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IN FOR THE TEACH-IN—Official umbrella holder, Owen Anderson of the Poli Sci club, greets some of the speakers for the VGW teach-in. Ducking under the bumbershoot is George Trueman, of the Toronto Star, while George Grant (left), of McMaster University and Laurier LaPierre, of CBC's Seven Days, move unprotected toward shelter.

Three-day parliament dissolved before NESP-PC coalition toppled

By ANDY RODGER

The three-day Model Parliament was dissolved last Friday before a confidence motion could bring down the government.

The government, a Progressive Conservative - National Existential Student Party coalition, was led out of office by Conservative Lawrence Portigal, law 3, before a resolution on conservatism could be decided on. The coalition had been formed Wednesday night, when it was apparent that NESP and the Conservatives had much in common.

During three sessions only one resolution, reaffirming Canadian loyalty to the British monarch, was passed, in a free vote. All other legislation was hampered by technicalities and the preponderance of Opposition members—the coalition government had 29 members; the opposition, 35.

Bills, none of which passed, dealt with a number of topics, ranging from automation to the war in Vietnam and the beauty of our National Parks. (This last one included because the editor wanted it in).

A major resolution, introduced by the New Democratic Party, dealt with American intervention in Vietnam, censuring the United States military action and accusing it of "practicing virtual genocide in its air and land attacks." The conflict in Vietnam, said the resolution, "is basically civil in nature."

"The demands of the underdeveloped countries present a more realistic criteria for American policy in Southeast Asia," the resolution stated. It called on the Canadian government to "withdraw permission for Canadian firms to export any arms or material to the United States or other countries to be used in the war in Vietnam."

The resolution was defeated 27-22, with many members abstaining.

A Social Credit resolution, advocating selling of National Park lands to "individuals, companies, or corporations, interested in developing it for the tourist industry," was defeated.

The Liberal resolution concerning education was narrowly defeated. Under the proposed legislation, grants to education would

be increased to "improve the quality of the domestic labor force." It also advocated increased spending in technical training, and tax incentives to firms retaining displaced workers.

Elections

Today is the deadline for entry into the race for student elections to be held March 4.

Positions to be filled are:

- President of students' union
- Vice-president of students' union
- secretary-treasurer of students' union
- Co-ordinator of student activities
- chairman of CUS committee
- President of men's athletics
- President of women's athletics

As of press night Sunday there were three candidates in the presidential race, namely Branny Schepanovich, Fraser Smith, and Stan Wolanski.

Candidates will begin their campaigns Feb. 28.

Canada needs own identity

VGW teach-in panel claims strong American influence

By DON MOREN

Canadian identity is being dominated by an affluent liberal society originating in the United States.

Canadians must feel committed to their own country if Canada is to develop an identity of its own.

The lack of identity this country has means that we still have an opportunity to develop a better society than that of the United States.

Canada can strengthen her own identity by developing her role in international affairs.

These were the main ideas expressed by the four members of the first panel at the teach-in, "Canada: Sovereign or Satellite" held at the University of Alberta Saturday.

The panel consisted of George Grant, Head of the Department of Religion at McMaster University and author of the controversial book "Lament for a Nation"; Laurier LaPierre, host on CBC's "This Hour has Seven Days" and Executive Director of French Canada Studies Program at McGill University; Gad Horowitz, Professor of Political Science at McGill University; and John Matheson, Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Pearson.

THE AFFLUENT SOCIETY

George Grant opened his talk by identifying the affluent liberal society as the swallower of Canadian identity.

Grant claimed most people in Canada want a part of this predominantly American society.

He noted the opposition to this liberalism in Quebec will soon die just as it has in English-speaking Canada.

Grant then described the United States position in the Vietnam war as "genocide."

The affluent liberal society is willing to pay this price and, in doing so, is becoming a "terrible" and "inhuman" society. He called it an "enormous crisis" and that the only sensible alternative for Canada is to give up this inhuman society.

Laurier LaPierre began by stating: "Canadian identity is ridiculous to talk about at any time, absurd to consider at 9:30 in the morning and futile to speak about in English."

He went on to say that "what I say at this teach-in has nothing to do with the CBC because Parliament is sitting and the ladies of Alberta are sitting."

LaPierre labelled Canada's identity as "an identity so caught up in what we refuse to be. The premise that we are not Americans makes our identity negative."

FAILURE NOT REALIZED

"We have failed to realize the magnitude of our failure because we have refused to express ourselves positively . . . the basic needs of the Canadian people have been gimmicked by political power. We, the people, have been left out in left field."

He described the French and English societies within the country as "two great ghettos".

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Tenure dispute drags on

By RALPH MELNYCHUK

As the Murray-Williamson tenure dispute enters its eighth week, negotiations for some sort of settlement are still dragging on.

Both professors have charged that the debate now raging in the 'letters to the editor' column of The Gateway has clouded rather than clarified the issues involved.

They both had previously refused to make public statements, claiming they had been advised that doing this would be prejudicial to their case. However, now they say they must speak to clarify matters.

In a statement Sunday, Colwyn Williamson said:

"This talk about not discussing the matter in public is coming to seem completely hypocritical. My silence has been exploited in order to launch a whispering campaign against me, to spread scandalous fabrications about my philosophical and teaching competence, and vile lies about my personal conduct."

Mr. Murray also expressed regrets that silence had not been kept by those directly involved.

"As for 'the campaign of vindictiveness, vilification, and slander' (Gateway, Feb. 19, p. 2)—if Prof. Mardiros is a candidate for the title of Most Vilified Philosopher, he has strong competition from Williamson and me. To the tenure committee, he expressed damaging opinions of our teaching and writing, neither of which he had investigated, and he repeated them to persons inside and outside the department and to the CBC. What kind of 'silence' is this?" he asked.

Mr. Murray attacked those who claimed he, Williamson, and Tennesen were advocates of narrow thought.

"We, and others, have argued that a carefully planned program is compatible with fruitful diversity of opinion, and essential to the development of students who take philosophy seriously; we presupposed the 'unrestricted freedom for such discussions' to which Prof. Price nostalgically refers; and we were sacked," he said.

Complete texts of Mr. Murray's and Mr. Williamson's statements are on page 4 and 7 respectively.