

US Congress Legislates SACB 'Thought Police'

by Gus MacKay

The new 'Dirksen Amendments' to the McCarran Act, originally passed over President Truman's veto in 1950, have lately come under some heavy criticism. Truman described the act as "the worst thought-control act since the Alien and Sedition Laws."

On January 2, 1968, the new law was passed through the House of Representatives and then through the Senate by a vote of 3-2 with 95 Senators absent. Under the new law, almost any organization can be attacked. Thus, anti-war, black liberation, adverse political parties, and other anti-establishment movements can be stymied.

Written into the law is the assumption that a world-wide Communist conspiracy exists and uses espionage, sabotage and terrorism to implement its totalitarian objectives.

The repressive powers of the Subversive Activities Control Board created by the act state:

a. No one has to register. After conducting its "hearings" the SACB automatically registers your organization and publishes its findings in a government register.

b. Persons or organizations found to be "subversive" must label all literature and solici-

tations, whether by mail, radio, TV or telephone: "Distributed by (or solicited on behalf of) _____, found by order of the SACB to be a Communist Front Organization."

c. Use of the First and Fifth Amendments at SACB hearings may be revoked, forcing individuals to testify against themselves and others under the alleged protection of "Congressional immunity."

d. It is now a felony to disrupt or "so near as to obstruct" the hearings. Misbehaviour is punishable by a \$5000 fine and one year imprisonment.

The SACB hearing is nothing more than a "kangaroo" court. The testimony is presented by paid stool pigeons, the verdict handed down by five bureaucrats (each worth \$26000) and the organization destroyed. The verdict of guilty is built into the law. Subversives in the event that the President declares a state of emergency are thrown into detention camps created by Title II of the old act.

It is interesting to note that the new amendment stipulates that the SACB must hold new hearings before the end of 1968 or go out of existence. This

means that in order to survive, the SACB must find a subversive activity and expose it. If no Communists can be discovered, the negro leaders provide an alternative. If they refuse to play the game, demonstrators protesting the war in Viet Nam are just as good.

There is no justification for such action and it would seem that the SACB will create more problems than it solves. Consequently, everyone in the US must fit into the mold created from above or suffer the penalties. The persecution of minority groups continues unchecked in our prosperous, comfortable, white free world.

MacQuarrie Addresses Student PC's

Though lamenting the extent of foreign ownership in Canada, Heath MacQuarrie, federal M.P. from Queen's, P.E.I., advocates Canadian membership in the Organization of American States.

Speaking to campus Conservatives last week, Mr. MacQuarrie discussed several aspects of Canadian foreign policy, including Canada's role in NATO, NORAD, and the British Commonwealth.

Mr. MacQuarrie also discussed Canada's diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. He favoured a furtherance of relations between the two nations but added that Canada could not afford to offend Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist China in doing so.

Richard Hatfield, acting leader of the New Brunswick Progressive Conservative Party, introduced Mr. MacQuarrie to students present.



Last Tuesday a "topping off" ceremony was held at the site of the Student Union Building. The ceremony marked the placing of the last bolt in the steel superstructure of the building.

From left to right, Mr. Clark of Diamond Construction Company, Dr. C. B. Mackay, president of UNB, and Alf Brien, chairman of the Student Building Committee.

ARTS STUDENT FACULTY COMMITTEE MEETS

A joint student-faculty liaison committee for the Faculty of Arts last week adopted a policy recommending student representation in Arts Faculty departments.

The committee of four met for the first time on February 13 following arrangements made between Dean of Arts, W. Stewart MacNutt, and past SRC President, Wayne Beach. The joint committee was formed to serve as a channel of communication between the SRC and the faculty.

The committee agreed its faculty members would recommend student participation on department boards and committees of "particular concern to students." In doing so the committee was repeating what the SRC Brief on Student Representation had requested last December.

Kent Thompson of the Department of English, said he felt these recommendations would meet with general approval in principle, but that the real problem would be implementation.

It was felt that student and faculty interest would determine the success and extent of student participation within the academic structure of the university, and that the promotion of an atmosphere of co-operation was a vital first step.

Students began sitting on the Honours curriculum committee in the Department of English last October. Department of Business Administration Honours students began to form liaison groups of all years with

department members last December to discuss department problems. In both cases initiative came from the department heads.

One of the guidelines set by the joint committee was to work towards as uniform a policy for student representation in the departments as circumstances would allow.

Faculty members on the joint committee are Assistant Professors, Gilbert Allardyce, Department of History, and Kent Thompson, Department of English. Student members are Robert Ogilvie, a third year Arts student, and Frank Loomer, an Arts graduate student.

RUNB ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Three members of the radio-UNB executive last weekend attended the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS) Conference held at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. The Radio UNB representatives were; John McMaster, Director, Bill Akerley, station manager and Jim Belding, program manager.

The purpose of the Radio UNB's attendance was to explore the problems inherent in developing a coordinating body and an effective lobby for Canadian university radio. The need for a Canadian equivalent to IBS has increased steadily over the last few years, according to this year's Director of Radio UNB, Lee Clifford.

At the present time, in eastern Canada alone, four closed circuit stations are in operation; at McGill, Dalhousie, Memorial and UNB. Two other universities, Acadia and St. F.X. hope to set up operation in the near future.

Radio UNB was a member of IBS for about three years but withdrew in 1967 when neither organization seemed to be benefiting from association.

UNB DEBATERS PLACE SECOND IN MARITIMES

The UNB team of Graham Sleeth and Pat Sheppard placed second in the Maritime Regional Debating Championships held last weekend at St. Mary's University, Halifax.

Winner of the tournament was St. Dunstons University defeating UNB in the fifth and final round.

Two of the four preliminary rounds of the tournament were on a prepared topic; the other two rounds were impromptu. The prepared topic debated in the final round was; *Whereas the concept of the monarchy as understood in Canada is a*

divisive symbol; be it resolved that the constitutional monarchy be abolished.

In the preliminary rounds UNB defeated Xavier College, Mt. Saint Bernard, Kings College and St. Francis Xavier.

A debating conference was held in conjunction with the tournament. UNB turned over the executive of the Atlantic Intercollegiate Debating League to the Canadian Coast Guard College.

It is expected that UNB and St. Dunstons will represent the Maritimes in the Canadian National Debating Tournament.

Head Hall Officially Opened

Lieutenant-Governor Bird in his first official appearance since his February 1 appointment to the provincial vice-regal position, officially opened the expanded engineering complex Thursday afternoon.

The ceremonies were attended by large numbers of faculty, senate members, national dignitaries, and students. A capacity audience, listened to university president Mackay give the welcoming address and briefly outline the development of the engineering faculty at UNB from its scant beginnings in 1901 to the present.

Guest speaker Dr. K. F. Tupper, scientific vice-president of the National Research Council in his address spoke on educational goals and objec-



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tives and urged that engineers strive to be "educated" men on their graduation and not just specialists in their discipline.

The ceremonies were closed by engineering faculty head Dineen directing the demonstration of the cement testor acquired in 1901, and a presentation to the Lieutenant-Governor.