

BOY FRIEND HERE IN A MONTH AFTER TWO DAY TRIAL RUN IN GREENWOOD

Opening night of **THE BOY FRIEND** is little more than a month away. The stagecrew is in the midst of newspaper and tins of paint, while the cast transforms isolated songs, dances, and dialogue into a musical.

Boyfriend's director, Mrs. Doreen Ibsen, has described it as "one of the most ambitious productions in the history of DGDS, for although simple as a play, the principals must be able to act, dance, and sing. She added that "until now, everyone has been working separately and we haven't got full enjoyment out of the musical. The big bang comes this week when our first attempts

at fitting everything together are scheduled."

The scenery has been designed by John Chambers, who saw the show in Europe. There are three sets, one for each act—the dancing room of a French finishing school, the promenade on a Riviera beach, and the "terrace" of a continental cafe.

George Naylor is looking after the music, and the chorus and principals are learning their parts enthusiastically. Songs from "The Boy Friend" include such old favourites as "A Room In Bloomsbury" and "It's Never Too Late" (to fall in love); Rick Quigley describes them as having "a lot of bounce". They are full of gaiety and reflect the atmosphere of the legendary '20's that created them.

DGDS hopes to economize this year by renting as few costumes as possible, which explains all the posters around campus. Anything from the '20's will be wonderfully wel-

come — boaters, flapper bathing suits, white flannels. Even chemises of two years ago can be made to look authentic. "Although everything may not be used", said Mrs. Ibsen, "the more costumes we have the merrier it will be to experiment with colour".

The Boy Friend also needs a prompter.

Summing up her ideas about our new musical, Mrs. Ibsen remarked that "no director is happy, for there are always kinks and giggles to get rid of. However, progress has been encouraging, and the cast are an awfully good bunch."

"The Boy Friend" has been invited to Greenwood, and definite plans are being made to go. Carol Clark has mentioned February 26 and 27, as possible dates. "This is the first time any Glee Club show has been invited away from home," says Carol "and we've been promised transportation, accommodation, and a good audience."

Prison Conditions Sharply Criticised

"The prisons of Nova Scotia are in 16th century conditions." Mr. John Arnott, Secretary of the local John-Howard Society in Halifax, in an SCM Coffee session on Monday, January 18 at 4:30 replied to this commonly heard generalization. Without agreeing directly, he spoke of some very bad conditions in describing the work of his society.

"The society has several aims," he said. "They hope to assist prisoners who are paroled, to make the general public aware of bad prison conditions and to create a demand for improvements."

He told of the very detrimental effect of a jail sentence here, on most young persons where there is little or no work to be done and no segregation between hardened criminals and first offenders.

"Municipal control of prisons should be ended," he stated.

Supervision is inadequate, so that in one case the cost of board of 20c per day per prisoner went by uncriticized.

Questioned continuously, he told of many other aspects of prison reform, concluding by pointing to the new farm prison in New Brunswick as one of the most hopeful signs of progress.

NATO YOUTH SEMINAR MAY COME TO DAL

Pete Green, chairman of the planning committee of the 24th annual NFCUS Congress, said Tuesday that Paris headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has asked NFCUS to sponsor a NATO Youth Seminar. If the Federation decided to sponsor the Seminar, Pete says it will be held at Dalhousie "either before or after the NFCUS Congress meets here" next September.

Attending the NATO Seminar would be 45-50 delegates representing universities across Canada, including "perhaps 12-15 representative from independent youth groups in Canada."

"As far as I know, the decision to hold the Seminar has been reached pending working out of final arrangements", Pete said. "In any case, we'll know by the end of the month."

The last NATO youth seminar was held in Ottawa in 1958. Dave Matheson represented Dal at that meeting.

"The main purpose of the Seminar", the planning committee chairman said, "would be to acquaint Canadian youth with NATO and its workings in the Western Alliance. Seminar leaders would probably be brought from military and government circles in Canada, and perhaps from outside as well. However, no draft of any definite programme has been drawn up. The whole thing is still in its formative stages."

The meeting of the NFCUS Congress will be held here from Sept. 18-21. University student council presidents and NFCUS chairman of the Federation's 33 member universities will attend this annual policy-making meeting of the Federation. The National executive will meet at Dal prior to the Congress sessions.

Congress business meetings will be held in the Arts and Administration building, and university officials have promised the Congress the use of the new Men's Residence. If the Residence is not completed by that time, delegates will board at Shirreff Hall.

This will be the first NFCUS conference to be held east of Quebec City. "This is a definite step forward for the Maritime's 12-member Universities", Pete said. Assisting in Congress planning are Saint Mary's, Mount Saint Vincent and King's.

The conference budget will be \$4,000 - 5,000. It is being financed by a grant of \$1,000 from Dalhousie, a \$1,000 grant from the Dal Students' Council, another \$1,000 grant from the Provincial Government, a Banquet grant from the City, and registration fees from the delegates.

Because French-speaking delegates will be attending the conference, a simultaneous - translation system will be set up in the Arts building, operated by the translator from the House of Commons.

Pete said more details on both the NATO Seminar and the NFCUS Congress will be available after the NFCUS national president, Jacques Gerin, meets with the planning committee next week.

Record Hops In Gym Banned By Council

At its regular semi-monthly meeting on January 19, the Student Council spent four hours of dynamic discussion on an agenda of important and often controversial issues.

Some Council members minced no words in outlining their views on the recent "tiger-napping". Said Vice-President Wally Turnbull, "The tiger belongs to the seven individuals who built it . . . We refuse to be intimidated. Kempton Hayes pointed out that "in the eyes of the public Dal owns a tiger". Jim Hurley felt that "the Student Council should refuse to be blackmailed."

In a motion which all members upheld unanimously, Stu MacKinnon suggested that "the Council reject this ultimatum from Tech". It was decided to send a letter immediately to the thieves stating this position.

Murray Fraser, chairman of the S.U.B. Committee, presented a clear and comprehensive report on the activities and progress of his group up to date. He announced that a building sub-committee expects to have preliminary sketches of the proposed Student Union Building ready by February 1. Moreover, a general publicity sub-committee is working on plans for a student referendum, tentatively scheduled for February 19.

The N.F.C.U.S. Committee chairman, Peter Green, engaged in making preparations for the National N.F.C.U.S. Congress to be held at Dal from September 18 to 22, reports that "a lot of major items are pretty well finalized by now". The 100 delegates are to be housed in Shirreff Hall; the services of a translator

from the House of Commons staff has been obtained; meetings of the Congress are to be held in the Arts Building.

After a report from Awards Committee chairman, Jim Hurley, John Chambers politely interjected, "I don't want to be facetious, but I'd like to know just why D's are given out in the first place?" Answering him, Bonnie Murray explained that "Dalhousie appreciates activities; that's why they give D's." However, John insisted that "many people do things for D's . . . you would remove lots of improper incentive by removing the D system." The Council made no definite statement on this controversy.

Nick Sinclair of the Canteen Investigation presented the cheering news that there have been no cases of food poisoning within the last three years at Mr. Atwood's popular coffee house. The installation of vending machines in the Men's Residence was advocated.

The recent deterioration of the weekly dances in the gym prompted Kempton Hayes to move that "in future all record hops be banned from the gym except in Freshman Week". This was seconded by Wally Turnbull who declared, "I don't even want to hear "God Save the Queen" played on records . . . Dal students want an orchestra, proper supervision, and some sort of theme." The motion was carried with 9 out of 16 in favour.



Pictured above are examples of most of the ingredients contributing to the German Society's Carnival in Cologne." Piracy, we hear, was a favorite occupation among the masqueraders attending the dance, held as the battle indicates, in a convenient basement.

Aitchison Sees Unpromising Future For National Socialism In Canada

Professor Aitchison said Thursday a principal reason why Socialism has not succeeded in Canada was that our federal system of government "emphasizes regional instead of class cleavages."

Speaking on "the Future of Socialism in Canada" Professor Aitchison told the second session in the SCM spring series that "the present state gives us the most urgent welfare services . . . and we are contented."

He said Keynes' economics had helped governments to control the economy and resist depressions, the cause of the swing to socialism in the 1930's. However, he said, recessions will still occur.

Professor Aitchison said where public ownership had been tried, as in Britain, it had failed to solve all problems. He suggests that if the Communist government in the Soviet Union became democratic and used its power to provide more

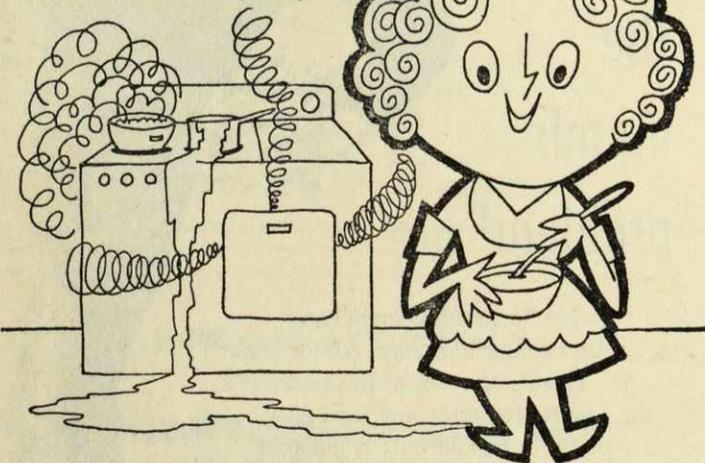
wealth to the individual, the popularity of socialism would increase a great deal in North America.

If, then, socialism is generally unpopular in North America, why did the CCF movement succeed in Saskatchewan? Professor Aitchison attributed this success to the ability the movement's leaders to catch the during the Depression. This was also the reason for the regional success of the Social Credit party.

However, he doubted the idea of the CCF becoming the next opposition, or perhaps government of Canada. The Liberal party would not fade quickly, in addition, the press was generally hostile to the CCF movement.

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