

CUSO wants U youth for overseas

By BARRY CARTER

The co-ordinator in Chile for the Canadian University Students Overseas program, Robert Anderson, yesterday ended a two-day visit to the U of A.

Mr. Anderson was seeking U of A students who are technically qualified and willing to work overseas for two years in a developing country.

"Basically CUSO is an independent, non-profit, non-government, apolitical, non-religious organization. It attempts to provide the opportunity for technically qualified people to spend a minimum of two years working in a developing country in the third world,"

said Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson listed the two basic aims of CUSO as follows:

- In terms of a mid-level manpower, technical assistance program CUSO tries to provide technically qualified people to meet the demands of the host countries.

- To serve an educative role for Canadians. This is a secondary role in which Canadians who participate in the CUSO program receive a broadening experience.

"While, when we're selecting people we put a strong emphasis on technical capabilities, we also look for people who are conscientious, aware of development problems, and sensitive to intra-cultural situations," said Mr. Anderson.

There are approximately 40 developing countries involved in the CUSO program, said Mr. Anderson.

1,200 Canadian students are presently participating in the various CUSO programs. When CUSO was founded in 1961, there were 15 participants. Mr. Anderson estimated the total number of participants since 1961 at 3,200.

Last year approximately 40 people from Edmonton went with CUSO, said Mr. Anderson. Most of these people were U of A students.

Mr. Anderson said the CUSO program is relatively successful, if considered in light of the constraints of the program and its aims. Two significant constraints are the small scale of the program—only 1,200 participants, and the fact that people are working for only two years.

Those students who are interested in the CUSO program should contact Mr. David Gue, head of the local CUSO committee, room 202, University Hall.

Mr. Anderson suggested that

those people thinking about joining CUSO do so right away as there will then be a better chance of getting placed in the most suitable position in time.

Beeters beaten

EDMONTON (CUP)—An article published in the National Supplement, a joint publication of the now-defunct Canadian Union of Students and the Canadian University Press, may spark an investigation of labor practices in Alberta sugar beet fields.

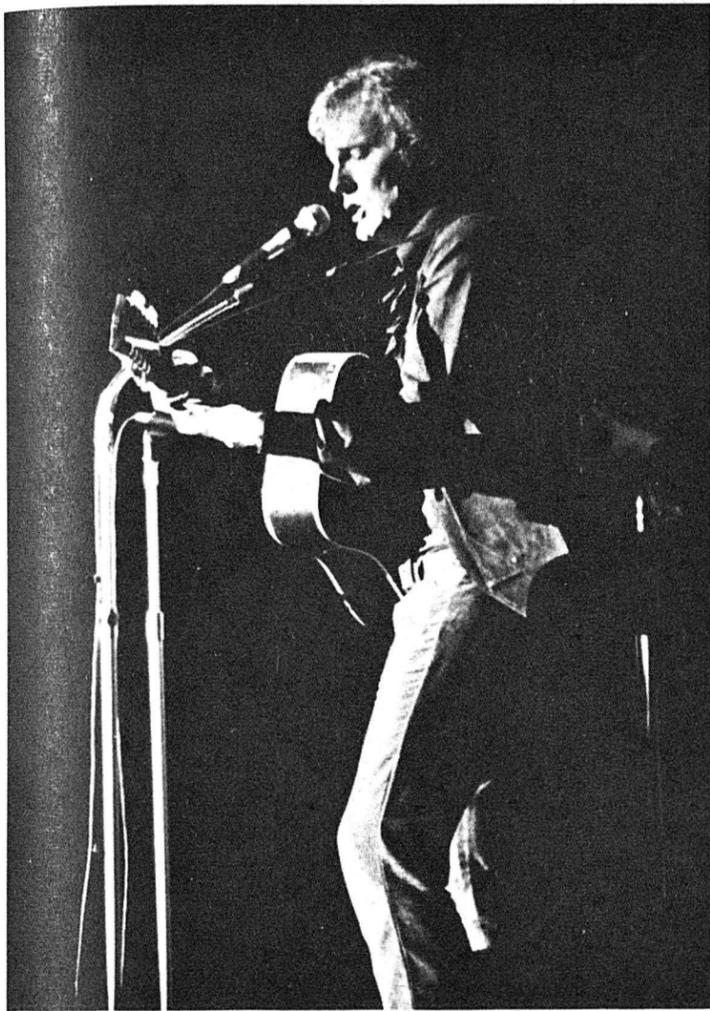
Provincial New Democratic Party leader Grant Notley made the demand for an investigation Tuesday and cited the article as proof of his charges of exploitation, inhuman working conditions and possible misleading labor recruitment by Canada Manpower.

Notley said he has "very good reason" to believe that the charges are true, and wants the provincial government to investigate the situation before the next beet season opens.

The National Supplement article, written by John Ferguson and Barry Lipton, reported that children as young as six years of age were working for farmers under contract to sugar beet processors. It documented selective underpayment of Indian workers, and primitive working conditions. The Supplement was distributed Thursday to U of A students.

The article also implicated Canada Manpower and the Indian Affairs branch in the situation. Both, it says, are working as recruiters of Indian labor for the sugar beet farms, the Indian Affairs Branch by cutting of welfare payments to all but permanent welfare cases during summer months.

Only one issue of the National Supplement ever appeared: financial difficulties brought on by the death of CUS prevented its continuation.



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