

Peacable Partisans Collide

by John J. Barr

Three eloquent partisans verbally collided Friday evening at the Jubilee Auditorium, over the problem of "Ways to a Secure Peace." Dr. Norman Z. Alcock, President of the Canadian Peace Research Institute (CAPRI), Mr. Basil Dean, Publisher of the Edmonton Journal, and Professor Neville Linton, of the political science department here, contested the issue.

The discussion, which never became as heated as many had anticipated, was launched by Dr. Alcock, who was introduced by D. D. Betts, President of the Edmonton Friends of CAPRI. Dr. Alcock outlined the work done by the six-month-old Institute. The first project completed, he said, was a national "attitude survey" of 1,000 Canadians from all walks of life. Among other things, the survey found that:

- 79.3 per cent of those questioned approved of American policy towards Cuba;
- 94.2 per cent favored international disarmament, with adequate safeguards;
- 38.3 per cent thought nuclear war to be probable in the future, if disarmament is not achieved.

Dr. Alcock then outlined the future plans of the CAPRI, which included a study of police forces in the world; the founding of a central archive of peace research literature; and the finding of a "home" for the Institute, preferably at some University. No University had yet seen fit to adopt CAPRI, he said.

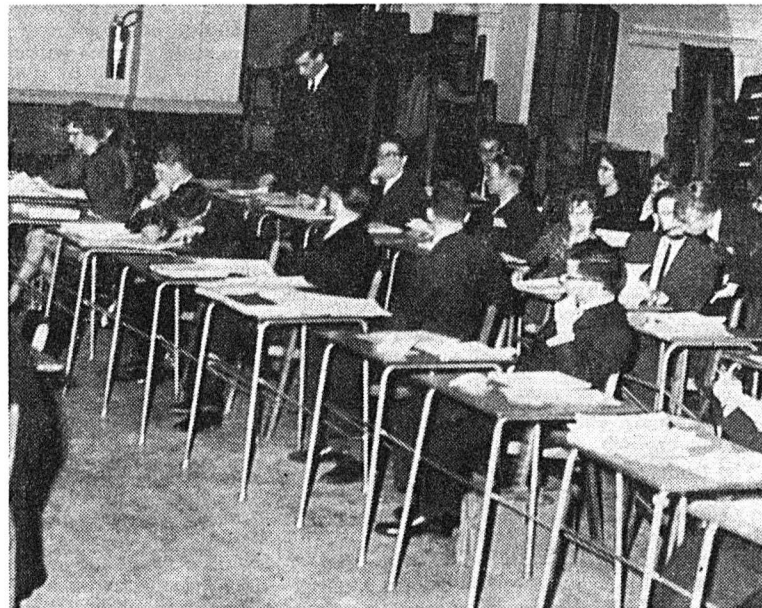
PESSIMISTIC NOTE

Mr. Dean was second to speak. He struck a pessimistic note: "A world at peace in history has not been the norm, and the chances of avoiding war are not statistically promising. But we have a will and desire to live, hence wars ought not necessarily to be inevitable in the future."

The process of maintaining peace is about the same in most situations, he explained. Peace derives out of order. Order, in turn, derives out of order.

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MP'S DEBATE DIVORCE, ABORTION



Minority Government Liberals who obtained 25 seats of the 65 seat Model Parliament. Back-bencher makes speech in this scene.

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Council Report

Board Directs Manpower

Students' Council is looking for students interested in organizing a personnel board.

In line with moves to overhaul the structure of student government, Council hopes to establish the board as a new way to channel interested manpower into Students' Union activities.

The proposed personnel board would be responsible for listing students interested in special committee assignments or board positions, and for bringing Students' Union jobs and students together.

At present students are required to fill out Students' Union information cards at registration each year. The board would look after the list of students checking the "Committee work" slot on the card, and for seeing that important work isn't left undone for want of personnel.

In addition, the board could look after interviewing and recommending candidates for major Students'

Union appointments—such as Students' Council committee chairmanships.

"If the board works at all well, it will mean guaranteed access to student government affairs for a lot more students than now is the case," explained Students' Union President Dave Jenkins.

"It also means the Council executive won't have to do all the work of finding people interested in this sort of work," he added. "It will leave these four people more free to work on Council business, and at the same time have the process of finding people carried out more thoughtfully and thoroughly."

Students interested in taking on organization of such a board as a project for next year should apply now to Secretary-Treasurer Iain Macdonald by visiting, writing, or phoning the Students' Union office in SUB.

Mercy For Parsons And Offet

U of A's Model Parliament Tuesday passed three private member's bills in Convocation Hall, and debate on the minority Liberal government's resolution on divorce and abortion was adjourned until Wednesday night.

Legislation passed Tuesday included:

- a Progressive Conservative sponsored amendments to the Provincial Elections Act, extending the franchise to Indians.
- an NDP bill in which the Senate committee was replaced by the Exchequer Court as the authority to hear divorce or annulment cases from Newfoundland and Quebec.
- a Social Credit resolution advocating a national highway policy.

Most controversial measure of the proposed legislation was the Liberal resolution on divorce and abortion.

Prime Minister Sheldon Chumir Wednesday night dissolved Model Parliament before the vote on the Speech from the Throne. He charged obstruction by the Opposition parties.

It was introduced by Health Minister Ross Rudolph, and asked for legal abortions and wider divorce grounds. Prime Minister Sheldon Chumir, law 3, said the bill would spell "political suicide" for any major party that dared introduce it in Ottawa.

LAW ENCOURAGES IMMORALITY

Chumir told the Model House "the present laws encourage immorality." Debate on the resolution indicated support from all four parties in the House, although there were also indications of personal dissent.

Said an NDP woman member: "No woman should have to have a child unless she wants it."

Said a Conservative member: "Congratulations to the government on a bill that meets a big need. The evidence in Alberta alone is that the present laws make a sham of the courts and a sham of the act."

Said a Social Credit male member: "If a female becomes pregnant it's her own doing and she must accept the responsibilities of motherhood."

WEEKES ATTACKS LIBERALS

NDP House Leader Irvine Weekes attempted Monday night to bring action against the Liberal government for unfair campaigning. He charged that the Campus Liberals had sponsored an off-campus political speaker in the Students' Union Building during the Model Parliament campaign, contrary to Political Science Club regulations.

Speaker Robert Gordon terminated Weekes' attack on the Liberals, saying that Weekes had not given due notice of the proposed action against the Liberals.

OFFET "BAD"?

Monday night Liberal members attempted to remove Acting Opposition Leader Gerry Offet (Conservative), on the grounds that Offet had once been involved in "bad" activities. Offet was not dismissed.

Tuesday night two Liberal cabinet ministers brought in a motion that Opposition Leader Dave Parsons be expelled from the House since he was "a person not fit or proper to sit." Parsons was permitted to remain,

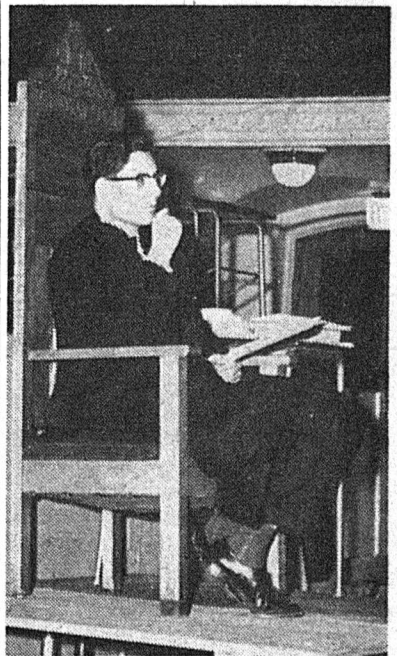


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MR. SPEAKER Bob Gordon, speaker of the house for Model Parliament.

however, after the motion was defeated 49-0. The Liberals had apparently decided to have mercy.

A Liberal labor bill was debated Monday night, then postponed until Wednesday night for further consideration.

The labor bill proposed that labor unions be made legal, responsible entities.

SOCCREDS IN FAVOR

Social Credit members were entirely in support of the bill Monday night; NDP members were entirely opposed to it.

Editor Threatened: Gateway May Be Bled White

The editor-in-chief of The Gateway may have to face a lawsuit which could cost him thousands of dollars.

A manufacturer of sanitary napkins has threatened legal action against Editor Bentley Le Baron, in the event that a printed apology is not made in The Gateway for what the firm has called "gross misrepresentation of our product."

It is reported that Students' Union President Dave Jenkins may also be forced to face a lawsuit.

According to legal authorities, neither the Students' Union nor The Gateway are corporate bodies. Therefore whenever there is legal action against the Students' Union or the student paper, the individuals responsible are liable.

LE BARON, JENKINS LIABLE

Le Baron, the authorities say, is responsible for all that is printed in The Gateway. Thus he as an individual is sued.

Jenkins is ultimately responsible because the campus newspaper is printed under the auspices of the Students' Union. It is believed both he and Le Baron would be sued because the plaintiff thus has more chance of success in securing damages.

In a letter to Le Baron, the manufacturer indicated extreme irritation at the location of a plug for the local blood drive. The plug appeared under an insertion paid for by the manufacturer to advertise his product. The plug read, to wit:

Bleed Your Bloody Veins Dear —Letting Coming Soon

It is reported that Jenkins could ask for Le Baron's resignation or for a printed apology. Le Baron said he would flatly reject such an ultimatum on a point of principle.

Said Le Baron: "Nobody can tell me how to run my paper, and nobody can tell me to resign. They can fire me, but no one sets my personal policies."

Insertions are the task of the make-up editor Dieter Buse.

INSERTION, PLUG COINCIDE

Buse claims that the juxtaposition of the manufacturer's insertion and the blood drive plug is pure coincidence.

"Each column in The Gateway holds 13½ inches of type," Buse said. "In this case the manufacturer's insertion was an inch too short. So the make-up man filled the hole with the plug. We have to have fillers for this reason, and just by chance we were plugging the blood drive that week."

At the moment, Le Baron is still editor-in-chief.

Jenkins was editor-in-chief of The Gateway last year. He is the father of two children.

Some staffers have indicated that

they will resign if Le Baron is fired. There are some 60 members on the staff.

The Gateway is the undergraduate newspaper of the University of Alberta. Each Tuesday night is press night. There is no press night on Saturday.

Some members on the staff are editors. The others are not, many of them being reporters. Some are proofreaders. The advertising manager is responsible for insertions.

A number of Gateways are still scheduled for publication before lectures end. According to authoritative sources, final examinations will follow the end of lectures. It is further reported that spring begins on March 21.

Usually reliable sources stated that summer may follow spring. Little snowfall is expected.

Le Baron has challenged the manufacturer to an Oxford debate in Convocation Hall on the 30th of this month. The town crier may be approached to judge the debate. Bring your bag lunches.