

Canada heads for free trade; if talks don't prove impossible

By L. Andrew Cardozo

Canada is moving toward a free trade system in the present round of Multi-Lateral Trade Negotiations in Geneva — this was the centre of discussion at last week's MacLaughlin College forum entitled, "Status of Canada's Trade: The Interpretations of the current General Agreements on Tariff and Trade Negotiations.

The panelists were: James Gillies, M.P., a fellow of McLaughlin College, J.G. Crean, Chairman, of the Canadian Business Group for Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Robert Latimer, Assistant Deputy Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and Dr. John Beare, Associate Professor at York.

In his opening remarks Dr. Gillies said that the international attitude towards lowering tariff barriers was in response to the high tariffs of the Depression and the World War II era.

"The direction in which the negotiations have been going, is a good thing", said Dr. Beare. In his main address Beare contended that Free Trade would benefit

Canada in the long run.

"There would be a reallocation of resources away from things in which we are relatively inefficient in producing, in favour of things we are more efficient at." In this, he said, the real incomes would rise. He pointed out that the government was planning to aid certain industries in the transition.

Robert Latimer told the audience that the reallocation of this sort was running into problems with "the regional conflicts in this country". Certain regions in Canada could suffer seriously in this redistribution.

Latimer said that most members of the GATT were moving in the direction of Free Trade. The Americans were however, not moving too fast in this direction, while Hapan maintained the highest barriers. He stressed the complexities of such negotiations, and that although they were drawing to a close, the present round had been going on for six years.

"These negotiations are so deep that I don't know how International trade takes place at all", exclaimed John Crean.

Prof criticizes space "vandalism"

By Greg Saville

A York scientist has blamed "bureaucratic vandalism" for the cancellation of a possible federal grant to fund Canada's largest space project to date. In a letter to the *Globe and Mail* J.G. Laframboise, professor of physics at York, said the loss of the POLAIRE space project is a "special frustration to about 70 Canadian space scientists".

POLAIRE (polar orbiting low altitude input response energetics) was to be launched in 1983 from aboard the NASA space shuttle.

York Professor Gordon Shepherd, chairman of the space science planning group, has described POLAIRE as a space probe with 14 different instruments for study of the phenomena known as Aurora Borealis, better known as the Northern Lights.

The POLAIRE project marked the first time that a space project had been designed to concentrate a study of the northern lights. According to professor R.W. Nicholls, another member of the POLAIRE project and York's director of CRESS (Center for Research in Experimental Space Science), it was to cost over \$20 million.

Nicholls said it's possible the government made the decision to fund the Anuk telecommunications satellite instead of the POLAIRE, which is a research satellite.

More talks on exam farce

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When asked if he and Jerry had stood alone in their original appeal, Emsley replied that a petition had been circulated during the exam protesting the conditions. Kaplan said that he had not seen or heard of any petition. McKechnie was not available for comment.

Contacted Tuesday night to comment on this situation, Macdonald said he had left the decision up to Kaplan to settle a fair solution for these students, but continued, "I will be meeting with Dean Kaplan Wednesday to discuss the question of any possible compromising of academic standards."

Atkinson meeting on hiring of Dean

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In response to the rejection, Atkinson council held a special meeting on Monday which decided that the acceptance of the president's suggestions last fall was "inoperative" and that a search committee called to session in two weeks.

Said council chairman John Harney regarding their position in the dispute, "I feel that the Atkinson College Council has a

position well founded in principle and past practices based on the York University Act, on the original trust when Atkinson was founded and on agreements with the board and the faculty association."

Commenting on the changes in selection rules requested by presidents Yoltan and Macdonald, and now the board, Harney said:

"Once the camel's nose is in the tent you can't seem to keep the rest of the beast out."



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