



Lola Waldman and Dale Smith prepare to board bus headed for city tour. Our comment: Grrr r r . . .

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January 19th, 1945

(NFCUS Congress at the University of Western Ontario, Dec. 28-30)

The agenda: (1) Revision of the NFCUS constitution. (2) Discussion of various student governments and problems on the campus. (4) Examination of national selective service and military training regulations on university students. (5) Discussion of the Canadian educational problems from a national viewpoint, and of exchange scholarships.

October 4th, 1949

Richie Love, New Glasgow, a second year Law student at Dal was elected National President of NFCUS at its annual conference this summer. This is the first time that a representative of a Maritime university has been chosen for this post, though Dal has done better than other Maritime colleges with Al Lomas and Ross Hamilton elected Vice-Presidents in 1947 and 1948 respectively . . .

. . . NFCUS is an organization with members in nineteen Canadian universities . . .

February 12th, 1952

Demand that NFCUS adopt a strong national program was made by the delegates to the Maritime Regional Conference of NFCUS held at Mount Allison University last weekend.

Delegates from the University of New Brunswick, Acadia, Mount Allison and Dalhousie attended the conference at which they stated that the organization should concentrate more on national affairs instead of international affairs. Under the present arrangement they felt Maritime colleges received little benefit from NFCUS although the situation could be remedied by a change in the program.

February 17th, 1953

The Students' Executive Council last night urged the National Federation of Canadian University Students to make representation to both the Canadian and American governments on behalf of Denis Lazure, exNFCUS official who was recently barred entrance to the United States.

. . . The council in passing this motion felt that his exclusion from the U.S. rested on two points . . . Lazure has travelled behind the Iron Curtain . . . Lazure was the first to push the idea of an exchange of student visits between Canada and the Soviet Union.

November 12th, 1958

Dalhousie's NFCUS organization has been the scene of intense activity during the past ten days. The reason: the nation-wide NFCUS Springhill Relief Fund is being channelled through our university. An open letter from National NFCUS President Morty Bistrisky to every Canadian university appealed for funds and has received immediate response.

October 14th, 1959

Dalhousie's bid to host the 24th National Congress of the National Federation of Canadian University Students was unanimously accepted by the 23rd Congress meeting at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon last week.

Panelists Tangle Over Student Role in International Affairs

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The Toronto economist said Canada's move toward more economic independence must be gradual. He suggested it could start with legislation requiring a set percentage of Canadian ownership of Canada-based companies, and with expansion of the nation's secondary industry.

Mr. Gordon said Canada's heavy flow of trade with the United States should be maintained, but new markets sought in Commonwealth and European countries. He called for more independence in farm and defense policies, but said "the United States and NATO should remain . . . the cornerstone of Canadian foreign policy."

Mr. Gordon was key-note speaker of the seminar, attended by 150 students selected from NFCUS campi across Canada. Several of the seminar's speakers elaborated upon his theme of national independency and self-development.

Dr. John Davis, director of research and development for the B. C. Electric Company, suggested Canada should establish a department of national development, to co-ordinate research and develop resources.

He denied that the United States seeks to dominate this country, but said Canadians are too content to remain a "branch plant economy" and "are not doing enough" themselves.

Dr. Davis said Canada offers wide opportunity—"there is no other continent where there are so few people and so much else"—but is not capitalizing on that opportunity.

Fees Increased—

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eration has come a long way, and the raise is necessary to continue its progress. It is almost impossible for our dedicated secretariat to continue to work long hours. I have no doubt that our students' council will be happy to make this voluntary contribution."

Following the passing of the resolution Roy Heenan also of McGill and International Affairs Vice-President told the delegates that their action justifies the confidence which the students of Canada have in their federation."

"We have come a long way from the days when universities would come in and out of the federation, and when they asked do photography contests justify our 50 cents he declared. He referred to the program for the coming year in which the federation offers some 15 national activities as well as the photography contest.

Outgoing president Jacques Gerin congratulated the presidents for "your fine gesture." He told them that it was a "fine reward for your executive and secretariat. You have decided to give them the means of doing their work—a vote of confidence. We know now that we have the support of all the students of Canada."

World Student—

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NFCUS President Jacques Gerin urged all students to participate by showing a genuine and keen interest in events outside Canada.

Said Mr. Heenan in summation: "We are not against communism, but against social injustice, of which communism is one form."

NFCUS Delegates Told Canadian Students "Ignorant"

Panel members differed on the question of "The Student Voice in International Affairs" during the NFCUS symposium held in Room 21 last Sunday.

The panel included Brian Flemming, Dal's NFCUS representative, Jacques Gerin, National NFCUS President, Robert McCleave, local Member of Parliament, and Dr. Guy MacLean, Assistant Professor of History, and Dean of Men at King's. Canon H. L. Puxley, Honorary President of NFCUS and President of King's College, presided over the discussion.

It was Mr. McCleave's view that the Department of External Affairs is "more free to lay down policy lines" than are other departments because of the expert qualifications of its personnel. But, on the other hand, he encouraged students and others to discuss international affairs openly, and felt the subject should be brought into the "political arena."

"I don't think international affairs should be left entirely in the hands of the experts," he said.

Mr. Flemming agreed that the public should be encouraged to comment on external affairs' questions, but felt that it would be dangerous to make such problems

political issues, where they would become a part of what he called "partisan politics."

National President Gerin took note of a recent NFCUS resolution providing that political issues should be discussed by students only insofar as they concern students as such, but warned against interpreting this clause too narrowly. He went on to say that it is impossible to separate the interests of students "as such" from their national politics in countries like Cuba.

Dr. MacLean described the role of students in other parts of the world as "enormously influential," and went on to add that there is a distinct contrast between Canadian students and those of other countries. He said that foreign students were quite often "professionals" in that they remained at university for years and gained a maturity lacking in the universities here. He said they constituted a much smaller minority in their countries and often exerted an "influence of a revolutionary sort."

Dean MacLean said that in Canada, where students are much younger, and where "we have a stable society which does not require revolution," those who attend university are "not taken seriously." He maintained that Canada's student body is among "the most ignorant in the world," attributing this to the stability and richness of our society. Nevertheless, he said that "Canadian students are obliged to take a stand where a principle of human rights is involved, as in South Africa."

Asked what he thought of students expressing views conflicting with those of the Canadian government when attending international conferences, Mr. McCleave said that this would be unfortunate and might help the propaganda war unless delegates made it clear that they were not representing Canada, but merely their views as a "personal group." He said that he thought the Department of External Affairs was well acquainted with student activities on the international plain.

In answering a query about the steps that might be taken to alleviate student ignorance of world affairs, Dr. MacLean said, in part: "What we need on campus is a nucleus of students who concern themselves with international affairs."

Canon Puxley, in closing the discussion, advised students to keep themselves well informed of the facts behind international policies and events.

Dr. Murray Ross Elected NFCUS Honorary President

Dr. Murray Ross, President of the newly founded York University in Toronto, has been elected Honorary President of the NFCUS for the coming year.

Dr. Ross was nominated and elected at a plenary session of the Congress Saturday, and in timed his acceptance Sunday.

1960 Student—

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Travelling eastward, the barriers mount. Central Canadian students are the country's most serious; they face life, university racial problems, federal foreign policy and materialism with considerable gravity. They are cultists; a few leaders pretend to speak for thousands of fringe-thinkers. Ontario and Quebec universities hold more than their share of pseudos would-be sophisticates and hipsters, a confusing potpourri.

Easterners appear to be a cautious, troubled lot. This could be said about Canadian students in general, but it seems to strike truer in the Maritimes, while elected club BMOC's hurry anxiously about their campuses, dredging up quorums for their tedious weekly meetings.

Yet many of the so-called faceless masses of undergrads do care about why they are at college, do seek the college atmosphere they have heard about and long awaited but haven't really expected to meet.

What perhaps they don't realize is that they themselves must create that atmosphere. Not be forming clubs, not by running for fifteen campus positions, not by hating everything their comrades hate; but by being interested in life inside and outside their university walls.

A simple request, and seldom followed. I sincerely hope the 1960 student will herald a change in the student trend of the fifties.

Otherwise he can only remain the creation of a tense, alarmist age—and a mere reflection of a world he could not expect to improve.

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length. If there are any questions on NFCUS, or if you disagree with the work of the Federation, please let us know. If you are interested in working for the organization, support it by attending its meetings and functions, and by discussing it with your fellow students.

We need NFCUS.
Peter Green,
Chairman, Congress Planning

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