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the opportunities for all people to continue a liberal education after graduation. We have the responsibility to provide continuing education."

Dr. Ross, acting as moderator of the panel, called for universities to raise their fees so that they approximate the real cost of education. He said that the tuition fees should be set at the true figure in order to inform the public what the cost of a university education really is. "For their own self respect, the universities should do this."

The York University president described the present system of student aid as "antiquated" and urged that all students admitted to university have financial aid relative to their needs. "No one should be barred from, or drop out of university because he doesn't have enough money," he said.

Soviet Challenge

The final day, Thursday, Sept. 7th, of the seminar was devoted to the various aspects of the Soviet challenge. Professor G. H. N. Seton-Watson, School of Slavic Studies, University of London, gave an introductory address on the topic then joined three other speakers in a panel discussion on "The Political and Military Implications of the Soviet Challenge: The Problem of Atomic and Hydrogen Weapons, Armament and Disarmament."

Lt-Gen. Guy Simonds, former Chief of the General Staff, urged compulsory national military service in all NATO countries in order to give conventional weapons support to the

tactical nuclear weapons now relied on by NATO. "Western strategy", he claimed, "has made two very serious errors — reliance on a thermonuclear deterrent, and reliance on the airplane as an article of delivery of thermonuclear weapons."

He pointed out that the Russians are not dependant on atomic weapons, "but we are." This, he said, is wrong and it is a very dangerous position.

Dr. Gordon Kaplan, Department of Physiology, Dalhousie University, stressed the necessity for us to begin considering policy in terms of "its effects on the whole species." The problem of fallout according to him, is the fault of the failure of the custodians of public health and morality to consider policy in this light.

Mr. Kaplan felt it was necessary "to make honest attempts to understand the Russian point of view. The Russian leaders," he stated, "are genuinely concerned at the possibility of pre-emptive war."

"The choice of 'red or dead', is not one we need seriously consider. Nor is it between the American and the Russian way of life. What we must do in Canada is to help in the choice of intermediate solutions."

Dr. Seton-Watson argued that Soviet expansion must be met by the "existence of a centre of power equal to that of the USSR to make the cost of going to war unacceptable. This power must be considered capable of using nuclear weapons."

"The United States bears this moral burden, and we should be grateful for this," he said.

Speaking of the case for unilateral nuclear disarmament by Britain, Dr. Seton-Watson stated: "This would be a decision taken for purely military reasons, because Britain's contributions would be better in other areas. The argument is confused with an immensely distasteful moralizing fervor. The idea of superiority of possession nuclear weapons."

Dr. Seton-Watson also spoke of the morally intolerable double standard "of neutral Asian countries, who would not be able to be neutral without the strength of the Atlantic alliance." He concluded, "but let us not accept any moral virtue in their position."

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government official distributed this publication to the Canadian delegation of a major international body in Europe. In a letter to NFCUS he stated, 'our delegation have commented that they have seen nothing so complete and well prepared from the youth organizations in any other countries who have submitted such material.'

"On the national scene in Canada the activities of NFCUS speak for themselves. The Students' Undergraduate Society at Sir George seems to have discovered only recently that education has been within the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces since confederation. NFCUS has always recognized this fact and has sought to find a solution to the Canadian educational dilemma, where the problem is nation-wide but the power to solve it is in the hands of the provinces. NFCUS is based on regional organizations and the Quebec region has been especially active in the recent past in promoting equality of opportunity in education. Provincial responsibility for education in no way argues against the existence of a strong student federation; it did not in 1926 when NFCUS was founded, and for the great majority of Canadian universities it does not so argue today when the need for student unity is greater than ever.

"The Students' Undergraduate Society objects that NFCUS is not a 'cohesive and unified body with one voice' and then goes on to say that 'the need for bringing student opinion to the attention of provincial governments can best be served not by a strong centralized federation but by cohesive provincial organizations which are associated with a national office.' One statement flatly contradicts the other and the actions of Sir George contradict both. NFCUS is cohesive and unified and speaks with one voice, until this unity is attacked as it now has been, until discordant voices are raised as they now have been. And NFCUS is in effect, through its regional groupings, representative of cohesive provincial organizations, until this provincial cohesion is attacked from within as it now has been.

"Sir George compares NFCUS to the Canadian Senate and wishes it were more like the Liberal Party organization. These statements are best not commented upon.

"The matter of the withdrawal of Sir George Williams University will be discussed at the national congress of NFCUS, to be held in Kingston from September 28th to October 3rd.



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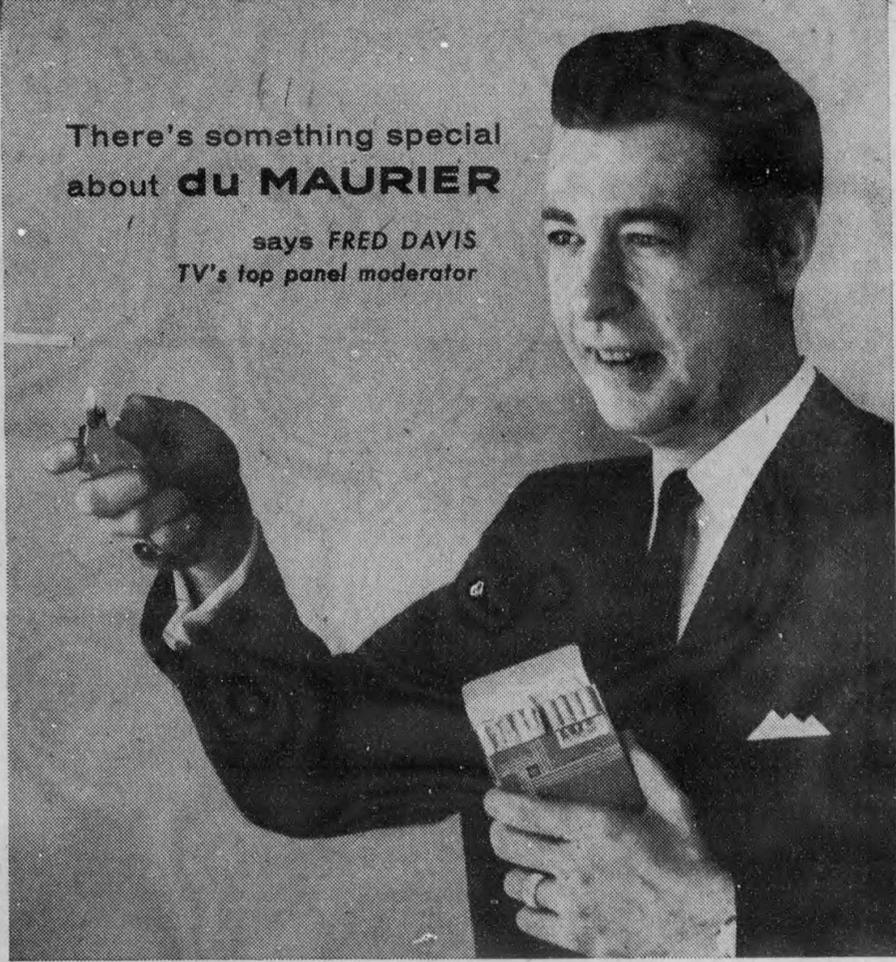
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