



RALLY ROUND THE FLAG: Loyal supporters of the Dalhousie Commerce Company are shown above at the flag-raising ceremony that began Commerce Week; — from left to right: Ben Swirsky (Dalcom president), Roy Logan, Bob Howard, Judy McMahon. (Photo by Purdy)

Halifax Labour Lawyer says N.S. Trade Union Act outdated

"The Act is quite antiquated. . . and is in need of revision." That is how Halifax labour lawyer Gerald Reagan described the Nova Scotia Trade Union Act in addressing the New Democratic Party Club last week. Reagan was a Liberal candidate for Halifax in the June 18th elections.

The prominent Nova Scotia labour lawyer called for two specific changes in the Act: first, the use of the Rand Formula (named after Mr. Justice Rand of the Supreme Court of Canada) in all union contracts. By the Formula anyone joining a unionized firm need not join the union but must pay union dues. This sort of provision would be a very good thing. . . It would protect the unions in businesses which have large staff turnovers, such as department store unions," said Mr. Reagan.

Secondly, Reagan called for recognition in the Act of the problem of the unorganized worker: (75 per cent of all workers in

Nova Scotia) he was referring specifically to the question of seniority. "A very worthwhile separate piece of legislation would be statutory seniority. . . so long as a man can perform his job satisfactorily he should not be laid off to avoid paying him a pension. When a man has worked a sufficient number of years he should not be discharged except for valid reasons."

Mr. Reagan expanded his views on seniority during the question period. In firms where seniority is seriously recognized, those with the longest term of service are the last to be laid off and the first to be recalled", he said.

On the question of graft within the union movement, Mr. Reagan commented: "Whenever there is a human element, whether it be union or business, you will find people who use their position for power. Indeed, there is more need for unions now than there ever was."

LIBERALS: NUCLEAR ARMS IN ANY CASE

The Liberal party would have chosen nuclear arms for Canada regardless of any alleged commitment to a nuclear role by the present Canadian government.

Dr. John Stewart, former political science professor at St. F.X. and now Liberal Member of Parliament for Antigonish-Guysborough, made this clear in answer to questions by Dal Law students Wednesday.

Dr. Stewart said Canadian acquisition of "defensive nuclear weapons" is dictated by informal commitments to Western interests and goals. "I don't feel we have a categorical negative" on the question of acquisition.

Dr. Stewart tentatively suggested that if Canada did not play a full role in Western defence she would be near "a pacifist position." "Generally wars are waged with the most efficient weapons available. If you do not use the most efficient weapons, you come near a pacifist position. But if you don't like the word (pacifist), I'll withdraw it."

The Liberal Member frankly admitted that a nuclear arms role for Canada would both encourage the spread of nuclear weapons to other lands, and diminish Canada's influence among un-armed nations. "We are living in a world where we have to make these hard choices."

The Liberal MP commented on other national and international matters:

The installation of Soviet missile bases on Cuba "showed that the progress in civilizing the Soviet Union is not moving as fast as we thought" and dictates close Western attention to Cold War defenses.

Tight money is restricting Canadian economic development. "We have to loosen up the financial strings considerably."

Technical training programs may be underestimating the effects of automation. "I'm not at all convinced that we're not training people for jobs that won't exist."



CUP COMMENTS

By Ed Schwartzberg — CUP Editor

BRAVE NEW WORLD?

The white lab coat has now become a status symbol, the sole aim in life for many, the chairman of McGill University's humanities group says.

Prof. J. L. Launay says that unless the proper balance between science and humanities in Canadian education is restored the resulting situation will prove very dangerous.

The stress on science in today's world means world control will soon be in the hands of those who have received a very narrow, specialized training.

There has been a great contrast between the progress of the sciences and the humanities in the last few years, the professor said.

Medicine, engineering, physics and chemistry have gained glamour in the public eye, and thus financial support, Launay said.

"Meanwhile the humanities have at best marked time and more likely lost ground, he said.

He said the study of the humanities, a study of men in the past and the present in pursuit of knowledge, beauty, wisdom and happiness, are the mainstay of Western civilization."

"To give them up would be folly and a crime against the future." Launay admitted the fight to pull the humanities back to their rightful place would be long and hard.

However, he said, the humanities have already started to grow. "English Literature, fine arts, and philosophy are no longer afraid of tackling the most recent and provocative developments in their field. Without neglecting the past, they emphasize the present relevance of their subjects in shaping the minds of the well balanced undergraduates.

"The day may not be too far when Latin will again be a favorite undergraduate option."

TO SEGREGATE . . .

The University of Alabama has apparently ended for the year the hopes of three Negroes to attend the all-white university.

Ten schools suddenly announced that admissions for the coming semester were closed and only completed applications would be processed.

The applications of the three Negroes were included in those "uncompleted."

This is the fourth consecutive semester for which applications have been closed in advance of public notice.

The Alabama governor stated late last year he would do everything in his power to block integration at the university.

NORTH AMERICAN CURTAIN

The secretary of the communist party in the United States has been refused entry into Canada to address a group of McGill University students.

Gus Hall was detained by immigration officials at the Montreal International Airport and then returned to New York. Officials cited a statute in the Immigration Act which states "a recognized member of the communist party cannot enter Canada if his intent is to speak concerning his political field or to further his views."

Immigration officials said Hall would have been able to enter the country if he had been coming for personal reasons such as business concerns.

Officials report that there is no law prohibiting Canadian communists from expounding their theories," but this is a different matter." He concluded that the question of allowing a Canadian communist into the United States is the concern of American officials.

Hall, who is currently appealing a judgment against the communist party in connection with violation of the Subversive Activities Control Act for refusing to register its members, made a statement before boarding the plane for his return flight to New York:

"The North American curtain of thought control continues to prevail. It is hypocritical to talk about the Berlin Wall when there exists a Wall, albeit of another nature, between Canada and the United States. It is hypocritical as well to talk about freedom in Canada when a Canadian government department violates individual rights."

Whittier on Fitzgerald

The first lecture in the new Student Christian Movement series "Prophetic Profiles" was given last week by Professor H. S. Whittier of the English department. He spoke on "F. Scott Fitzgerald as a prophet".

Dr. Whittier defined the title of the lecture series and showed how it was applicable to Fitzgerald. "A prophet," he said, "is one who articulates the present, the immediate, understanding experience and seeing it in its rightful context." This he related to Fitzgerald. Defining the word "profile" as "an indirect half view . . . a James-like double face", he said Fitzgerald reveals the essence of a double vision to the point where the two faces are revealed as one.

Dr. Whittier then discussed Fitzgerald's greatest work, *The Great Gatsby*. The action of this novel takes place in the Eastern United States, but most of the characters come from the West and the Mid-West. "Here we have the double face, the East-West view, the place where the two faces are revealed," he said.

Dr. Whittier saw as the main theme of this novel what he termed "organic growth". This organic growth is "a force, a natural and creative force which tends to lead to destruction". This organic growth has two principal manifestations: first, money, which gives to its possessor power over other people and is a source of security; and second, alcohol.

"The power of organic growth is in its essence a useful servant," he said. Dr. Whittier drew an analogy with gasoline (French: *l'essence*) which when heated can give forth creative power; but the effects are destructive and ashes are all that is left afterwards. These ashes represent "the self-deception which results from the use of money and alcohol as manifestations of organic growth".

"What is the end of this organic growth manifested in mechanical force but the ashes and the self-destruction?" he asked.

A question period followed the lecture which was attended by about 60 people.



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