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## UNIVERSITIES FIGHT ON TRAVELLING BEDS

OTTAWA (CUP)—The bed rolling marathon neared its end last week, but it appears that none of the participants will be able to agree on which university holds the championship.

Queen's University had passed the 850-mile mark in what is now to be a 1,000 mile run, surpassing the nearest competitor by 500 miles. But the other universities have hastened to point out that Queen's is pushing the bed within the limits of Kingston and has a supply of recruits which can be easily replaced by fresh newcomers.

But Queen's replied that they are "adamant in view that all our records are valid. The police have vetoed bed traffic on the highway, and we claim as many hazards encountered as any: icy streets, women drivers, stop signs and lights, children and their parents, rain, sleet, snow, cadillacs and city police who barely tolerate effort."

And the university continued to push its bed.

Earlier in the week, Dalhousie seemed to grasp the championship after pushing 345 miles. Acadia—which shoved one 301 miles—refused to accept this because the Dalhousie team is alleged to have stopped after the first 62 miles to fix their bed. But the Sir George Williams team, which was forced to stop its run because of cramps, claims it holds the longest run by one group without replacements.

Acadia used 75 pushers and Sir George 40.

McMaster too suffered difficulties in its attempt to break the record. Its perennial rivals OAC swooped down on the bed in the middle of Georgetown at 2 a.m. Wednesday and tried to load the Mac bed on a truck. In the fight, one wheel of the bed was broken and the police confiscated the bed and truck. Two hours later the police released the bed, and the bed pushers continued on their way.

Queen's continued to push its bed. The OAC students proceeded ahead to lay an ambush. When the Mac group approached the OAC contingent shoved the bed down an embankment, another fight ensued; noses bled and eyes were blackened until OAC picked it up and carted it off to Guelph. The Mac group recovered its bed and shoved it on to the Dundas arena, this time using a decoy to prevent further attacks.

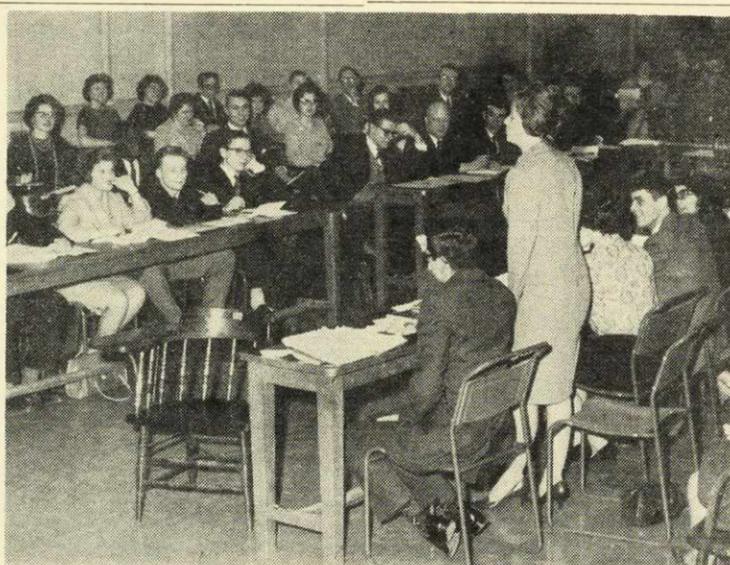
Queen's continued to push its bed. Last night a tried, cold and stiff crew of Sir George pushers moved up the Ottawa river towards the parliament. One of their own trucks dented the bed causing a slackening of the pace from 15 to about five miles. By the time they arrived many of them were too stiff to run any further, and they put the bed on a truck for the return journey.

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## LIBERAL RANKS BREAK AS DAL MODEL PARLIAMENT CLASHES ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS

by IAN MacKENZIE

Education, unemployment, danger of a recession, reform of the Senate, and a proposal that Canada adopt the metric system were considered during the two-day session of the Dalhousie model parliament Feb. 15 and 16.



Liberal Member Ruth MacKenzie addresses a respectively leering, amused, dreaming, and bored opposition, as she defends her party's legislation at last week's Model Parliament.

## RUSSIANS BLIND TO WESTERN WAY OF LIFE; U.S. EQUALLY UNSEEING

Although the average Russian of today harbours little dislike for Americans, restriction of such media as newspapers and radio has resulted in a lack of understanding of western way of life on the part of most Russian people.

Frank Doyle, Executive Editor of The Halifax Chronicle-Herald and Halifax Mail-Star, spoke to the World Affairs Society last week on his trip last fall to the Soviet Union.

Mr. Doyle went on to say, "they are as blind to the ways of our system as I think we are to theirs."

The Russians, he said, were now able to buy most of the luxuries to which we are accustomed, and at surprisingly modest prices. Clothing, food and appliances were substantial items and actually cheaper than Western staples. Sports goods, especially, he said, were very cheap; it was possible to buy children's skis of reasonable quality for 50c.

Moscow and other Soviet cities are not as attractive as Western cities, commented Mr. Doyle. Log huts and cheap buildings are a contrast to the Kremlin and the elegant churches of Moscow.

The Sports Stadium, built in part by slave-labour, and the many theatres and libraries typify the Muscovites' interest in cultural activities and recreation. Dal students were interested in Mr. Doyle's description of the University in Moscow, where the residence houses 6,000 and each student occupies an apartment equipped with bath, and sitting room.

In talking to Russian officials, Mr. Doyle discovered that working mothers are now discouraged in Russia, a contrast to the former policy which tended to break up family groups.

Religious groups in Russia are not discouraged, and in fact, several large seminaries train thousands of priests. However, Mr. Doyle said, the youth of Russia are on the whole derisive of religion, and it is the old people of the country who continue religious observances. They do so in an atmosphere of indifferent tolerance, and it seems that the government no longer is worried about the problem.

He pointed out that the Government might welcome future submissions if the provinces indicated their (continued on page eight)

In the Speech from the Throne, Governor-General Brian Flemming outlined action the Liberal Government under Prime Minister Jim Cowan proposed to take on matters of national concern. This included a "comprehensive program of legislation" to deal with unemployment, legislation "designed to encourage the expansion of industry and employment in the Atlantic provinces", and to investigate the unemployment insurance fund.

Regarding education, the Liberals stated they would introduce a bill "providing for a system of Canadian Bursaries and Scholarships" and enabling the government "to make increased federal grants available to Canadian universities for improving and expanding educational facilities."

Other points touched on included legislation "to establish a National Labour Council... providing for the foundation of a Department of Federal-Provincial Affairs... bringing into effect a comprehensive national health plan... and providing for the establishment of a Canadian Vocational Training Organization."

### Opposition Attack

The opposition, under Progressive Conservative leader Reid Morden, accused the government of "tackling problems with a negative attitude" and of putting forward "no new solution for the perennial problem of markets" for the Maritimes.

The first session of the parliament saw the introduction of a bill "Respecting unemployment, Deficit Budgeting and the Constitutional Status of the Bank of Canada."

The bill proposed a revision of individual income tax scales... to place responsibility for the actions of the Bank of Canada with the Minister of Finance... to raise the level of employment and income in Canada by providing tax incentives to firms and municipalities engaged in winter works, resorting to budget deficits and establishment of a capital assistance fund... and to provide tax incentives to firms for expansion, as well as increasing facilities for the retraining of unemployed persons.

### Ranks Break

As a result of a break in the ranks of the Liberals when three members of the government crossed the floor to take seats as Independents with the opposition, thus giving each side of the House 30 seats, a government motion for the second reading of the bill was defeated, with Speaker Prof. J. H. Aitchison voting against the motion.

Debate during the second session centred round the government bill on higher education, and a private member's bill for Senate reform.

The education bill proposed a system of scholarships and bursaries based on need and merit amounting to \$40,000,000 annually to help uni-

Summing up, Mr. Doyle observed that the Russian people show a dedication which we as an individualistic society may not be able to match. Achievements in science and military fields are not stressed and seem almost to be regarded as sporting accomplishments, quite in contrast to Russian propaganda to outside countries. In 1958," Rawson said.

versity students complete their college education.

Provision was also made in the bill for grants "to be made available to universities for the purpose of building new residences and scholastic buildings."

Speaking for the bill, Liberal Bill MacDonald said "this policy will greatly increase our supply of scientists, teachers, engineers, administrators and all the other highly qualified Canadians who are required in ever increasing numbers for our national security, prosperity and progress."

Despite the vigorous defence put up for the Second Chamber by Sharon Connolly, Liberal Minister of Health and Welfare, the bill for Senate reform—which included a proposal to abandon the present system of appointing senators and replace it by a system based on popular election—was passed by 30 votes to 28.

The opposition bill calling for the introduction of the metric system in Canada was also passed.

Gazette Beauty Queen



ANN LEACH, an 18-year-old Halifaxian, was recently named Gazette Beauty Queen for 1961. The decision of the judges was a hard one, and much time was spent in deliberation before a winner was announced. A student at Mount Saint Vincent last year, Miss Leach is now in second year Arts majoring in history and political science. After receiving her degree, she hopes to travel for a year before settling down to marriage. —Photo by Bissett.

## Pharos Due In April

Pharos, the Dalhousie yearbook, is now in the hands of the publishers, editor Otto Haenlein has announced.

Mr. Haenlein reported only one major setback during the year. The literary contest, while receiving a large number of applicants, was abandoned because of the low standard of entries.

This year's book will contain 224 pages, including four with full color, and 12 with black and gold. A 16-page section has been held back for late sports results, "Wonderful Town", the Black and Gold Revue, and Munro Day activities.

The expected date for distribution is the last week in April.

## Government Refuses Action On Brief

OTTAWA, (CUP) — The federal government met with NFCUS officials last week but gave no assurances it endorsed a national bursary plan, although it approved a similar scheme in 1958.

Following the morning session with Prime Minister Diefenbaker, NFCUS President Bruce Rawson indicated that "the meeting was inconclusive, and it appears further representations will have to be made before any plan is adopted."

He pointed out that the Government might welcome future submissions if the provinces indicated their (continued on page eight)