.

Mr. Cudmore said he didn't think it was a Council problem in itself, and several of the members criticized the Gazette for its stand.

"The administration is obviously aware of what the student body feels, and I don't think anything we can do will do any good," said Gregor Murray.

The matter was dropped without any action being taken either way.

The question of supplying materials for publicity on campus was raised. It was decided that paper be supplied by the Council, with individual societies supplying their own ink and paint. Later in the evening Student Council members met with the Russian students at an informal gathering at King's.

WEEKEND DATES

For those looking for entertainment of various kinds this coming weekend, Dalhousie societies present the following:
THURSDAY, 7:30 Room 21, A&S Building, "I Married a Woman" with George Gobel and Diana Dors.
SATURDAY, 8:30, East Common Room, Men's Residence, West Indian Party.

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Resignations

In a recent interview when questioned regarding the staff resignations of last spring, he replied that, although he was not thoroughly acquainted with the matter as yet, to the best of his knowledge the causes were of a varied nature, and that the financial aspect had played a large part in some of them. Mr. Hicks felt it was unfortunate that many good men had been lost, due to the fact that chances of advancement were sometimes better elsewhere.

Mr. Hicks also expressed the hope he would receive co-operation from all, "Give me a chance", he remarked, "and if in a few months you feel I deserve criticism, then by all means go ahead."