

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### East-West Split Destroys International Set-up

When the International Union of Students was set up in 1945 it was hoped that it would eventually become an organ through which student could meet student without having to worry about each other's politics. Such a body was needed; the International Student Service, functioning under the auspices of UNESCO was devoted to relief work, and not to cultural or academic liaison between students of different countries. Besides this, it was not controlled by students, and it was felt that an organization was needed to speak for students and to unite them. This was the idea behind the foundation of I. U. S., and the reason for the support at first accorded it all over the world.

#### Communist Domination

The fact that it originated in Yugoslavia, a country in the Communist bloc, was overlooked in pursuance of the hope that the organization would be in no way political. Successful meetings were held at which representatives from all continents met, and the outlook for the body was acknowledged to be good by the most pessimistic. Countries such as Canada and the United States, reluctant to join due to its origin in a Communist country, entered representatives.

As relations between the East and the West deteriorated the organization began to reflect the breakup. Meetings became debating grounds for the supporters of each side, and the Executive, dominated by communists, tried to turn the organization into a propaganda outlet for their principals. The situation remained in this precarious position until the incident that proved to be the last straw, so far as the West was concerned.

#### Students Fired On

Gottwald's coup in Czechoslovakia provided the incident that broke up the I. U. S. After the Communists had taken over the administration and compelled the aged President Benes to ask for the new cabinet, students from Charles University, one of the most

venerable and respected Universities in Europe, marched on the President's Palace, singing patriotic songs and shouting slogans supporting Masaryk and the President. They were attacked by police and fired upon, in the course of which some were killed and many were arrested, although their procession had been quite orderly. The American Vice-President of I. U. S. called on the Executive to register a strong protest with the Ministry of the Interior, and to endeavour to secure the release of the arrested students. No action at all was taken, and the western members left the Union.

#### A New Union

Since then nothing has been done; the I. U. S. still has supporters throughout the world, but the students' Unions of the West have done nothing to interfere with their progress, and there is no other organization which can do so. Unless we wish to see the communists make great progress among the students of recently emancipated oriental countries, and similarly situated areas, we should found a league representing the western countries, and endeavour to supply by ourselves what we hoped the I. U. S. would do. It may be too late soon.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICE REPORT

Last Spring the Students' Council took over the management and operation of the Dalhousie Veteran's Service and renamed it "Dalhousie Personal Services". The aim of the organization is to find full and part-time work for all Dal or King's students who need the employment. This week registration of students who desire such employment will be carried out, and it is hoped that a great many students will avail themselves of this excellent service. The Service will endeavour to find work at times which will not conflict with their classes.

The Service is managed by Orval "Bub" Troy, first year Law student, who has been in charge of the Service since the Spring. The service made a great success of the summer, and is looking forward to an equally active winter. So far a number of places have already been found for the winter months for students or their wives.

The public of Halifax has grown to appreciate and respect the Service; the operators have maintained a high level of courtesy and efficiency, with a strong sense of responsibility. All operators will be expected to live up to this standard.

Operators are urgently needed NOW for work of all kinds, and those who need the same are advised to contact the Service as soon as possible. Babysitters are especially needed; this is a popular type of work, since one can generally do one's work at the same time.

Another type of employment which is popular with students and which there is a great deal of is weekly part-time work such as tending furnaces, part-time janitors work and part-time selling, which take only a little time every day, and are relatively remunerative.

Many students have found it possible to find permanent night positions with various institutions—night clerks, watchmen, etc., and work of the sort is quite plentiful.

The Service has been working closely with both the University and the National Employment Service in placing students. Notices of jobs open to students are posted regularly in the bulletin boards in

classroom buildings and residence around the campus. Any student wanting further information or wishing to register may obtain it by phoning 4-1546.

## ARTS



## SCIENCE

### Arts & Science Disbanding?

Rumour has it that the most inactive organization on the Campus is about to be abolished. This is the Arts and Science Society, at one time a potent group with an active membership, which has done nothing but hold annual elections for the last few years.

Apart from these elections, the society also has sponsored teams in interfaculty debating and sports, which did not so much represent the society as groups interested in the particular competitions, and it nominated candidates for positions on the Student's Council, most of whom have not even been in Arts and Science. But as far as any activity involving the Society as a whole is concerned, nothing has been undertaken for many years.

Its functions have for the most part been taken over by Pre-Med and similar groups, and the Commerce and Engineering societies.

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apply. They were told to go to . . . a certain paint company, and order materials as needed. This they did. (Anyone wishing to buy paint at wholesale prices apply at the Gazette office.)

And now the basement of the Arts Building sports a rejuvenated Gazette office, thanks to the industry of our frosh.

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## BE NICE TO FRESHMEN

By O'TOOLE

We are all being told that the freshmen will be feeling lonely and so on, and we must be nice to them so they do not get fed up and go home, which would be a Bad Thing. So we must be nice to them. So when I goes over to the Campus to see about my Psych 3 and English 337, which courses I want to take, I say to myself "O'Toole, you are being nice to these people, or else they are all going home."

I always think that a freshman is like all the rest of us, but they tell me they are looking queer all the time and with queer clothes, which I must not be sneering at. So I am looking for these people with queer clothes, and not sneering. Because we must welcome all these Freshmen, and pretend that we are wanting them here. Indeed.

#### Beir

So I am looking for these queer people and I go past the library but I do not see any. They are all somewhere else, so I do not get a chance to be nice to any of them, since they are not being there but elsewhere. I go into the Arts building, and downstairs I am seeing two signs: one says "Gazette Office" and the other is another place because it is saying "Pharos Office" so I am going down.

When I am there (downstairs) I do not go to the Pharos office because the door is closed and there might be nobody there. Instead I go to the Gazette office; the door is closed but there is someone there alright. They is there when I open the door, with a cask with "beir" written on, from which they are taking big mugs, and on the wall there is a sign "No, he isn't here." It is just as I expect. There are no freshmen in there, so I do not have to be nice, but can relax and have a small talk with the boys.

When I am leaving it is later, and I am thinking it is getting hotter and hotter, but always remember that if I am meeting freshmen I must be saying nice things and being nice generally. So I am going along by the Library and looking under bushes and in the ditches in case there is a freshman there for me to be nice to, when I see something queer coming down the path and I see it is a freshman no less. So I am saying how fine the weather is, and is it nice being a freshman, and you must not mind wearing funny clothes, because it is always being better than no clothes at all, and finally I am getting to like this freshman who is very quiet and listening to all I am saying. I am asking his name, which he does not answer. Finally I am thinking that he is very rude and not answering me like he should, and I am telling him off proper.

It is getting very hot all the time and I do not remember much more except that the freshman turns out

### Dal Students--

to be not a freshman at all but a Dean or something and that is why I am applying at St. Mary's. But they say I have to be reading and writing before I can go there, so that is why I am at Acadia which is the best place I ever go to. I am liking it very much.

## Notice

There will be a meeting of the Gazette staff in the Gazette office this afternoon from two o'clock on. All staff members are urged to attend if possible. Any persons interested in working for the Gazette are asked to attend also; the meeting is expected to be quite short. If you cannot attend at that time, get in touch with the Editors tomorrow at two o'clock.

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