

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS CONFERENCE, TORONTO, DECEMBER 29th, 1956

Southam Trophy Goes Owest Jacques Bureau Flies East

Les Français Maintient Ses Positions

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"Les grands seigneurs de la presse universitaire canadienne" (M. Ross dixit) se sont réunis du 27 au 30 décembre, à l'université de Toronto, sous la présidence de M. Gordon Vichert, du journal "The Silhouette" (Hamilton, Ontario). Ils étaient les invités du journal "The Varsity" de l'université de Toronto.

Environ 65 délégués de 23 journaux universitaires canadiens, de Vancouver à la Terre-Neuve étaient présents.

L'atmosphère d'un congrès de la PUC est très complexe; c'est peut-être ce qui le rend si intéressant. Il y a d'abord la camaraderie des recontres.

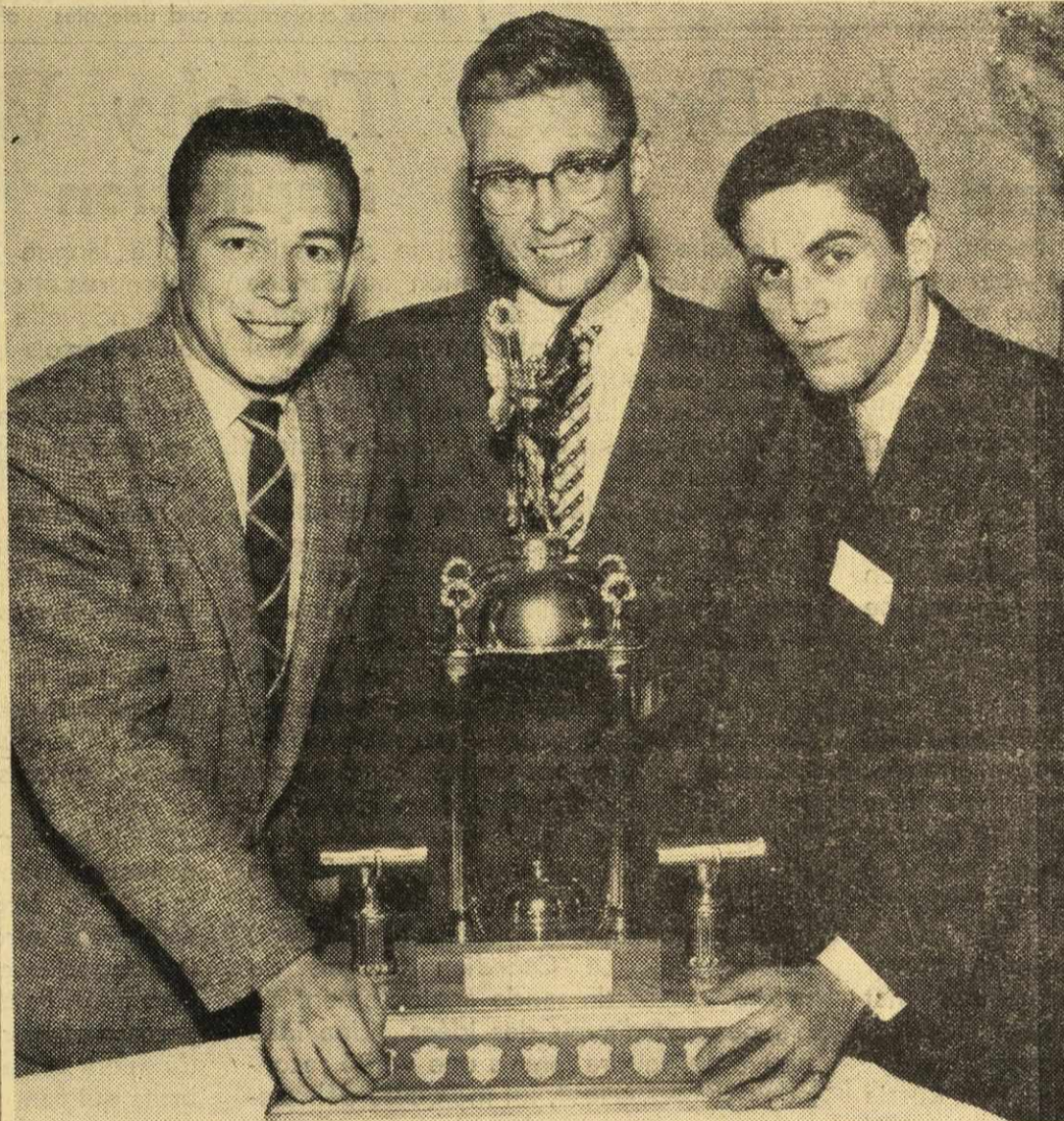
Il y a l'atmosphère démocratique et parlementaire des sessions; les uns se reposent, les autres proposent; les uns amendent, les autres défendent.

Il faut dire que la PUC a montré une admirable amitié aux délégations canadiennes - françaises. La position générale des différentes délégations était en faveur du bilinguisme et s'est manifestée particulièrement par l'acceptation de la motion faite par le McGill Daily, concernant un "handbook" bilingue de la PUC; par la présentation d'invités parlant en français et en anglais, et par la traduction française de quelques documents.

Parmi les projets et décisions susceptibles d'intéresser les étudiants canadiens, mentionnons que le McGill Daily de Montréal s'est offert pour produire, imprimer, et distribuer un "handbook" de la PUC et en défrayer le coût. "The Silhouette" s'est offert pour l'impression des cartes de journalistes de la PUC. Les directeurs des différents journaux membres en recevront un certain nombre qui sera à la disposition de leurs journalistes.

La dernière après-midi du congrès fut consacrée en partie aux nominations et élections. Mentionnons que l'assemblée accepte de demander M. Gérard Filion

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Courtesy Telegram.

Winning editors William Gauthier Morris of the Quartier-Latin, Bob Kubicek of the Gateway and Sid Noel of the Muse with the Southam Trophy. The Quartier-Latin took two trophies — the Bracken, for editorials and the Le Droit trophy for French-language papers. The Muse, from Newfoundland, took the Jacques Bureau trophy for weeklies. Alberta's Gateway took the Southam by a narrow margin.

Convention Divided by Post Question Motion of Non-Support Barely Passes

Almost equal weight was given by other universities to the value of a national student paper and the possibility of CUP co-operation with the paper.

Speaking on behalf of the Post.

Explaining The Journal

The CUP Journal PUC is the first student newspaper ever written, edited and published by undergraduates in Canada.

Delegates to the Canadian University Press conference in Toronto voted to go ahead with the paper the first day they met, Dec. 27. They had approved the paper in principle in a mail vote, early in 1956.

Total circulation will be about 50,000. Copies will appear on 22 university campuses.

publisher A. David Levy outlined the beneficial effects of the Post advertising policies.

To overcome the problem of student representation on the paper, he said the Post would be willing to pay student stringers on each campus.

French objections that the paper is not bilingual could not be overcome "because of finances at the present moment," he added.

The problem of the Post formed the core for a report presented by the Editorial committee and the following resolution was adopted by the plenary session with a vote of 11 to nine, and one abstention:

"Whereas a national Canadian student newspaper should be bilingual and carry up to date news and features; whereas editorial policy should be controlled by undergraduate editors and whereas the Canadian University Post does not fill these requirements, be it resolved that CUP,

as a body, does not support the Post, and be it resolved also that this recommendation should not in any way be binding on any CUP members in their relations with the Post."

Steal Stolen Hats

An hour after they were paraded at the Canadian University Press Conference, six provincial premiers' hats were stolen and taken to Assumption University in Windsor.

Delegate Dennis Deneau of the Purple and White picked up two from Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and one of Conservative leader John Diefenbaker's as well. He missed just one—a light purple affair, picked up from Ottawa Mayor Charlotte Whitton by the Carleton.

Half the hats had been stolen by CUP delegates during the two months before the confer-

Quartier Latin Triumphs Twice At CUP Meet

For the first time in its nine-year history, the Southam Trophy—for the best Canadian student newspaper publishing at least twice a week—went west this year.

University of Alberta's The Gateway edged Toronto's The Varsity by one point in a total of three judge's reports. Western Ontario's Gazette placed third.

The Southam's little brother, the Jacques Bureau, for the best weekly, went all the way east. The Muse of Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, topped The Sheaf, from Saskatchewan, and The Carleton.

Biggest trophy collector was Le Quartier - Latin, University of Montreal's weekly tabloid. Editor William Gauthier Morris collected trophies for the best French-language weekly and for the best editorials in Canada.

Trophies were presented at the final banquet of a three-day Canadian University Press conference in Toronto.

This is the first time the Southam trophy has gone out of the east—and it very nearly did not. Two judges placed The Gateway first and one rated them fourth. The Varsity was second to Alberta twice and topped the third judge's report.

All competition judges were professional newspapermen.

Previous Southam winners have been: The Western Gazette (four times); The Queen's Journal (once); The Varsity (twice); The McGill Daily (once).

Editor Sid Noel of The Muse took over the Newfoundland paper in October. A crisis over paper policy had forced the resignation of 1956's previous editor-in-chief.

The Ubysey, from British Columbia was placed a highly-rated second in the editorial-writing competition. Based on three editorials of each newspaper's choosing, the Bracken trophy is the only competition open to all 22 CUP members.

Other political leaders gave old hats to member papers.

The contest began when University of British Columbia Ubysey staffers took Premier T. C. Manning's Stetson while in Edmonton for a CUP regional conference.

Deneau, who left the conference early with his loot, could not be reached for comment.

Wired requests to President Eisenhower and cartoonist Walt Kelly by the Western Gazette, by The Varsity to Sir Winston Churchill and to B.C. Premier W. A. C. Bennett by the Ubysey were unsuccessful.