

# Cold winter -- late election ?

The Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Liberal Party leader, addressed a quiet audience of about 900 persons in Convocation Hall Monday night on the current world situation and national politics.

The crowd contrasted to the jams seen in Con Hall for speeches by such men as James A. Minifie or the late Progressive Conservative cabinet minister, Sydney Smith.

Speaking first on the international situation, Mr. Pearson said the greatest danger to peace today is giving a potential aggressor "temptation of an easy conquest".

**"We (the West) should leave no doubt to any potential aggressor that aggression would be met by force."**

A world renowned expert on international affairs, Mr. Pearson stressed that patience and unity in the Western world are necessary. Previously, he said: "What ever party we may belong to, we are all united as Canadians."

### RIGHTS VITAL

On the German question, Mr. Pearson said the West's "willingness to negotiate does not mean we are ready to give up our rights in Berlin."

**"We are going to live with the cold war for a long time. No man would be mad enough to take steps that would result in nuclear war."**

A winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Mr. Pearson agreed with United States President John F. Kennedy's stand that "too often we have reacted instead of acted in the field of disarmament."

### CAPTIVES OF FEAR

According to Mr. Pearson, we could become captives of our fear, and do nothing about the Communist threat. He said the other extreme, that of striking the first blow to get rid of the danger, is equally undesirable and fatal.

**Mr. Pearson indicated he does not believe in "the choice of surrender or survival," but in active negotiations.**

The Liberal leader stated the hysterical fear of several weeks ago over the Berlin issue has abated.

With reference to President Kennedy's stand at the United Nations Monday (that no more nations should join the 'nuclear club') Liberal leader Pearson commented "that makes common sense for Canadians," and the rest of the world.

### LOSE FACE

"If we become ourselves a nuclear power, in that we acquire nuclear weapons for our forces," Mr. Pearson stressed, "we would forfeit a great deal of influence" among middle and small powers.

Eulogizing on the recent death of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, the Liberal leader said the "greatest tribute to him would be to choose his successor quickly."

Turning to Canadian national politics, Mr. Pearson said the issue in the next federal election will be "the record of the government." Asked if the election issue will be free enterprise versus socialism, he replied this is "nonsense."

### PROGRESS STOPPED

In the last four years, our economy in Canada has stopped moving forward," he stated. "Real production per capita in the past four years has gone back."

Mr. Pearson took strong exception to the Diefenbaker government's stand on the United Kingdom's proposed entry into the European Common Market. He said the Liberal Party favors the proposal because more strength and unity are necessary in Europe.

**"Canada should have taken a positive, not a negative, point of view on this issue," he commented. According to Mr. Pearson, Canada should have told the U.K. to go ahead with the proposal, and then negotiate for Mr. Pearson criticized the Diefenbaker government's behaviour in the James Coyne issue. said the government's actions were in effect "a**

bill of attainder".

### MAN'S RIGHTS

"It is not a question of defending Coyne, but of defending a man's rights," he added, recalling that the Diefenbaker government had passed the Bill of Rights.

He noted it took a Liberal Senate to give Mr. Coyne a "fair hearing".

**In Mr. Pearson's words, the Coyne affair's handling by the Diefenbaker government was "a sordid episode in contemporary history."**

Mr. Pearson attacked the government for signing an international treaty with the United States for development of the Columbia River without first consulting fully the British Columbia government.

### WINTER WEATHER

He said B.C.'s approval of terms would have been obtained first if the Liberals had handled the situation. In the St. Lawrence Seaway project the Liberal government got Ontario's approval before contemplating negotiations with the U.S., he said.

The Liberal leader said the next election could be "either in November, March, or June". It depends "on what kind of winter we have" he said.

## Picket Ottawa thanksgiving

MONTREAL (CUP) Sept. 22 — The Combined Universities Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has announced its plans to picket Parliament Hill in Ottawa Thanksgiving weekend.

CUCND, in a general invitation, is asking for recruits to join this demonstration for "No Nuclear Weapons for Canada" by coming to the capital city for the three days.

The CUCND invitation says that thousands "of us are going to Ottawa" for the 73 hours of picketing.

"We know that the super-powers have gone mad with nuclear weapons . . . We are duty bound to demand that our country has nothing to do with these murderous nuclear weapons."

### STRONG FEELINGS

The committee explains it has chosen Thanksgiving weekend for this demonstration "because by surrendering your natural desires to your family, you truly demonstrate the depth of your conviction."

"There is another reason. Thanksgiving week-end is traditionally a day of thanks—a day that we express our gratitude for the food we have and the life that food preserves. The purpose of the demonstration is to preserve that life."

Cost of the junket to Ottawa is set at approximately \$3 for a round trip bus ticket. However students are offered a discount rate of \$2. On top of this CUCND is asking for volunteers to drive cars to Ottawa.

### SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

Recognizing that some people will not be able to make the trip, the invitation suggests that these people contribute \$5 to a "scholarship plan", enabling those who have no trans-

portation to attend.

"In all probability, this will be the last year in which we will be able to live in a country free of nuclear weapons," say the invitation.

The protest march is being organized for CUCND headquarters, 911 St. James Street, Montreal 3, Quebec.

## Gateway featurette

### Frosh guinea pigs

By Penny Meisner

Experiments are apparently not limited to the science departments! There is a significant experiment being carried out with history. A course in freshman history has been initiated this session, which, according to Dr. McNeal, is unparalleled in North America.

The new course is an intensive rather than extensive study, which it is hoped, will be a more satisfactory introduction to the study of university history. The traditional freshman history course was a survey covering approximately 600 years. However the net result was, apparently, knowing a little about a lot but not much about anything.

History 200 of past years now has a new course number (History 201) but the same content. The new course adopts the History 200 course number—and the department a new approach.

There is no text, as such, for the new History 200, although the summary History of the Western World will be used. Instead the program of studies is based on twelve paperbacks, none of which were intended by the authors to be texts. They include biographies, autobiographies and memoirs, ranging from the diary of a Crusader through Catherine of Aragon

and Luther to Marx and Darwin.

In the words of Dr. McNeal, "Each is the type of book which an intelligent person at this university could pick up and read for his own pleasure."

He hopes that the new course will foster an appreciation of historical writings, create an enthusiasm for intensive historical study, and encourage a more profound understanding of abstract terminology.

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