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Approximately forty people represented Canada's university community in Israel this past summer. Thirty-five were students and five were faculty. The programme consisted of a seminar; one of the many projects of World University Service of Canada. Its purpose was not to judge, decide, or conclude about the political situation in the middle east, but to bring Canadian students into more than a superficial contact with life in a country so different from their own.

The theme of the seminar was: "Tradition and Technology in a new country." Through weeks of lectures at the Hebrew University, two weeks of experiencing day to day life on Israeli farm settlements, and tours of the country, these Canadians came to understand how ancient tradition blends with modern technological advances to form this vital, vigorous new-old country. They came also to understand, from association with each other, their own country from a new perspective. For the experience of seeing at first hand a people who have struggled toward their goal, their cultural awareness combined with a humane attitude to technological development, is beyond value for the Canadian immediately concerned, as well as those with whom they now communicate in their own universities.

At this point I should like to say that the ideas expressed in this series of columns are my own, and not necessarily those of World University Service of Canada. It is also my opinion that the projects and aims of such organizations as World University Service must be encouraged and supported. We, as Canadians, generally fail to see the world in any perspective other than our own western one. We are not a nationally conscious country, and perhaps this is healthy. However, this lack of national consciousness — which one can attribute to the relative lack of crisis that usually welds a country into patriotic, aware unity — tends to result in a regionalism. That is, one thinks of himself first as a "Maritimer", or perhaps an "Albertan".

The quandary of our world, the dilemma that our generation faces is based on the opposition of the "have" countries and the "have nots". World University Service, in its attempt to maintain contact among the intellectual communities of the world, manages to breach these gaps, however delicately.

Are you aware of the fact that approximately fifty countries of the world belong to World University Service? This organization is an affiliate of the United Nations. It grew from the International Students Service, formed after the First World War. This small body of people, in an attempt to transcend different ideologies and the categories of "conquerors" and "conquered", managed to bring university education to men in prisoner of war camps. This fact is significant. The allied powers and the German powers actually came to a compromise in this matter. This fact is significant because it symbolizes what World University Service is now trying to do in 1961 on an even greater plane. One could call it, in a sense, a preventative medicine. One could dismiss it as a uselessly idealistic organization. But one must stop to ask where the world would be without ideals.

The WUSC Summer Seminar is an ideal in practice. I was fortunate enough to attend the 1960 Seminar in Israel. In this series of columns I shall attempt to describe life in Israel, the Israeli people, a Canadian's reaction to the situation, and a student's reaction to a most vivid, rare experience of life.

You will read of Canadian students arriving in Tel Aviv from a star-globed sky. You will read of Canadian students waking at 4 a.m. to begin work on a kibbutz, of a hardy westerner blistering his hands from the ferocity of an irrigation hose, of Canadian co-eds gathering eggs on a moshav. You will also read of exhaustive lecture schedules, extremely Orthodox Polish Jews with side curls, and hitch-hiking Bedouins.

Through participation in the WUSC seminar in Israel, Canadian students were confronted with life in a strange country, a unique country, a country so different from their own. Perhaps only now, as our thoughts begin to congeal, do we begin to realize the impact of this experience.

To advocate the necessity of an immediate tolerant, and active study of the other countries of the world is an understatement. Perhaps, however, it is possible to at least scratch the surface of awareness.

Roll to World Record

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world record for this particular event broke the established mark of 70 miles in 8 1/2 hours set last Friday by the University of Waterloo. UNB's average time for the total distance was only slightly less over a much longer route than the U of Waterloo's.

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

STUDENTS HAVE Rod and Gun Awards

GIMME ATTITUDE

The Charge

Ottawa (CUP)—Jan. 21—Students were charged with exhibiting a "gimme" attitude in their demands for financial support. Speaking at the NFCUS Ontario regional conference William Ross (publicity director for the Univ. of Ottawa), said—"the obligated-to-invest-in-our-youth-approach play is actually addressed to government and business and not to students."

In speaking of the NFCUS campaign for 10,000 bursaries, he felt there was a certain discrepancy between this demand and the one being made now to universities for more parking space. Such a paradoxical situation meant, he stated, "that student demands will not win much public support."

Students might achieve their ends with integrity through government underwritten loans from the banks, he suggested, and this will convince the public that student demands are reasonable.

Earlier he said that students seemed "to be turning their backs on serious issues, and they lack responsibility, dedication and purposefulness." He expressed surprise at the number of students, "who lack enthusiasm, who cannot get excited about the issues which deeply concern them and their welfare." Throughout his speech he continually referred to what he calls the "gimme" attitude of students.

Mr. Ross asked the conference delegates to what extent the students on their campuses were "involved in the issues of your elections." He seemed sure that most of the students were "elected by, in my experience, a minimum of students. Today many students 'don't give a damn,'" he said.

He asked the delegates to define to themselves what their responsibilities are. "You are here to give leadership, it is your responsibility to exercise leadership in the field of education," he said. And he told them he was looking for the "spark that animated us 20 years ago."

The Reply

"It's about time they stopped calling university students irresponsible," was NFCUS president Bruce Rawson's reply to such a claim by Ottawa University Publicity Director Bill Boss.

President Rawson added that in many countries in the world students resort to rioting. "We try to do something constructive through research and consideration and we are called irresponsible. Do we have to riot to gain the ear of the Canadian public and the university administrations?"

Referring to the NFCUS bursary campaign he said that students do not want the money for themselves, but were "asking for money to help those students who are unable to attend university for economic reasons."

Mr. Boss's stipulation that students might reach their goals if they received government underwritten loans from the banks was described by Rawson as unattractive to high school students whose parents are in a low income bracket even though there is a desire for a university education.



Left to Right—Andy Cote (Club Pres.), Alex Ross (2nd place winner), Mayor Wm. T. Walker and Dick Steward (winner of the Rod and Gun Club Challenge Trophy).

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The Rod and Gun Club Challenge Trophy was recently presented to first year Forestry student Dick Steward of Milltown, N.B. He won the trophy donated by Mayor Walker, for shooting a 155 lb. buck last fall. Alex Ross of Westmount, P.Q. won second prize in the club's Heaviest Deer Contest, and received a \$10.00 cash voucher from Federal Hardware.

Now that the hunting season is gone the club is organizing various winter season projects such as fly-tying for hopeful fishermen and rifle range work.

VIA NFCUS

CANADIAN STUDENTS TO RUSSIA

According to the terms of the agreement between the National Federation of Canadian University Students and the Soviet Union Student Council, the USSR Student Council will be host, next spring, to an official delegation of five (5) Canadian students for a duration of one month.

The delegation will officially represent NFCUS and will be chosen amongst students aware of student activities and amongst student leaders.

Arrival in Moscow will be between May 10 and 24, 1961.

The delegation will visit at least six (6) university cities in four (4) Soviet Republics. The cities suggested are: Moscow, Kiev, Leningrad, one city in the Caucasus, one in Central Asia (Tashkent) and Stalingrad.

Eligibility:

Candidates must be bona fide students, members of NFCUS and Canadian citizens.

Candidates must be keenly aware of:

—all aspects of Canadian history, geography and politics

—United States policies; Canada-U.S. relations

—national student and youth movements

—international youth movements, conflicts and policies.

Candidates must also be an active participant in student affairs. Any student with a command of Russian would almost certainly earn a place on the delegation.

Applications should be handed into Rod Bergin, NFCUS Chairman February 15th and the selected delegates will be announced at the end of the month.

"Has the student the right to put himself \$4,000 or \$5,000 in debt when his family is not financially secure? We have loan schemes which are useful, but do not attract high school students; this has been proven," he said.

HERE'S LOOKIN AT YA'

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with disapproval in the eyes of their future mate. The senior artsman will enter slightly later wearing a hip-length paratrooper's parka, heavy flight boots, and with a not-so-pretty co-ed on his back (like I mean he really doesn't want her with him). The co-ed will be much less dignified than the aforementioned freshette but will gleam with an air of satisfaction. Apparently he has lived a little more than the stingy freshette. The fellow will buy numerous cokes or gingerales from the refreshment stand, depending upon whether he brought rum or rye. For these people the game is unimportant ... it had been better for them and all of us had they pursued their activities in the privacy of a dark room.

I could cite various other examples but I will stop here as I do not wish to incriminate the whole of the faculty and student body. Remember, when you attend college events ... someone is watching you. Try to set a good example. Be gay, be cheerful, but please be sensible.

LETTERS

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mittee has planned and anticipated.

Signed:

Dave Dubrule.

(Editor's Note)

The Brunswickan refuses to "budge" from the stand taken in its Tuesday editorial. We printed the truth as we know it, the truth accepted from statements of a Winter Carnival Committee member and a Daily Gleaner representative. If the Chairman of the Winter Carnival Committee does not know this truth, he should find it out!