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Douglas Speaks on Canada's Problems

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The national leader of the New Democratic Party described some of the 'important problems' facing Canada to Dalhousie students and faculty in Room 21 last Thursday.

T. C. Douglas entered the packed room to cries of "We want Hazen" from a group of hecklers near the front, but the diminutive ex-premier of Saskatchewan soon silenced them with the crack that they could have Mr. Argue, and welcome, "but don't say you don't know what you're in for".

THREE QUESTIONS

Moving to a more serious topic, Mr. Douglas outlined the "three most important questions" facing Canada: the apparent slowing down of the national economy and the lack of economic growth; the problem arising from Britain's proposed entry into the European Common Market; and the question as to whether or not Canada should accept nuclear arms.

Mr. Douglas said the nuclear arms problem was the most important of all.

"In fact, if we don't find a solution to it soon, it won't matter if we find solutions for the other two," he said.

Comparing nuclear arms to a Frankenstein, Mr. Douglas said in the story, a scientist had created a monster, but found he could not control him — this could also be the story of man".

"We are living in a new age in which man has brought the atom under his control", Mr. Douglas said. "It now remains to be seen whether man has grown up enough morally, socially and spiritually to keep it under control."

Mr. Douglas said the nuclear powers had amassed arms to the point where they had 20 tons of TNT for every man, woman and child on earth — "sufficient deterrent to destroy humanity".

He stated categorically that Canada should not accept nuclear weapons on her territory, but should 'use her influence among other nations of the world to bring pressure to bear on the nuclear nations to reach settlement among themselves".

Mr. Douglas suggested that instead of spending money on defence — "there is no defence against a nuclear attack" — Canada should offer this money to the United Nations to do with it what it best saw fit, and should "give courageous leadership" in the reconstruction of the U.N. as a world authority, "eventually to become the parliament of man".

Speaking of the economic crisis in Canada, Mr. Douglas said the answer lay in a planned economy in which public and private investment would be guided into the most useful channels and various segments of the economy brought together to best serve the public.

Canada was now experiencing a serious unemployment problem, Mr. Douglas said.

"People who glibly dismiss this and say unemployment will disappear with an upsurge in the economy fail to take cognizance of two contributing factors: by 1965 two million youngsters will have been added to the labor force; and by 1970, 12 to 15 per cent of the labor force now employed will have been thrown out of work through technical advances."

Turning to the question of Britain's proposed entry into the European Common Market, Mr. Douglas said so far the government had done nothing about facing up to the problem except to beat its breast and complain that someone was trying to destroy the Commonwealth.

Canada should seek associate membership with the Common Market, Mr. Douglas said. He added that it would be the height of folly to exchange a five-hundred million dollar credit trade with Europe for a deficit trade of seven-hundred million dollars with the have to be solved and that is the United States.



T. C. DOUGLAS

No Christmas exams next year

By MARGARET JONES
Staff Writer

No Christmas examinations will be held at Dalhousie next year.

Dr. Henry D. Hicks, dean of Arts and Science and vice-president of the university told the Gazette Christmas exams would "be abolished on a trial basis", but said through the term at least two one-hour tests would be given.

"Professors would be expected to submit student standing to the registrar on the basis of these tests", he said.

Dr. Hicks said this would avoid the formal setting up of exams and will extend lecture time two weeks."

Professors of freshmen classes may decide to set more formal examinations if they feel the need. It was expected, though, that all testing would be done by exams held during lecture periods.

This motion was passed at the last meeting of the faculty.

"Some faculty members had reservations," said Dr. Hicks. "They felt that freshmen might experience some difficulty, especially when the new rule that freshmen must pass two of the final examinations to remain in the university is put into effect next year."

Up to now, freshmen have been able to return to Dalhousie for their second year without passing any of the final examinations. The new rule will apply to freshmen entering next fall.

Dr. Kerr said he had no comment on the move at the present time.

Student reaction was mixed. One student remarked that it was "a good thing for senior men would take it. Another felt it would increase the tension felt at the finals."

Students picket Dal. bookstore

A number of Dalhousie students set up a boycott of the university bookstore last week to draw attention to the need for a "decent, well-run bookstore" to meet student needs.

The boycott came as a result of an editorial in the last issue of The Gazette calling for student action in this field. The Dalhousie Student Council also gave the boycott its backing during a Council meeting the night previous to the publication of The Gazette.

Placards

Students with placards paraded in front of the bookstore, but despite this a number of students continued to use its facilities.

The reaction among the student body as a whole was varied. A number of students welcomed the move, and said it was about time something was done. Others protested this was discrimination against the bookstore proprietor, and "he should be allowed to make a living". Still others said they had bought their text-books at the beginning of the year and "what else should I read?"

Arts and Science Dean Dr. Henry D. Hicks told The Gazette he was sympathetic to student demands for a new bookstore, and could understand the impatience of students in their requests.

Homecoming Planned For Alumni

Plans for an Alumni Homecoming during Convocation Week will highlight the activities of the Dalhousie Alumni Association for the 1961-62 season. During the year the Alumni Association sponsored After-Game Dances, Symphony tickets for students, an Alumni Day, refreshments for the W. U. S. C. Conference and has again conducted a successful Tutoring Service.

Dances

Early in the fall term, the Association sponsored three After-Game Dances in the Library of the Men's Residence. The Dances were held immediately following each of the Tiger's home games and were well attended.

During the fall, the Alumni Association also assisted students in purchasing season tickets for the Halifax Symphony Orchestra Concerts. The best season tickets for the Symphony series cost the pub-

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Morden elected PCSF Vice-President

Ottawa — Reid Morden, Dalhousie Arts Student, has been elected vice-president of the Progressive Conservative Student Federation.

He was named to the post at the recent meeting of the PCSF here.

PRESIDENT

Elected president of the Federation was University of Toronto student Jerry Collins.

John Hanson of the University of New Brunswick was elected Atlantic region vice-president.

Main speaker to the Federation meetings was Prime Minister John Diefenbaker.

Mr. Diefenbaker told delegates one of the reasons the federal government had a deficit was because of increased aid to education.

DEFICIT

Pointing to such items as \$22,000,000 in loans for university residences, Mr. Diefenbaker said his government had "done all it could" to help education. Because of payments in this and other fields such as pensions, hospital insurance and northern expansion the government has found itself with a deficit.

However, he told the delegates, "the outlook for 1962-63 is bright" and "Canada is entering the threshold of a new development." Using the PC "vision" as a fundamental beginning, he asked the students to join with him "in a great crusade" and help tell the nation of the PC "new concept" in national development.

NEED

Mr. Diefenbaker said there was a need to develop and expand the quality of education, but it must be recognized that there are constitutional problems involved. "But there is one problem that will assure that in the battle of

the brains, Canada does not fall into second place," he said.

Chiding both students and press—who hoped he would give some clue to the election date—he said one student asked him not to set it in April because of exams and not in May because a month was needed to recover. Later he assured

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Parliament Opens Tonight

Dalhousie model parliament opens tonight in room 21. The two-day parliament will be held between 7 and 10:30 p.m. tonight and Thursday evening.

The Progressive Conservative Party holds 25 seats. The New Democratic Party has 18 and the Liberals 17.

Legislation planned for Wednesday night includes a resolution from the Liberal party calling for the government to apply for trading rights in the European common market.

On Thursday night, the parliament will consider a defense bill put forward by the PC party regarding nuclear weapons for Canadian forces.

Also included in the legislation for Thursday evening is an NDP resolution to set up an economic advisory council to establish economic goals and an investment board to attain these goals.

David Jones, NDP leader, said no coalition was planned.

Neither Speaker nor Governor-General were known at press time.



In a scene from Bye Bye Birdie, Mae Peterson (Hilary Bonnycastle) presents her son Albert (Fred Seller) with the money she has saved by taking a crowded subway instead of a taxi. Albert's secretary, Rosie (Penelope Stanbury) looks on.