

Canada's International Personality

Most Canadian university students attending McGill Conference on World Affairs agreed that one of the major outlined themes was that Canada wished to achieve a substantial measure of independent action in international affairs in order to safeguard her national identity. This was in the first instance, a matter of culture, especially in view of the bilingual balance within the country but it also involved the retention of final economic control and a substantial measure of independent action in the military and political fields.

The fulfillment of the development of a Canadian international personality is more likely to be accomplished by positive social action than by an insistence on the defence of Canadian interests against American pressure. Thus Canada should subsidize her own culture rather than raising barriers against the free circulation of American ideas.

Most delegates recognized that Canada was dependent on the United States in many vital matters, but they felt that a more aggressive statement of the Canadian viewpoint, even where it was in conflict with American opinion, would be to the advantage of both countries.

In the realm of the United Nations it was generally recognized that the rivalry between two great power blocks made it impossible for international decisions to be enforced where the interests of the great powers were concerned without the risk of general war. However, the assembly was able to express the moral opinion of a large proportion of the nations of the world. Certain countries were much

more susceptible to this kind of moral pressure than others, but this does not mean that the role of moral arbitrar was ineffective. The United Nation would strengthen its position if it could solve the minor disputes even if the major ones remain. For this purpose enlargement of the forces available to act under U.N. Command was felt to be desirable.

Great power rivalry has brought about the impotence of the security council—the initiative has passed to the general assembly in which the smaller states, especially those non-white nations of Asia and Africa predominate. The enlargement of the authority of the General Assembly will depend very largely on the extent to which its decision can reach and be made acceptable to public opinion within the various member states.

Canada's role in the United Nations is that of preserving an area of manouvre without abandoning the fundamental basis of the western position. Canada is able to do this since there is comparatively little suspicion of her motives on the part of many of the non-committed nations. Canada is in a particularly favourable position to act as an intermediary between the United States and the Asian and African countries.

The United Nations would be made stronger if it sought more actively to strengthen the co-operation in areas not deadlocked by the cold war, in particular, the work of the specialized agencies needs to be further developed and more encouragement given to expanded projects for education, international communication and cultural exchanges.

In the opening stages of the discussion of NATO, the belief was expressed that the alliance should present a united front on all issues of foreign policy, including their political, military and economic implications. However, it soon became apparent that NATO was no more than a partial alliance for limited purposes within a limited area; its origin was the fear of Soviet expansion and its principle method was the advancement of military preparedness. Recent developments of the techniques of warfare, both hot and cold, now call into question whether either the area or the purposes can remain limited.

Outside the area of military co-operation, each nation must reserve the right to reach independent decisions concerning its vital interests, but these should neither be announced nor implemented without full consultation with all NATO partners concerned.

The commonwealth has been transformed since World War II from a community of nations of Anglo-Saxon decent into a much wider organization whose members represent far more Asians and Africans than Europeans. This raises the possibility that there might be an inner group within the commonwealth composed of the Dominions, each of which has retained the Crown as a part of its internal constitution. Such a proposal has not been favoured by Canada or by the delegates of this conference. The alternative basis of the commonwealth implies a recognition of racial equality. From this point of view, the continued membership of South Africa is an anomaly and a challenge is posed to the internal readiness of each to eliminate racial discrimination.

Students Polled; Favor Student Union Building

What do YOU think of the proposed construction of a Student Union Building here at Dal? This was the question asked of a number of students on the campus. Those who thought it was a good idea based their opinion on the proposition that a SUB would bring about increased student interest. Here are some of the opinions expressed:

DAVID DUNLOP, Arts 4; "I definitely think Dal should have a SUB. I feel that it certainly promotes spirit in a university, and you get to know people—the canteen here is a farce, as far as that goes. At Acadia, they have a SUB, which is run in a very efficient manner, making money for the Student Council. It should contain a cafeteria, common room, student society offices, etc. I feel it's time the Dal. administration started to deal with the needs and desires of the students."

DEREK WIGGS, Law 2; "I'm in favour of one because I feel it's an absolute necessity. It provides a center on the campus where students of all faculties can get together, and associate freely with each other. At ueen's, there was one, containing an adequate dining room, with good food at a reasonable price. It also had a music room, billiards room, common room, reading room, and most important of all, there was a coffee shop, open until 10:30 p.m. If we had something like this, there would be less beer drinking on the part of students, for they will have a place close by where they can retire for coffee, and spend a relaxed evening. As it is now, you have to go so far for a cup of coffee, you might as well go to the pub, and spend the rest of the evening there, instead of going home."

DIANE SPERRY, Science 2; "I definitely think we should have one. As far as financing, I think a special building fund should be set up. I only wish I'd be here to enjoy it."

LIBBY GRANT, Arts 2; "I think it's a terrific idea. You'd meet a lot more people that way. The only trouble is, it would just be finished by the time I leave."

LEW SMITH, Commerce 2; "I think Dave Matheson is taking the logical approach, by checking with other universities. I definitely think it's a necessity. At Acadia, it's an excellent way to meet people, and a pleasant way to spend your spare time. At Dal, which is much larger, it will be even more beneficial as a means of meeting people."

PEARSON BECKWITH, Pre-Med. 2; "I think it would definitely strengthen the bond between students. Student unity is so necessary for campus spirit, I fail to see how it could be anything but beneficial. I think it would tend to keep the students out of billiard halls, etc., and would keep them in closer contact with the university."

KEVIN JONES, Law 1; "This isn't an easy question to answer, because there are disadvantages. At the moment, the Maritimes are primarily noted for having an academic atmosphere, and for producing good thinking people. In central Canada, there are perhaps too many social amenities to distract the student, whereas in Dalhousie, there is little alternative but work. Hence, there is plenty of time for meditation. But, if you put up a Student Union Building, there may not be so much time for thought, which may result in secondary students."

GOOG FITZGERALD, Arts 3; "I think it's a good idea, but I think a new men's residence is more important than a SUB."

NIGEL GRAY, Science 3; "No. The money can be used to build a new men's residence. The present facilities are sufficient for student societies, etc. The old men's residence can be renovated for student purposes. Buildings don't make a university,—it's the men (Women)."

JON HOOGSKATEN, Engineering 2; "I think it's a good idea. At the University of Manitoba we had one, and it contained basketball courts, a canteen, summer school classes, and offices of student administration."

PETER CROSBIE, Commerce 4; "Before we get a SUB, we must get a men's residence. Then a SUB is essential to get students together, and then out-of-towners will achieve a fuller life while at university."

MITCH LEVINE, Dentistry 2; "I am in favour of a SUB. Perhaps it will draw the Forrest campus closer to Studley, the reason being that a great majority of students on the Forrest campus come from other universities, and find that Dal lags behind in spirit."

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