

Separatistes Create Civil War Potential

By David Estrin

One of the strongest civil war potentials in the world exists in Canada as a result of the separatist movement in Quebec.

And Dr. Richard Baird of the political science department said that this movement is in fact a "nationalistic demand by French-Canadians for self-government as a national group."

IMPRACTICAL PEOPLE

"Nationalists aren't practical; you can't talk to them in a pragmatic way; they are true believers; they are committed heart and soul to self-government and we can't affect the brain," he said.

And he warned that "French-Canadians are no one's immigrant group. They can't be considered an ethnic group." If we keep this in mind it's not hard to understand their demands for being separate from a people of a different language and culture. "Their demands are for equality of class and economic opportunity," Dr. Baird said, "and in French Canada we have perhaps the most powerful interests extant in the world today."

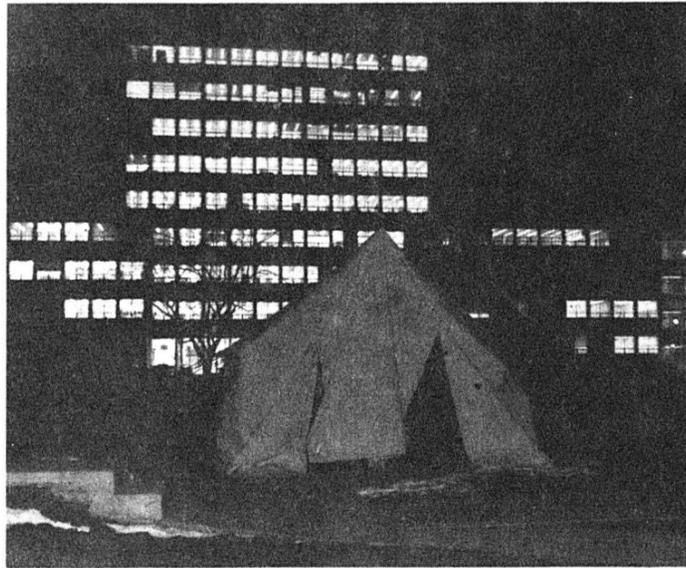
The political scientist said that one aspect of the problem is "the unsatisfactory kind of cabinet government" which we have in Canada. "If we insist that ministers vote on party lines this weakens the cabinet minister's ability to vote as a French-Canadian."

GOVERNMENT CHANGE

As a solution Dr. Baird proposed that Canada should keep cabinet government, but allow the government to continue in office even when defeated, only to withdraw from power on a specific vote of non-confidence.

What will French-Canadians be satisfied with? Dr. Baird suggests a stronger provincial government within a confederate, rather than the present federal, structure. "Even then they might not be satisfied without independent government," he cautioned.

And what would be wrong with an independent Quebec?



FULL STEAM AHEAD—The Faculty of Commerce must agree that everyone on this campus has a place in the sun. Workers in the temporary Commerce headquarters look to the south for their sunlight.

Photo by Hiroto Saka

Students Fast For Six Days

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VANCOUVER (Special) — Five UBC students are fasting for six days to symbolize the plight of the world's undernourished peoples. They will subsist on water, salt and vitamin pills until the closing hour of UBC's Open House.

They started their fast in conjunction with an Alma Mater Society campaign to build a school in Pilikwe (pronounced Pilikwi) Bechuanaland.

Through this campaign the university students are once again asserting the importance of education for all, especially as a means of promoting self help projects in developing countries.

Under the auspices of UNESCO the \$7,100 fund target will be used to provide schools, workshop, building materials, a water supply, desks, blackboards and equipment.

Another aim of the campaign is to acquaint students and the public with conditions prevailing overseas.

Three U of A Students Granted Wilson Awards

Three students at the University of Alberta have been awarded Woodrow Wilson graduate study awards. Each fellowship is worth \$1,800 plus dependency allowance and tuition costs at the University which he may attend. Four other University of Alberta students have won Honourable Mention Rating in this year's nationwide competition. The students awarded the fellowships are:

(1) Patricia D. Clements, 24, of North Battleford, Saskatchewan. Miss Clements plans to do postgraduate work in either 17th or 20th Century British Literature. She is undecided as to which university she will attend.

(2) John Humphries, 21, of Edmonton. Mr. Humphries will study for his Masters degree in Modern British History since the Tudor Era at either Harvard or Stanford University.

(3) Hans J. Reich, 20, of Edmonton. Mr. Reich, who has the highest average in 4th year Honours Chemistry, will study for his PhD at UCLA. Peter D. W. McCalla of Edmonton, now attending Queen's University, has also won a fellowship.

Those students receiving honourable mention are Dieter K. Buse (History), Alan G. Meech (History), Edward A. Meighen (Chemistry) and Brian Watson (English).

OFFICIAL NOTICE

To all executives of campus clubs:

Letters regarding the scheduling of next year's activities have been sent out. It is urgent that you fill in the required forms and reply to these letters immediately, as the actual scheduling will take place Monday, March 30. Any club which has not received a form or letter is requested to pick up same at the Students' Union Office before noon on March 28.

Those clubs which fail to return the forms to the Students' Union Office before noon of March 28 will be considered by the scheduling committee as not being interested in sponsoring any activity next year.

Dave Cruickshank
Co-ordinator of Students' Activities

U of A Frat Smartest In N.A.

The Delta Phi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity won the International Scholarship Award this year.

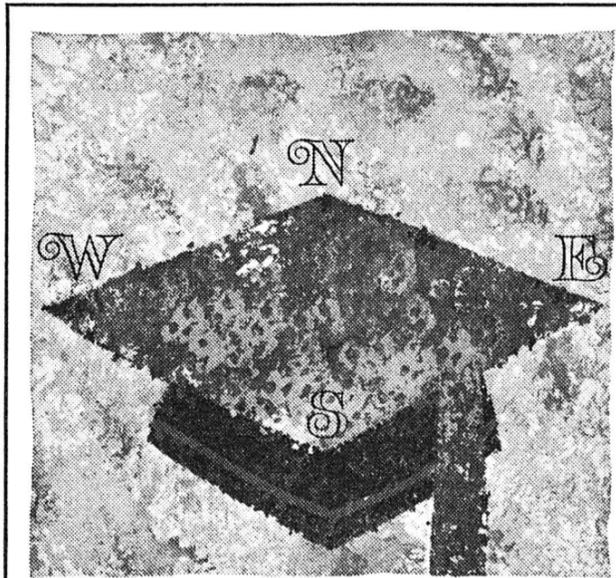
This means that the Edmonton DKE's had the highest scholastic standing of any DKE Chapter in North America last year according to information received through Major Hooper from the National Interfraternity Council.

Nicholas Skinner, now in Arts II, held the highest individual average last year. His average was 89.6 per cent.

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