David Suzuki raps ignorant politicians



CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) — "In 30 years there will be no wilderness left on the planet except for tiny, isolated islands if we continue at our present assault rate of the environment," predicts Dr. David Suzuki.

In half that time, British Columbia will have no virgin coastal rainforest, he said. By 2140, 50 per cent of all animal and plant species on earth will be extinct, Suzuki said.

Suzuki made the points at a recent visit to the University of Prince Edward Island, where he

addressed a crowd of 600.

"If we don't slow down now, voluntarily, war, famine, and disease will slow us."

Suzuki quoted the Native Indian proverb which says a planet is not inherited from our parents, but rather borrowed from our children.

And the scientist said all change in the rules and attitudes surrounding the environment can only come about through political means. Environmental issues must become part of political platforms.

Yet few politicians have a background in science and technology. Most are in law and business, and Suzuki wants them to educate themselves.

"They know virtually nothing about science and technology. They are scientifically illiterate — yet they make the decisions."

Crombie sidesteps issue

OTTAWA (CUP)

Secretary of State David Crombie refused to make any commitment to action on student concerns in the House of Commons recently. "This morning the Canadian Federation of Students told us a top priority with them was the establishment of a national advisory council on post-secondary eduction. I wish to ask the Minister, will he create a national advisory council as the Canadian Federation of Students has requested?" asked William Rompkey, Liberal post-secondary education (PSE) critic.

In October of 1986, Rompkey introduced a private member's bill which proposed the establishment of a federal/provincial council to develop a national strategy on PSE.

Crombie congratulated Rompkey on introducing the bill but did not pledge his own party's support.

"I would say to the Honourable Member that the important thing is to have the subject matter before the committee," said Combie.

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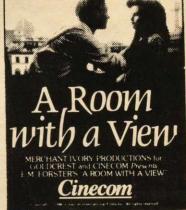
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