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# SRC REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE CCUF

Political Controversy Sparks Heated Session; Cogswell VS Yeomans

One of the most serious and contentious issues ever to face the Students' Representative Council was debated Wednesday night. A number of CCF supporters on the campus, headed by Fred Cogswell, approached the SRC for the acceptance of the CCUF Constitution in order that this political group may be recognized on the campus. The SRC turned thumbs down on the question.

The nine to six decision against Cogswell's proposal came after a heated discussion in which considerable support was given Cogswell by certain SRC Reps. and nearly a dozen CCF supporters.

Kay Gough, SRC Constitution Committee Chairman, read the proposed constitution to the SRC but due to the controversy which surrounded the subject made no recommendation.

Cogswell put forth numerous arguments in favour of campus political groups. One of the points with which he dealt was that many people partake the view "that Socialism is not a good thing and should be put down". In refuting this premise he stated there were two paths to follow: that of democracy or that of totalitarianism.

By following the first path democratic socialism would have to be recognized. In making his statement he said that it had been hoped to secure the aid of the Liberal and Conservative groups but that this had not happened because both groups were opposed to the idea of organizing University Conservative and Liberal groups on the campus.

Murray Young, in support of Cogswell, referred to the fact that UNB students had attended National Conventions of the Conservative and Liberal Parties, representing the University of New Brunswick, but that the CCUF would not recognize UNB students as delegates to their conventions until the CCUF had been officially recognized as a campus organization.

Darrel Yeomans took strong exception to certain of Cogswell's remarks which he felt implied that Cogswell was calling the SRC Fascists if they voted against the proposal.

One committed opponent to the proposal was Ken Mosher who was against the idea because he had not studied the matter sufficiently to realize the problems involved by recognition.

In his case Cogswell was supported by Murray Young, Mrs. Linden Peoples, Harold Hatheway, Jim Chapman, and others who put forth arguments in favor of recognition.

C. K. Smith, an SRC rep., moved

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## Fall Formal in Gym Tonight

The traditional fall formal will be held to-night in the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium.

Chaperones for the occasion are Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Trueman and Professor and Mrs. R. E. D. Cattley. The dance, one of the three formals of the college year is sponsored by the SRC Social Committee. The Social Committee Chairman is Wallace D. MacAulay. Other members of the committee include Dorothy Walters, Pat McGibbon, Faith Baxter, Harold Good, Hugh Goodman, Ralph Hay, and Tony Taylor.

A Canteen and Checkroom will be functioning during the evening. The Checkroom is being operated by the U-Y Club. The dance will begin at 9 p. m. and will continue until the wee hours of the morning. In an interview with Mr. MacAulay, the Social Committee Chairman, he stressed the fact that there will be no smoking on the main floor of the gym during the evening.

## Iron Curtain Drawn On NFCUS

According to a statement made by Mr. Grant Livingstone at the ISS conference, the NFCUS has been refused membership in the International Union of Students. The decision was given on the grounds that elections on the issue were not carried out on all Canadian Campi. According to the IES constitution, a two-thirds majority vote in favor of union is the only pre-requisite. It is felt that this minute interpretation of the constitution was motivated by more than assiduousness.

NFCUS scarcely expected this sort of welcome. What the next action will be is not clear until Mr. Livingstone's report of the proceedings has been published. That only two courses of action are open is quite clear. If elections are held on all campi across Canada, and if these elections reveal that Canadian students are still in favor of union with IUS, NFCUS cannot be refused membership by any interpretation of the constitution.

However, the advantages and disadvantages of union, since they are being more distinctly defined each

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## Front Page Editorial

### Our Democratic SRC

The SRC at its Wednesday night session set a dangerous precedent. In these days of political turmoil and strife there is a grave need for clear thinking and reevaluation of political ideals. What the SRC did, in effect, was to demonstrate clearly this need at home.

For those who are not familiar with the issue involved, perhaps a clarification here would enhance further comment. A group of individuals on the campus happen to believe in the Socialist ideology. They believe in this particular political faith in much the same way as individuals from other political parties believe in their party principles. This group has asked the SRC to approve a constitution for their (CCUF) group in order that they might function as a recognized campus organization much like the Newman Club or any other in the same category. The constitution stated that the purpose of the CCUF was to inform students of the principles of Democratic Socialism. This did not mean that this group plans to indoctrinate or in any way act as a subversive group as some SRC representatives would like to suppose.

The arguments presented for the motion of approval were sound and came from people who had some sense of the place of politics in the everyday life of the individual. They pointed out that to vote against the motion would mean those individuals doing so were not living up to their professed zeal for a democratic way of life. In other words those undemocratic reps were admitting the weakness which the CCUF group were trying to strengthen.

Probably the most stupid arguments presented dealt with the fact that since no other political groups had organized on the campus, then why should the CCUF be allowed this privilege? This juvenile attitude is symptomatic of a way of thinking that is so outmoded that it has no reference to present day realities, or at least it should have no reference. Another part of the same argument is even more conspicuous by its utter imbecility. The "student representative" said that since there were no other political clubs functioning on the campus and if the SRC approved the CCUF constitution, then it would appear that the SRC were backing the CCUF. If this is a case of modern logic then we had best return to some older form of syllogistic thinking.

This matter should not have been argued on these grounds in the first place. It was a clear-cut case of either being reactionary or progressive; of allowing a group to function in the open and above-board. There is one lesson that at least some literate members of the SRC must have learned: you cannot suppress ideas; they can only be driven underground for a short period, later to raise their heads in an aggressive manner hitherto non-existent.

If this action by the SRC (the vote was six for and nine against) is representative of student opinion, and if this opinion is widespread among other University students (the evidence does not support this thesis), then the fear that there is no hope for humanity is most certainly valid. If, however, this action by the duly elected representatives of the student body does not accord with the wishes of that body, then it is about time that we had a new SRC.

## SRC VOTES 9-4 ON SCHOLARSHIP ISSUE

The Wednesday night SRC meeting approved Alice McElveny's ISS suggestion that UNB sponsor scholarships for two European students to the University for one year.

Miss McElveny's first suggestion concerned a Displaced Person and a German student but she soon relinquished this point in favor of "European" when Tom Prescott and Darrel Yeomans argued that (1) Allied students such as French students should receive preference, (2) charity begins at home.

Hugh Whalen, SRC Vice-President, finally succeeded in drafting the following motion: "That the SRC wholeheartedly support the ISS Project of bringing two European students to the University for one year." However Whalen did not receive the whole-hearted support he desired when the motion was accepted by a vote of 9 to 4.

The text of Miss McElveny's resolution follows:

Whereas we students of the University of New Brunswick, feel that Canadian democracy has a real contribution to make to the world at large,

Whereas we believe that others should enjoy the opportunities for a full life, which exist in our democratic forms and institutions,

And whereas we desire to see democracy extended throughout the world, and realize how important it is that others should know at first hand how democracy works. And whereas Canadian education is already attracting a great deal of in-

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## Red 'n' Black Revue Holds First Audition

The first audition for the popular Red 'n' Black Revue was held last Sunday afternoon. The talent which turned out to the audition under Director Ed McKinley indicates that many new and original ideas will be incorporated in this year's revue.

The Revue, first introduced to UNB by last year's Senior Class, is apparently here to stay. All proceeds for the would-be traditional show of the year sponsored by the UNB Senior Class and student body will go to the Senior Class. However undergraduates have been very helpful in offering their services in order to maintain the high standard set by last year's performance.

More talent, ideas, and suggestions are needed and anybody possessing the above are asked to contact Ed McKinley, Gerry Bell, Don Fonger, or Fergus McLaren.