

Canadian University Press DATELINE

35,000 students may lose vote

OTTAWA—Almost half of all Canadian students eligible to vote in the Nov. 8 election may be disfranchised, according to estimates released by the Canadian Union of Students.

Of the 75,000 students of voting age, about 35,000 live more than 25 miles from their parents' home, according to the CUS estimates based on figure from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Most of these students—over 24,000—live more than 100 miles from home, making it quite difficult for them to travel to their home constituency to vote if they do not succeed in getting on the voting list in the university constituency.

These students "disfranchised by distance" represent roughly one out of every 300 Canadian voters.

"The Prime Minister couldn't see why it was difficult for students to go home to vote. Perhaps if he realized the distances involved, he would be able to see their plight more clearly and sympathetically," Malcolm Scott of CUS said when releasing these figures.

Over 7,000 of those affected live at least 500 miles from home. Nearly 4,000 of these live at least 1,000 miles from home.

Mr. Scott commented "The student vote is nearly as large as the armed forces vote. Can you imagine the fuss if one-third of the servicemen were disfranchised?"

Youth groups form committee

OTTAWA—A Canadian Assembly of Youth Organizations has been formed.

CAYO was the result of a meeting of delegates from student, religious, political, worker and rural youth who met to discuss youth and social change.

CAYO was formed to establish a communications link between youth organizations and between youth and the rest of the community. The body will not speak in the name of member youth organizations.

All Canadian youth groups may participate in CAYO.

A six-man committee, including three university students, was chosen to co-ordinate the calling of the next meeting and to publish an information bulletin. The committee will also investigate the possibility of hiring a full-time secretary to act as the main link for communication.

Political rights removed

SALISBURY, SOUTHERN RHODESIA—The government of Southern Rhodesia has removed virtually all political rights for students receiving government grants.

Students applying for such grants must now sign a "stay out of politics" pledge with any violation meaning loss of the student's grant.

The pledge denies students the following rights:

- membership or association in movements or organizations with a political character
- canvassing for or assisting such organizations
- displaying or wearing articles with a political significance
- asking questions from the floor of any political meeting
- any activities which might lead any person to identify the student with a political organization

The conditions affect students receiving Rhodesian government grants whether they are studying in the country or not.

Last spring the Canadian Union of Students gave financial support to students on trial for protesting against the government of Southern Rhodesia.

Common entrance exams

FREDERICTON—A common entrance examination for universities was approved in principle last week by Canada's provincial ministers of education.

There will be one exam for entrance to French-language universities and one for English-language universities according to H. G. Irwin, New Brunswick's Minister of Education and spokesman for the other ministers.

A Canadian university admission service representing the provincial departments of education and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada will prepare the exams. All provinces have indicated they will participate.

Faculty council at Ryerson

TORONTO—Instructors at the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute will have a voice in the school's policies for the first time.

A faculty council was set up last spring by the Ryerson board of governors.

The council, made up of elected and appointed members as well as department chairmen and other senior officials, will make recommendations to the board of governors on such matters as examinations, student affairs, scholarships, and some aspects of the curriculum.

David B. Sutherland, director of student affairs and secretary to the new council, commented:

"It's a new departure from anything the teachers have had before. Where the students have had their say through their Students' Administrative Council, the teachers now have a comparable group."



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IT'S NOSE SCRATCHING TIME ON THE NORTH SASKATCHEWAN—U of A students' council withdrew to the country near Devon to study the mysteries of student government and begin plans for the annual attack on student apathy.

Lesage advocates exchange of English-French culture

By DAVID ESTRIN

English and French speaking Canadians must learn more about each other before Canada will recover from its national psychosis, the charming but cautious prime minister of Quebec told a campus audience last week.

Speaking to an overflow meeting in Con Hall sponsored by the Law School Forum, Hon. Jean Lesage warned "it is useless to hide the truth from the doctor and never be cured."

"Only when we fully recognize the rights of Canada's two founding cultures will we be able to start a real dialogue and build a stronger Canada."

M. Lesage told his audience to consider Canada a country with two majorities. One consists of the

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Lesage backs tuition-free education

By DAVID ESTRIN

The number one man in Quebec politics proved himself to be just that last week in answering a U of A student's question about tuition-free post-secondary education.

Prime Minister Jean Lesage said such a concept has always been the policy of his government.

"We must be ready to make all sacrifices to see no talent is lost," he said.

How soon the goal could be realized, however, depends strictly on economics.

"We are going as fast as possible in providing the opportunities for post-secondary education. But sufficient physical facilities and teachers are also complex problems that must be considered."

"You must remember where you find free education you don't find the plush surroundings of our campuses today. If we wish both comfort and luxury plus free education we must wait until the economy of the country can afford it," he said.

French Canadian in Quebec together with French-speaking minorities in each of the other nine provinces. The other majority, the English speaking group, is an extension of a minority in Quebec, he explained.

When asked by a student to list specific changes Quebec wants, M. Lesage indicated the time was not ripe for him to state demands that English Canada could either accept or reject.

"You make me think my superior is asking me that question," the premier retorted.

"When leaders in both parts of Canada are sure the people are behind them, when they are sure they are not going to break up the country by discussing our national problems, and when the leaders can negotiate without being labelled 'traitors', that will be the time to speak in terms of demands."

M. Lesage was pessimistic about the mass of either English or French speaking people becoming bilingual. "But those that have to because of surroundings, those in the elite or those who desire to have the advantage of two cultures" will be the future bilingual Canadians, he predicted.

U of A Has record fall registration

A record number of students registered at U of A for the 1965-66 term.

Registration figures indicate 11,070 daytime students are registered. Of this number 10,163 are full-time students.

The largest faculty, education, increased by more than 13 per cent, to 2,675 students, Arts has 1,541 students, while science is in third place with 1,299 students.

Full-time graduate student enrolment is expected to jump 18 per cent to a number exceeding 1,100.

The School of Household Economics increased its enrolment to 153 students, an increase of almost 50 per cent.

"I make mistakes when I speak English. I started making the mistakes when I was 12 and had to learn Macbeth by heart. I'm afraid Mr. Shakespeare would never have recognized it."

"Yet I believe my future has been enriched by my knowledge of this second culture. Here as in Switzerland we have the opportunity to do this," he said.

While not wishing to tell the other provinces to what extent they should provide facilities for bilingual education, the Quebec premier said his province might be an example.

"In Quebec we do have equality of opportunity; students have the choice to learn in either French or English."

Boysdale Camp selected for leadership talks

The process of student leadership will be studied Thanksgiving Weekend when a group of interested students confront student leaders, faculty, and administration at a leadership seminar.

The seminar will take place Oct. 9, 10 and 11 in the country atmosphere of Boysdale Camp.

Application may be made at CUS office or at SUB office.

Additional details are available from Bruce Olsen, CUS chairman.

The seminar will include talks on the essentials of leadership, students' union organization, democracy in student affairs, communication technique, efficiency of process.

The keynote speech on essentials of leadership will be given by Marvin Swenson, students' union general manager.

Socially the weekend will include an evening of musical entertainment, access to a heated pool and a chance to meet leaders of various groups on campus. The seminar will be casual in approach.

Costs for the weekend will be borne by the students' union and transportation will be provided for successful applicants.