

Conservation Council pleased with DDT decision

"The announcement from Forest Protection Limited that DDT will not be used in their budworm spraying operations in the province is good news for environmentalists", says Dr. Richard Tarn, president of the Conservation Council of New Brunswick.

Forest Protection Limited, pesticide applicators for the province, made known on Monday that it had purchased enough organo-phosphate insecticide for its spraying operations this summer without resorting to the use of DDT.

However, there is more to the spray program than what is done by FPL. "There are still a number of important questions about the 1975 program that have to be answered", says Dr. Tarn. The Conservation Council lists the following questions:

- The public is still waiting for an assurance that DDT will not be used on private woodlands. Last year at least one company expressed dissatisfaction with

so-called "soft insecticides" currently being used. A company makes its own decisions regarding its own woodland and could request a special permit to use DDT. A complete assurance is still needed that no DDT will be used in New Brunswick in 1975.

- In Monday's announcement the insecticides to be used were described as organo-phosphates, a general term that includes many different chemicals. The public is entitled to know exactly what insecticides FPL will be using. In the last several years three organo-phosphate insecticides have been used: fenitrothion, phosphamidon and trichlorphon.

- It is still not known what insecticides will be used in the State of Maine. Last year Maine used Zectran, a carbamate insecticide, but it is no longer available. In Maine most of the spraying will be in the north of the State and this will include some of the Saint John river watershed. DDT must not be used on that area

either as run-off into the streams will find its way into the Saint John river.

- The same question applies to the eastern townships and Gaspé areas of Quebec. Run-off into the streams in those areas would carry DDT into the Restigouche and Saint John river systems.

The Conservation Council is very much aware of the seriousness of the budworm problem in the province, and that the problem is increasing at a time when some sectors of the forest industry are

experiencing poor market conditions. Continuing reliance on spray programs of the type currently being carried out is not the long term solution. Those who care about the woods, the wildlife and the fish of the province must continue to press for alternative control methods, says the council. After many years of research there is still no adequate solution to this problem.

"In the meantime", says Dr. Tarn, "The Conservation Council has been greatly concerned with

rumors that the forest industry may request government to issue permits for the use of DDT this year. The FPL announcement is a start in the right direction, but if the outstanding questions are not answered to our satisfaction we are ready to take action on the issue. If anyone does use DDT in New Brunswick or on any part of the Saint John Watershed, there will be vigorous protests from many quarters; the Conservation Council will not be alone in this".

Successful study day held in Retreat House

By DENIS GRECCO and ROSEVELDT SIVITILLI

On January 18th, a Study Day was held at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Saint John to increase understanding and awareness in the Christian communities on matters of social indignities. The meeting was held to make people more aware of what is going on in international affairs.

New event for Carni

This year Carni '75 is bringing one type of event which has never been to UNB before. This is a Jesus folk-rock band which will be playing at Cod's Creation on Monday, Feb. 24 at 9:00 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The band is a Toronto based group known as "Sweet Spirit".

Their singing has taken them to many parts of Canada and the U.S., as a matter of fact, after their performance here, they are travelling to Erie, Penn., then to Minneapolis, Minn., and finally to Vancouver.

Cod's Creation seems to be one event which will start Carni '75 off with a different flavour and the possibilities of the best Carni yet.

The Study Day praised Canada's attitude and role towards global partnership at recent world conferences. Reports were delivered by two non-government delegates on the Rome Food Conference and the Bucharest Population Conference.

John Arthur Murphy summarized the events which occurred at Rome. He said that Canada's decision to assist the Third World Countries by making a long term commitment to donate one million metric tons of food per year, set a good precedent for the other industrialized nations. Furthermore, Murphy criticized the press for neglecting to inform Canadians of the notable decrease in aid to the underdeveloped nations for the next three years.

Over one hundred concerned people attended the Study Day. Among them was Gordon Fairweather, M.P. for Fundy-Royal.

He complimented Murphy's report and answered the people's questions on GATT-Fly (a Canadian organization to keep the general concerns of the Third World alive) and Canada's involvement in world conferences.

Mary Boyd attended the Bucharest Population Conference as a non-government delegate. Due to

some bureaucratic inefficiencies, Mary along with other representatives were given only a few days notice to attend the conference.

It is a myth that the overpopulation of the world is the main cause of starvation in the underprivileged countries. The conference emphasized that the over population in these countries was but one small factor. The immediate cause of starvation was an unjust distribution of food on the part of the industrialized world. Of course, it may be said that the Third World needs better education in family planning.

This Study Day was a preparation to the TEN DAYS FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT which will take place February 1st - 10th.

This is a joint development education programme of the Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United Churches of Canada. Its goals are to increase understanding among church members and Canadians generally concerning world needs and world development. By mobilizing the resources and the communications networks of the Churches in the cause of world development, initiating and encouraging mass media events, and organizing and servicing local inter-church committees, these goals may be achieved.

CHSR celebrates anniversary

By DANA CLENDENNING

January 21 marked CHSR's fourteenth year of service to the UNB campus. Since its inception in 1961, the station has expanded to become Canada's largest closed circuit radio station east of Montreal.

At a social last Friday evening which was organized in celebration of the event, awards were given to outstanding members of the campus radio staff. Presenting the awards were CBZ radio's R.C. Deboer, Jack Fenely of CFNB, Dean of Men Barry Thompson and Chris Gillis the SRC comptroller for UNB. Past members of CHSR's staff were also present, R. William Stanly who was the station's first technical director and is now president of Fundy Cablevision in Saint John, Peter Goagh also one of the first members of Radio UNB and Bill Akerley a member of the alumni and now with the CBC.

Winners of the awards were chosen by department heads and executive of the station, with the exception of the Director's award, which is given to the person

making the largest contribution to the station in the opinion of the Director.

The recipients of the awards were as follows: Best Technician, John Nason; Rookie of the Year, Pat Rooney; Best Show, Reg Hayes; Best Newsmen, Chris Pratt; Behind the Scenes, Matthew Penney; Best Production, Mike Lee and Alex Varty received the Director's Award.

Dave Miller, the present director of CHSR, is looking forward to possible further expansion of the radio station in the form of off-campus broadcasting. It is hoped that this addition may come in their fifteenth year of operation.

In interview with the Brunswickan, Mr. Miller discussed other improvements he would like to see in 1975. "There will hopefully be increased academic cooperation and further development of the facilities and departments within the station to make it a worthwhile and educational pastime for its members. Also I would like to see the development of an SRC coordinated advertising office or person for both the Brunswickan and CHSR."

Sociology club holds first meeting

On Thursday 23rd January the Sociology Society had its first meeting in the French Lounge in Tilley Hall.

Prof. Alex Himelfarb was the guest and he outlined his present research on the subject of obesity. This was not a lecture but an informal discussion and as such was interesting to the students present. The evening was enjoyed by all involved in the meeting and now they plan to repeat the exercise with other speakers.

The aim of this newly formed society is to familiarize students

with the kind of research being carried out in Sociology in the university itself. They will invite post-graduate students and professors to come and discuss their projects with us in an informal atmosphere over cups of coffee.

At present there is no official membership roll and all interested students are cordially invited to join us at our next meeting when they hope to have a post-graduate student describing her research into racial prejudice. This meeting is scheduled for February so watch out for the notices.

The Bookstore has arranged for a Hewlett-Packard Seminar Feb 17, 1975. Details to be announced later

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