

THIS IS MY LAND FILLER

NFCUS Newsletter "US"

This week I have asked Michael Rosenbaum, who is in 2nd Year Arts, to write about his homeland.

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In spite of the fact that the State of Israel is less than one-third of New Brunswick, it is much better known in the world. It is perhaps because we, the Israelites are loud and we like to publicize the fact that Israel does exist. Don't laugh, there are still a few countries in the world, even in the Middle East, that still don't know that Israel exists. The Arab leaders call the Government of Israel a lot of peculiar names as "The Zionist government in the conquered Palestine" or "The government of Tel-Aviv". Just lately, I read a speech by Nasser, where he called Israel "The southern part of Lebanon". As you see, we have to convince the world that Israel is an independent sovereign state. If you are a Christ-

ion, or Jew or a Moslem, you might be acquainted with the Holy Land from the Bible.

I don't want to tell you the heroic story of how Israel came to existence and how many problems we have today (certainly we have a lot). I think, the Encyclopaedia does a better job. If you are too lazy to look at the Encyclopaedia, read (if you didn't yet) "Exodus". Leon Uris tells the story of how the old-new Jewish nation was built in a most authentic and exciting way.

An ad. in an Israeli paper which was put in by Eilat Tourist Bureau, shows a girl in bikini inviting tourists to come to Eilat which has a temperature of 73F during the winter. Eilat, the "Israeli Florida", is located in the southern part of the country on the Red Sea. However, even in the northern parts of the country the temperature this time of the year is around 50F with beautiful sunny days. In the winter we have rain in Israel (not snow). Actually we Israelites would like to have more rainy days in the year. The water problem is one of our biggest problems. An Israeli scientist, Mr. Zachin, developed a desalination process which is cheaper than all other processes known in the world. However, Mr. Zachin's process in its present stage of development can not solve Israel's chronic need for cheap irrigation water, although it may supply plentiful fresh drinking water for outlying areas.

Shortly before I arrived in Canada, I had been released from the Army. In Israel according to the law every male between the ages of 18-26 has to serve in the Army for 2 1/2 years and unmarried girls in the same age for 2 years. The girls are occupied in jobs such as secretary, nursing and teaching Hebrew for new immigrant soldiers who are not familiar with the language. Our Prime Minister insists on the idea that a co-ed army is a good thing for the morale of the army. I agree with him 100% and if you know Israeli girls, you would know that they are capable of raising the morale of male soldiers.

The best University in Israel is the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The Hebrew University has about 5,000 students and is well known in the world for its high standards. It offers a special program for American and Canadian students for one year study mainly for 3rd year students. Besides the Hebrew University there is the Technion (an engineering school) and the Weizman Institute of Science, all are well known institutions.

Unfortunately there is not yet a Hebrew course in this University. Therefore I shall substitute the place of a professor of Hebrew and teach you a few words which you might find helpful if you come to Israel. (when?)

Shalom—Literally it means "peace". In Israel it is used as a greeting. Equivalent to "Hi" and "Hello".

Sabra—Literally it is a certain cactus fruit which has a rough shell covered with pickles but is sweet inside. The Israelies born in Israel are called Sabras because they are rough and impolite from the outside but sweet in-

Only six more issues before we close up for the year—sort of makes you realize that the end is approaching. It makes you envy those fortunate creatures who are all caught up on their work—it's about the essay that was due before Christmas. And Carnival is coming up—that's another week shot to tiny pieces. Oh brother, moan and weep. This is one heck of way to fill up space in the paper, but you see, we had this long piece, and the page had to go to the printers to be set into type, and we don't like the look of blank spaces on the page, at least not ones this big.

No spare copy around the office because it was all too long, or too old, or being used on another page, and nothing was going right. Early in the morning, and no way to get a decent article written to fill the gap. Carnival is coming. Mass hysteria. Essay due, deadlines to meet, well? If you ever feel like writing something you can just slip it into the Brunswick box on the post office, or under the door of the Brunswick office, and we wouldn't have to fill in with bits of trash like this—but try writing at 1:30 after getting out five other pages, and you'll see what is meant by this sort of little rambling of a dithering and tired mind. Only twenty lines so far, and I need thirty-five. Can you stand to read any further?? Stop here, I'm not going to say anything more after this, so don't read any further. It's all a bunch of trash, and I'm really not going to get anywhere. So stop now, why waste valuable time in pursuing this article which is only to fill up space in the first place. Rather neat little rhyme in the last sentence, I hope you caught it. But I say, don't read any further. You've already wasted more time than any sane person time.

by Ian L. McQueen—NFCUS Co-Chairman

Are you planning to travel in Europe this summer? Do you want to save money while you are en route? Would you like to work in Holland this summer? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the NFCUS Travel Department can be of service to you.

A considerable uproar was raised at other universities recently when it was announced that a recent ruling had prohibited group air fare reductions to groups of over 20,000 members, such as NFCUS which has about 100,000 members across the country. However this ruling has no effect on any other travel arrangements available through NFCUS, and the summer employment program in Holland is still going forward.

The types of jobs available are mainly of the manual labor type, such as work in lumber yards, steel mills, the canning industry (including breweries), hotels, dairies and textile mills. The pay scale is that prevailing in the area, so do not expect to make a fortune; the prime purpose of the plan is to enable Canadian stu-

dents to work in Holland for a short time (about 6 weeks) and then have the rest of the summer free to continue around Europe.

One of the other programs available is the Central European Tour; sailing date is June 7th, and the tour includes visits to England, Holland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France. This tour is being organized with students and their interests in mind, and will prove to be interesting.

The travel help available from the NFCUS Travel Department includes many services which would take too much to list here; for further information contact Duncan Noble, Jones House, who is in charge of the Travel Department at U.N.B. Mr. Noble can give you details on the items mentioned here, and can also give you a copy of the pamphlet "Student Travel" which lists some of the other services available. Should you prefer to write directly, the address is:

NFCUS Travel Department
2222 Maplewood Ave.
Montreal, P.Q.

Do not forget that the NFCUS Literary Contest is in full swing, and that entries are wanted from you, the students of this university. Winning entries on the national scale will be printed in the Fall edition of Campus Canada, the Canadian student magazine which will be making its first appearance soon after the middle of February. The contest is divided into three sections: Essays, Short Stories and Poetry. Entries may be submitted to Miss Jennifer Black, 2 Spruce Terrace (475-4737). Miss Black can give you full details on the contest.

We are looking for well qualified applicants to attend the National Seminar sponsored by the National Federation of Canadian University Students. This year the Federated Colleges at Guelph, Ont. are playing host to the Seminar which will be held Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, 1963. Total cost to the selected delegates is only \$30 apiece; all other expenses are assumed by the hosts.

The subject of the Seminar is "Technology and Man", and it promises to be interesting. The seminar is divided as follows:

1. Introduction
 - a. Definition and History of technology
 - b. Relation of technology to progress
2. Technology and the University
 - a. Aims of education
 - b. Role of university in society
3. Technology and the Economy
 - a. Planning in the modern state
 - b. Impact of automation
4. Technology and Culture
 - a. The response of the artist
 - b. The response of the individual.

Application forms and information are available from Miss Beth Watters, 16 Elm St. (472-6444).

NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES TO THE LITERARY CONTEST, AND FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE SEMINAR IS FEBRUARY 28th.

STUDENT OPINION

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"Do you think that the appointments to the Atlantic Development Board were in accordance with its aim?"

"Its aim is to study future economic development in the Maritimes—the appointments of men to lead this study need not necessarily be on their merit in this particular field. If they are capable leaders able to organize effectively and with an adequate discriminatory ability they will be able to achieve their aim in a satisfactory manner."

Male, D.C., 3 Arts

"Definitely not. The appointments appear to be plums handed out to the party faithful. The appointment of the chairman, especially, is a disgrace. This man is what Eric Hoffer has referred to as 'the true believer'—fanatically dedicated to a cause without concern for facts—they do not sway him one way or another as he goes merely along on a cru-

side. At least we Sabras believe firmly that it is true.

Lech La'azazel—Even Milton in "Paradise Lost" uses the word "azazel". The whole expression means: "Go to Hell". That is a very useful expression in Israel.

Toda—means "thank you". If you are still around, "Toda" for enduring this article till the end.

sade. Moreover it is doubtful whether the A.D.B. itself will adequately fulfill the needs of the region. What is needed is a comprehensive and integrated economic planning, not 'porkbarrel' projects like Chignecto and Causeway, etc."

Male, D.L., 4 Arts

"I wonder if there was anything accomplished beyond raising interest, through the recent students' demonstration."

Male, W.B., Post Grad

"I do not feel that the appointments were the best in order to carry out its aim. These appointments were political and thus it will become a political sinecure for deserving politicians."

Male, N.A.W., 3 Arts

"It is unfortunate that politicians must capitalize on the economic misfortunes of an area to reward the party faithful. In as much as interest and effort are no substitute for ability and training it appears that the A.D.B. will have a very bleak future."

Male, D.W., 4th Bus. Admin.

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