

Dotsenko finds work conditions better in west than USSR

Dr. Boris Dotsenko, the nuclear physicist who defected to Canada last week, says he will never return to the Soviet Union for "very solid personal and scientific reasons."

The former head of the nuclear laboratory at Kiev State University said when he arrived in Canada he decided to compare the western way of life with the way of life inside the Soviet Union.

"I found I could do much better work here than there", he said.

He criticized the Soviet emphasis on immediate practical results saying it was "not a proper way to go about scientific research."

Dr. Dotsenko came to Canada to do research under an exchange program with Kiev University. The program has been cancelled because of his defection.

The U of A will not lose much by the break-up of this relation, he said, "Kiev will lose a lot more."

"The real scientific level there is not high. The leading contribution (to nuclear physics) is made in the West."

He was scheduled to return to Kiev in August but has been granted a one year extension by the Canadian government.

He has applied to divorce his wife, Klavdia, 38. He said he and his wife are "entirely different people" and "I was very unlucky with my family life."

"I feel I don't have any moral obligation to her." He has applied to financially support his wife and his only child, Irina, 10.

Asked if he would like to have his daughter in Canada, he said, "I have tried everything to get her here but (Soviet) embassy officials expressed serious doubt this could be done."

Dr. Dotsenko said he is not betraying his country, the Ukraine,

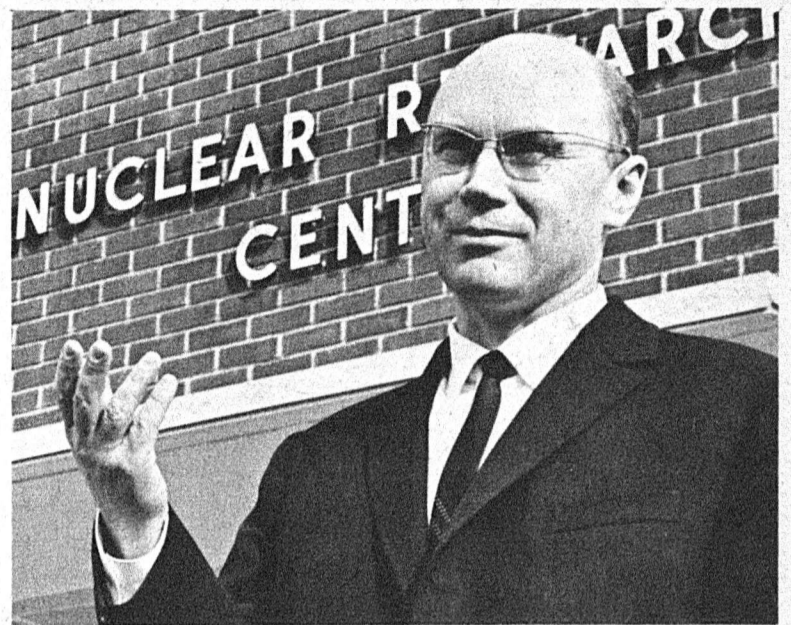
by leaving. "I have a duty to serve my people as a scientist. My family paid for me to be a scientist and I don't want to be anything else."

In the Ukraine, he said, "The real control lies in Moscow. The administrators get their orders from above. I never heard of a strike, it wouldn't be wise."

In Canada, he said, "Executive people listen to the people below." Here, "People are sincere, without rudeness; there is less distrust." In Kiev, "The people are more bitter."

In the Soviet educational system, Dr. Dotsenko said, "The students work very hard but they are overloaded with many useless subjects."

"Edmonton is similar to some parts of Siberia," he said, "but there is more dampness in Russia."



—George Yackulic photo
DR. BORIS DOTSENKO
... 'can work better here'

Official notices

The students' union is calling for applications from students for the following position for the 1967-68 term:

● deputy returning officer

Applications must be submitted in writing to Valerie Blakely, secretary, SUB, before Oct. 16.

The Finance Board will hear submissions for budget changes in preparation of the final budget. Appointments can be made for submissions through the treasurer of the students' union, by Oct. 20.

All students interested in university reform are invited to attend the film, "Semester of Discontent," Oct. 26, 2 p.m. The film will be followed by discussion groups. Location to be announced.

Blitz kickoff scheduled for Thursday

Businessmen beware! Next Thursday is Blitz day, and 800 students are expected to descend on the city, canvassing for the United Community Fund.

Blitz will kickoff at 7 a.m. Oct. 19, when all volunteers will meet in the Dinwoodie Lounge to get kits and bus passes.

A survival breakfast of coffee and doughnuts will be served to give them courage.

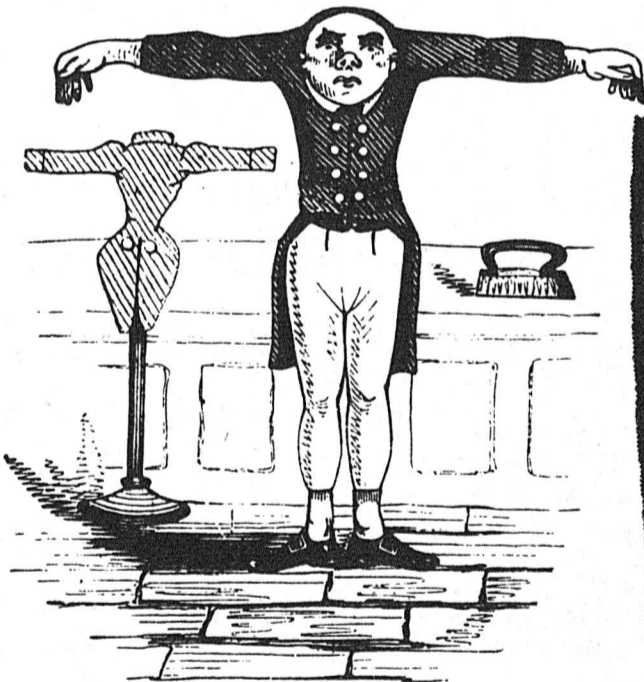
Volunteers operate in teams of ten students each. Each student will be given the names of five businesses from his team captain, which he will approach sometime in the next two days. The winning team—the one that raises the most

money—will win Emily, a life-size rag doll that symbolizes blitz.

Any students who want to volunteer may go to the Blitz office, near the Students' Union office in SUB, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

There will be a team captains' meeting at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16, in 280 SUB.

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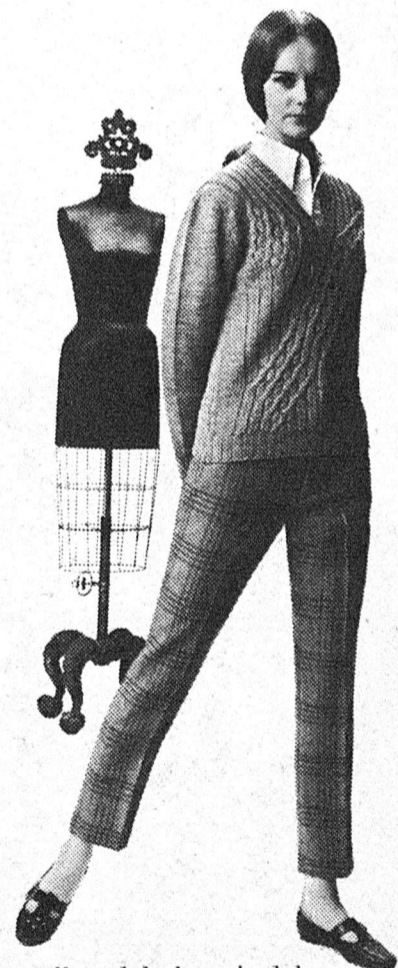


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