

Canada - A Showplace of Brotherhood

"Canada is the West Berlin of the Western Hemisphere, a showplace of American brotherhood and goodwill" said Prof. Robin Mathews, co-author of the Mathews and Steel Report on de-Canadianization of Canadian universities in a recent seminar session in Hamilton.

At the universities of Western Ontario, Grant Reuber, Dean of Social Science and former chairman of the economics department, discussed foreign ownership in Canada.

Mathews' contention is that Canadians are just beginning to awaken to what he called a lie that has been told to them for 30 years. That lie is that it is all right to allow aliens to control the economy as long as one controls his native culture.

"In a technological age, culture is determined by who owns the factory," Mathews said, insisting that Canada is increasingly becoming a colony of "The American Empire."

Reuber said indications are that Canadians would have to sacrifice, at least in the short run, if they refuse foreign investment.

Mathews countered that he has been told that more dollars in profits, dividends, and interest leave Canada each year than are re-invested.

He made use of a number of anecdotes, including the Athabasca Oil Sands "incident", in which a token investment was permitted by Canadians. So many people wanted to invest so much that the Alberta government finally held a lottery to determine which Canadians would be allowed to invest a maximum of \$100 in the American backed venture which will produce between \$2.5 and \$3.5 billion worth of

petroleum products.

Another example Mathews cited was the V.C. Mercantile controversy a few years ago, in which one American financier was reported to have consistently lied to a Commons Committee and Walter Gordon kept producing memos and data to expose him.

According to Mathews, the U.S. State Department sent the Cabinet two stiffly-worded notes saying in effect, "What are you doing meddling in your own economy?"

He said Canadian sovereignty is being eroded in every sector, but that the government is gradually losing the ability to control the people.

To become masters of our own house, Mathews said "The owner will have to go to the people, hence, socialism."

"Increasingly Canada is a branch plant," he says, and the question is going to arise, "Do we want Revolution, or do we want Canada enough to fight for it? But then, it's not a question we'll have to face in the next month or two."

Mathews said the whole problem is very similar to the situation in Quebec, and he feels that if English Canadians show they want their country, the separatist problem in Quebec will dissipate.

Mathews contended Canadians should be encouraged in domestic universities.

"We are the only country which does not have some form of restriction on alien teachers," he said.

Only about 49 per cent of faculty in Canadian Universities are Canadian, he said, and he cited what he claimed was evidence to indicate that practices like grapevine hiring and the

attitude of American academics tended to make this situation worse.

He said a recent selection committee at Sir George Williams illustrated this with the comment, "Who cares about the University of Western Ontario? Rutgers is a brand new name," and they proceeded to admit the Rutgers grads.

According to Mathews "University administrators are grossly irresponsible, betraying the Canadian people as a policy."

He told of picketing a meeting of the Canadian Association of University Teachers in Toronto to which he, as an expert in the field, could not get an invitation. The Academics present were studying the effect of non-Canadian staff in Universities.

He also told of talking to a representative of a publishing company who wondered why Canadian manuscripts were only accepted if they would sell in the States, and there was no problem selling the same material in Canada because of the number of American faculty in Canadian insitutions.

Prof. Robert Butts, Chairman of the philosophy department at Wester, said he as an American, does not feel making him take out Canadian citizenship would give him any better understanding of "the Canadian fact."

He said part of the problem with non-Canadian staff was the shortage of Canadian applicants, and he said Mathews figures should include listings of whether Canadian grad students were being turned down or if there just were more places than there were Canadian students to fill them.



Mathews On Research Grants

OTTAWA (CUP) - Carleton University professor, Robin Mathews, has opened a new front in the campaign against de-Canadianized universities and scholarships by disclosing that 61 per cent of Canada Council research grants in 1968-69 were awarded to non-Canadians.

In a forum here Sunday night (February 15) the English professor said he had asked the Canada Council three times to release the breakdown figures of Canadian recipients

of the grants, but that the requests had gone unanswered. Mathews said private discussions with council personnel revealed the 61 per cent figure.

He suggested the council had "gone into hiding because they are afraid to make public the absolute disaster of granting, now going on in Canada."

Mathews has been campaigning for the Canadianization of Canadian universities since the fall of 1968.

Robin Mathews Here Next Friday

by douglas perry

Robin Mathews, professor of English at Carleton University and co-author of "The Struggle for Canadian Universities," will speak here Friday, March 13, on the increasing americanization of Canadian universities.

According to Mathews, in 1962, 75 per cent of faculty in Canada were actually Canadian. By 1968, this proportion had dropped to 49 per cent. Most of these academics were American. Part of the reason for these amazing and alarming statistics is the fact that most university administrators refuse to advertise at all in Canada, preferring to look to the United States and Britain for their staff. American and British scholars are apparently more learned and more "worldly" than their Canadian colleagues, unless of course, the latter have studied outside of Canada. Even in French studies, professors with diplomas from the Sorbonne are preferred and the "French" taught is practically incomprehensible to a Quebecois. Not only are foreign staff hired, they are

allowed to propagate the belief that "Canada is an inferior place, and Canadians an inferior people." (York University "Excalibur" 29/1/70).

Worse than foreign staff at Canadian universities, is the fact that American texts are used almost exclusively in courses in the humanities and the social sciences, courses vital to our Canadian culture.

A petition circulated this week at Teachers College for Canadian texts to replace the current American texts in first and second year economics courses netted 30 to 40 signatures. UNB students interested in getting Canadian tests here should do the same.

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