

Dal Delegates Attend WUSC Conference In New Brunswick

Joan Nickerson and John Brown returned from the Maritime WUSC Conference held at UNB where they were the Dalhousie delegates. Representatives from UNB, Mount Allison, Acadia, Saint Mary's, Prince of Wales and Dalhousie gathered in the Forrester's Reading Room at UNB to discuss important WUSC issues. The following is a summary of the important matters discussed at the Atlantic Regional Conference Jan. 30-31, 1954.

Mrs. Phyllis Gierlotka from Boston, WUS secretary from the north-eastern United States, spoke on the history of WUS. She told of its beginnings in Austria during the first World War, and how at first it was a relief organization but how it developed into an international educational organization. Miss Gierlotka said that it is an organization not of charity but one concerned with other people themselves.

Mr. Bob Miller, SCM study secretary, spoke to the conference delegates about the future of Canada saying that the problems in Canada today were much the same as those in Europe a century ago.

Mr. Louis Perinbam, WUSC national secretary, spoke to the delegates on the present and future of WUS. He said that WUS was trying to serve the material, intellectual, and spiritual needs, and that it was essentially a fellowship through service. Relief today is basically reconstruction. Mr. Perinbam said that there is a wide division between those who have what they need or more than they need and those for whom subsistence itself is the main problem.

The conference supported the national office by recommending that the site for the 1955 seminar be in Agricola instead of in Japan on India.

It was resolved that the selection committees of each local organization seriously consider the national letter of January 22nd as a guide and basis for selecting a delegate to the study tours, excepting that the delegate may be from any year of attendance. It was recommended that the national office send out lists of clothing and incidentals required by the delegates for future study tours and seminars.

Dal supported the resolution that the delegates, when appointed, automatically become members of the local committee on their campus.

It was recommended that higher quality and more useful goods be purchased for the handicraft sale and that the local committee report the most saleable goods to the national office.

Dal recommended that notice of the sale be given at least one month in advance to allow for adequate publicity. Dal recommended that there be more time between sales to allow more time for adequate packing.

Dal recommended that the handicraft sale be broadened to include goods from countries other than India, paying special attention to their saleability in Canada. It was recommended that all member universities take prompt and immediate action on reports and in transmitting sale receipts.

It was resolved that funds for the international program be transmitted to national office with the least possible delay.

Acadia and Dal recommended that a Maritime correspondent be

Med Student Subject of Book

The war experiences of a Dalhousie medical student and his friend provides the theme of the latest book written by a famous Nova Scotian author, Dr. Will R. Bird.

The book, entitled "The Two Jacks," will be published in March by the Ryerson press. Dr. Bird has woven a very interesting story around the war experiences of Jack Fairweather, a 3rd year Dalhousie Medical student and Jack Veness, a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, who were buddies in the North Nova Scotian Highlanders during World War II.

Sadie Hawkins Dance Successful

One of the most successful dances of the year brought to a close a week of gala entertainment by the co-eds on the Campus. It was the annual Sadie Hawkins dance which was held in the gym last Friday night with the music provided by Les Single and his Orchestra.

Dr. and Mrs. Guptill and Dr. and Mrs. Trost were the chaperones and they also judged the many corsages which the girls had made. Ann Robertson and Don Baird were the winners. Pat O'Brien, Darrell MacKenzie and Foo Grant and Rod Fraser were the winners of the spot dances. The realistic dog patch scenery drew the attention and added enjoyment of all present.

CUP Winds Up—

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Ron Nicholson and Dave MacWilliams representing St. Francis Xavier.

Fred Lister, Helen Scammell, Bill McCurdy, Matt Epstein and Nancy Wickwire representing Dalhousie.

The Athenaeum staff and CUP delegates were feted at a party at the home of Bill McCurdy, News Editor, during the afternoon.

appointed to carry out the duties of reporting all WUSC activities once a month to all Maritime universities and that a report be sent to national office. A fee of one dollar will be charged to each committee for this service. Acadia volunteered to act as Maritime correspondent.

It was recommended by the conference at Dal's suggestion that all member committees be more prompt in sending in reports to national office.

It was recommended that greater publicity be given to all information sent out from national office. It was also recommended that adequate preparations be made for visits of national staff members.

Newman Club Welcomes New Archbishop

On February 2, the Most Reverend J. G. Berry, D.D. was installed as the eighth Archbishop of the Metropolitan See of Halifax. Archbishop Berry has always taken a keen interest in Newman Clubs and was recently appointed Moderator of all Newman Clubs across Canada. The members of the Dal-Tech Newman Club are both pleased and honored to welcome Archbishop Berry to his new See of Halifax.

Sunday evening Dr. P. S. Campbell will give a talk on Medical Ethics, he will discuss "Birth Control." The talk is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

During the weekend two delegates from the Dal-Tech Club will journey to Moncton to attend the yearly Regional Conference.

Watch the Gazette and bulletin boards for news regarding activities planned for Newman Day, Feb. 21.

Student Council Observations On Committee Report

1. In the years previous to 1952-53, the Glee Club has broken even; last year it went into the hole. It was also expected that a deficit would be incurred this year, however the Council decided as a matter of policy to subsidize the organization in hope and expectation that the Glee Club would recover its former footing and maintain the standard that has been enjoyed in the past.

2. A permanent secretary-treasurer, with the knowledge of council history, of a neutral nature, is invaluable to an inexperienced council. Such a person also helps to co-ordinate the Students' Council and its member organizations.

By having one person looking after complete financing, the Council has a complete up to the minute knowledge of finances.

While the Council feels that it might be desirable for a student to receive such money paid to the secretary-treasurer, yet we feel the students would not have the time required, nor could a change every year in the job maintain a standard that would be required. (There is no guarantee that we would get a student capable to carry on each year.)

Although there is no office on the campus, the council feels that the time, the present secretary-treasurer is available during the day and night makes up for this and the distance to be travelled to his office is really negligible in consideration of this.

The council feels the sum paid the secretary - treasurer is not proportionately higher than at other maritime universities and his experience enables the Council to achieve material savings which might otherwise not be made.

Upon consideration of the Report, the Council moved that possible alternative systems should be investigated by the Council in the near future but reserve opinion that any decentralization of organizations would tend to take the control from the Council and in the end break down the whole student organization.



ON THE AIR

by John Mercer

The first program in the series entitled "DAL THROUGH THE DECADES" was broadcast over station CBH last Monday evening. The D.R.C. hopes that you enjoyed the show and that you will continue to dial 1330 each Monday at 7 p.m. for the next three weeks.

The feature portion of program No. 2 was penned by Dave Murray and Dave Walker, and covers the period between Confederation and the beginning of this century. Among the topics to be dealt with in dramatized form are: the origin of the Dalhousie Gazette (Canada's oldest college newspaper), its struggles and its early achievements; the first Munro Day and the reason for its inauguration; the arrival of the first girls circa 1880. The authors have striven to give to the listener a vivid picture of the activities centering around Dalhousie between 1867 and 1900; and we hope that you'll agree with us when we say that they have certainly succeeded in their all-out efforts.

The cast for the second program includes:

Brenda Murphy, Janet Christie, Peggy Preston, Len Clarke, Malcolm Smith, Russ Hatton, Ken Crowell, Ken Stubington, Jim Faulds, Dave Brown and Roland Thornhill. Narration is by Graham Nicholson. The music for this program is played by co-author Dave Murray at the Hammond organ.

And once again the latest campus news and views will be presented along with The Campus Choice. The pictures of the boy and girl honoured on our initial program can be seen on page 1 of this publication.

Five members of the D.R.C. have been chosen to handle the non-drama portions of each program. They are, Announcers: Roland Thornhill and John Mercer; Newscaster: Matt Epstein; Sports-caster: Russ Hatton and Personalities (Campus Choice)—Ruth Newman.

So don't forget to listen in on program No. 2 of "DAL THROUGH THE DECADES"

Applications Due For Study Tours

Only seven days are left in which to make application for the WUSC study tours to be held this year in Europe. Headquarters will be in Grofton-Grange, England at the International Summer University. Students will visit Scandinavia, France and Spain, Germany and perhaps Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and the Gold Coast, Africa.

A selection committee of Profs. Doull, Wilson and Aitchison and students Ed Cohen, Barb Davison and Sally Roper will select this year's delegate. Announcement of the successful candidate's name will be made on Monday, Feb. 22.

TRI-SERVICE COLUMN

With The Air Force

by "Nardy"

RCAF Station Clinton is the radar and communications school for the Air Force, and is one of the best schools of its type in the NATO Alliance.

During their first summer, cadets taking this Tele-communications course spend most of their time in the classroom and demonstration labs learning basic theory. Some time is spent working on the transmitting and receiving equipment used in the Air Force, both in the air and on the ground.

During the second summer they go into more advanced electrical theory with considerable time being spent in using and watching radar at work. Along with this, there is a course given in Tele-Communications Organization which deals with the setup and use of radar in the RCAF. At the end of this summer, upon successful completion of this course, cadets graduate as junior Tele-Communication officers. Such is the classification of Pilot Officer Ken Curren, who was one of the small graduating class at Station Clinton last summer.

Those already accepted for this

training next summer are Flight Cadets Frank Hanlon and Fred Harrigan.

Kings-Dal COTC

This is the final remainder to all cadets with regards to the Cadet Ball which is to be held on February 17.

The Mess Committee is currently considering the arrangements for the Ball. For the cost of \$5 Cadets will get a buffet supper, naval punch and possibly corsages. Cadets will also be required to decorate the gunroom for which effort they will receive a half day's pay. The Ball itself is a pay night so by turning out for both a Cadet can reimburse himself for the cost of the evening. Cadets interested in decorating the gunroom should contact Cadet Young, Saint Mary's. Those who are purchasing wing collars and bow ties will have them next pay night.

The Ball is going to be an international affair with seven nations represented, and it will be one of the few chances Cadets will have to take part in such an occasion, so all Cadets are encouraged to turn out.

Hillel Holds Function Sat. March 6

The Hillel Foundation of Dalhousie has scheduled its closing gala function for Saturday night, March sixth and the big night, music, eats and entertainment is all FREE. The dance will get underway at nine o'clock with an orchestra in attendance and carry on to the witching hour. Details of the night are being looked after by Ira Inkeles, Anne Selby and their dance committee, with the Baron de Hirsch social rooms the spot.

On February 26, Friday night, Hillel is also sponsoring an open house Brotherhood Oneig Shabbat program at the Baron de Hirsch Synagogue. All students on the campus are invited to attend the services and the program arranged after in the lower social rooms. Phyllis Goldfarb and Louis Greenspan are head-

ing up plans for the evening which will also include an exhibition of Palestinian national dances by the Halifax Senior Judean Club.

Under the chairmanship of Mort Aranoff, a five-man panel discussion has been arranged for Hillel's final business and cultural meeting to be held Sunday afternoon March seventh. The next scheduled meeting is set for February 21 when Hillel's new director and counsellor, Rabbi I. Mavevsky will speak on Hillel organizations in the States and on proposed expansion of the Halifax program.

A breakfast meeting of the club, scheduled for this Sunday morning has been cancelled due to the unavailability of the quarters.

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"Bad," I said.
"You are lying!" bellowed he, "things aren't bad at all."
I did not answer.
"How many lives have you got? Damn it, you are just like a cat." Again I did not reply.

"Very well," he said, "live if you are alive. It's your dam luck."
He turned to the woman and began to talk to her in a loud and angry voice. I could not understand because they were talking in some Asiatic tongue. I watched them, trying to figure out my fate by observing their faces. But those faces told me nothing. The MVD man again turned to me.

"You will stay here for awhile. And do not try to run away. If we catch you—to the wall you go. Nobody ever gets away from us!"
I knew myself that the chances of escaping were nil, and quietly resigned to my fate. In addition to that, I was so weak that an escape would have been suicide. I was obliged to the Asian woman for my being alive at all. She took care of me as if I were a child and continued to watch me until she was sure I was well on my way to recovery.

The goodness of that woman sometimes moved me to tears. It was not the first time that I had noticed the pitying glances of the various peoples whom we encountered on our journey across the USSR. Risking their own lives, women and children used to bring us bread and water while we stopped at some railway station. In the Caucasian mountains many prisoners who had escaped, were sheltered by various mountain tribes. And now, a 1000 miles from the Caucasus in Central Asia, we again encountered allies. And who were they? A race, a folk of whose existence nobody knew.

Thus proceeded our "political re-education." But this "education" told us that our real enemies were not the Russians, Ukrainians, Caucasians, or any other nation, but people who had conquered themselves and the Russians and the Caucasians and even these poor Asiatics with whom I was now living.

Two weeks later I had recovered sufficiently to begin work. The MVD man came to visit me and for lack of men (the war was still going on) appointed me the temporary head of the shepherds who had in their possession about 7,000 sheep. I was given a camel and an old hunting rifle — in case wolves should attack the sheep. Then I was taken somewhere into the steppes and given a mud hut similar to the one in which he had found me.

"Crawl in there and stay with the shepherds," the MVD man told me. "You are going to be better off here than your friends in the concentration camp."

On this point, I was in full agreement with the MVD guard, and hastily crawled into the mud hut. It was full of people. I

started telling them who I was but they could hardly understand me. A woman, whom I hadn't noticed before raised herself from a pile of rags on the floor. She, too, was of Asiatic descent, but spoke Russian fluently. While she was translating my tale, I watched her with growing interest. I noticed a great discrepancy between her ragged dress and her intelligent speech. She belonged undoubtedly to a better circle than the people sitting in the hut. Finally I asked her about it. She smiled and quietly answered: "You and I are friends in misfortune. I was exiled to this place because of my political views."

"Where from?"
"From Alma Ata."
"What are you doing here?"
"Well, I fix food for the shepherds and help them with their work." And after awhile she added: "They are fine people, though somewhat rough. I think you will not find this spot too bad."

She was right. The weeks which I spent with those people were the happiest since my coming to the "Socialist State." The care and attention with which those common people surrounded the women, that "political enemy," clearly showed the political leanings of those poor men. The Soviet rule taught them to keep their mouths shut, like all of those whom it had enslaved. But their silence was more expressive than words. The great Soviet lie of "the cultural revolution in the outlying regions," presented itself in all its shamelessness. The people with whom I lived were, as far as culture was concerned, on a lower level than savages. They regarded a piece of soap as the highest peak of civilization. A radio or a photo-camera was to them a miracle. Many other things that had long ago become everyday utilities in Europe were unknown to them.

Some time passed. One evening I saw a camel approaching with great speed to our habitation. On top of the camel sat my old acquaintance, the MVD man. He jumped down from the camel's back, came right at me and produced a piece of paper.

"You are a Latvian?"
"Yes," I answered, anticipating the worst.
"Get ready immediately and come with me!"

I was struck with grief. "Where to?" I asked.

"You'll find that out for yourself." I was ordered to pick up all Latvians." He gave me a nasty smile and added: "Your good life has ended, chum. Seems like you are going back to the concentration camp."

Ten minutes later I was riding in front of the guard, across the tundra. When we reached the top of a hill, I momentarily stopped my camel and glanced back. There, at the door of the hut stood the woman. Noticing that I had turned, she waved in my direction with a colored scarf. An unbearable longing seized my heart. I turned around and continued my journey.

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