

WUSC SEMINAR

REPORT ON PAKISTAN

by Peter Hayden

THE NATURE OF THE COUNTRY

This year the country chosen for the World University Service of Canada Summer Seminar, Pakistan, was a country as unlike our own country as any ever chosen.

DIFFERENCES

These differences brought up on our group a kind of cultural shock which we had been warned about before leaving for Pakistan.

LEFTIST AGITATORS

Our first adventure in Pakistan was less exciting for us than was apparent in Canada. A group of pro-leftist students who were dissatisfied with the University of Karachi WUS Committee, perhaps justifiably, wrote a letter of their grievances addressed to the visiting Canadian students and the University administration.

been questioned in the House of Commons concerning the attacks made upon us by a group of pro-leftist students. The Department wanted assurance that we were all right.

KENNEDY! KENNEDY!

The news dispatch was picked up by most Canadian news papers and the names of local students who were on the Seminar were used with pictures in some cases.

As you can imagine these reports required some hurried explanations on our return to Canada.

The ordinary people of Pakistan whom we had much contact with us we wandered through the cities were very enthusiastic about meeting us. When there was an interpreter available as there usually was (a surprising number of merchants and people whom we stopped to talk to in the streets could speak English.

Once in a small street shop in Dacca a group of Pakistanis had gathered round to talk to us and without an interpreter I was struggling through the Bengali version of "I am from Canada."

ing mistaken what I said excitedly replied "Kennedy, Kennedy." We quickly explained his mistake to him.

THE NATURE OF THE PEOPLE

The nature of the people posed one of our first problems. As a naive Canadian I had an idea somewhere in the back of my mind that when finding out things about another country, one merely asked for the information.

PAKISTAN VS INDIA

The Pakistani seems to still be reacting to assertions made in 1947 that a separate country established on the basis of religion was not possible.

JAIL BAIT !!!

I am a 20 year old actor and I am planning to move to Los Angeles Recently I met this swinging musical chick who just announced that she proposes to follow me out west and she wants to share an apartment with me.

L. H. INDIANA

Bad news? It's the worst news we've heard since our Aunt Matilda willed her millions to a siamese cat. You may be in the theatre now but you'll be in jail until you're old enough to play King Lear without make up if you don't act fast.

(Reprinted from Playboy)

istan was an economic and worthwhile project or an uneconomic assertion of Pakistan's existence as a nation in reaction to the fact of India's having a steel plant. The question of whether the influence of religion will decline, is declining or has declined in Pakistan is more difficult to discuss because for many the disappearance of religion would be the disappearance of the basis for the establishment of the country.

DESIRE

I do not profess to understand the oriental side of the Pakistani character but below are a few of the ideas I heard or had about it. The Pakistani is less concerned with time than is the Western person.

The Pakistani seems more concerned with present than the future satisfaction of people with whom he has transactions. A description of this given to me by a Canadian who had lived in East Pakistan for a year was that if you ask a Pakistani to have a certain thing done whether the Pakistani agrees to have it done is affected more by how much you desire it done, than by how possible it is to get the thing done.

CLASS STRUCTURE

The class structure seems to be more rigid and visible than in our society. Canadian students felt that the Pakistani students and professors spoke and dealt curtly with lower-class service people who waited upon us during the trip, certainly more curtly than we would act to service people in our society.



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This is the first of a series of articles on Pakistan by Peter Hayden, a Dalhousie Law Student, who visited that country this summer as a participant in the World University Service of Canada Summer Seminar. The first article deals with the nature of the country and the people.

structure was, our group of Canadian students was close to the top of the structure. We always received a great deal of respect from whomever we dealt with in that country. While being shown around a tea plantation in East Pakistan, a middle-class clerk explained to us that the workers on the tea plantation were very interested in us, because they thought of us as supreme beings.

COMPLACENCY

A special point here is that the Pakistani university students who were our hosts throughout the trip were generally from upper-class or upper middle-class families, even more so than the average Pakistani university student. Although, these students did not designedly attempt to justify the present condition and policies of Pakistan, there seemed to be a tendency for these students to agree with and generally accept conditions in Pakistan today.

ILLITERACY

A problem that is not fully understood by Canadians is that of the high illiteracy rate. The rate of illiteracy in Pakistan is somewhere around 85%. This means that, excepting the few radios available, news must travel by word of mouth. This accounts for some of the people we met having a very sparse knowledge of what has happened in their country since it came into existence.

ATTENTION!...

ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAIR SEX

DELTA GAMMA

Delta Gamma is a general organization for all women students on the Dal campus.

The organization, itself, has been in existence at Dal since 1899. The "D" in Delta stands for Dalhousie and the "G" in Gamma for girls.

The purpose of Delta Gamma is to unite the women in the different faculties and give the girls living at the Hall and in the City a chance to get acquainted.

Delta Gamma is not a fraternity - it does not have any dues. Its only qualifications are that you be a Dal co-ed, and that you have an interest in what the organization is and does.

activities throughout the year. It supervises inter-collegiate debating, organizes the blood drive on campus and plans to enter a play in the Connolly Shield.

Last but not least Delta Gamma runs "Sadie Hawkins" week when the girls invite the boys on dates - this involves dances, serenading the fraternities, and generally showing our appreciation of the opposite sex.

Does Delta Gamma deserve your support?

I think so.

The executive is looking for girls who would be willing to head up committees if anyone is interested in any of the aforementioned activities please contact Janet Young, 422-2174, and please attend up-coming meetings.

Foiled by our printers, last week, Gazette apologises to: Ken Clark - Ex-Director (DGDS); Hamilton McClymont - President, (DGDS) and Ken Clark again, who said "Music Man" has 16 minor roles, SOME of which are very good."

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