

Teach-in Mathews fumes over U domination tragedy in afternoon session. Evening discussion of economics attracts 2,000.



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HERE THEY ARE—Lewis Hertzman, Kenneth McNaught, John Warnock and Paul Martin speaking at Monday night's forum on foreign policy. The forum was the first indicator of the split between the old guard liberals and the younger members of the Teach-in complement. This split became the major theme of the Teach-in.

Britain loses colony U.S. gains satellite

By WINSTON GERELUK

Canadians have gained independence from the British only to become a satellite of the United States. Forty years ago, we were worried about British influence in Canada, but now Canadians are seriously worried about whether they will be able to withstand the pressure from the U.S. This was Walter Gordon's contribution to a panel discussion that was held in the Dinwoodie Lounge Tuesday night as a part of the American Domination Teach-in. The theme was the economic domination of Canada and also participating in the rather uninteresting discussion were Mel Watkins, Tom Powrie, and Hu Harries.

In his ten-minute presentation to the audience, Mr. Watkins reiterated many of the statements he had made in his afternoon speech, "Canada: The Branch Plant." However, to the delight of many in the audience, he added that "the business class cannot be relied upon to retain Canadian independence. They have shown us that they will sell out to the highest bidder at the first chance."

He summarized the positions of the federal political parties on the issue of Canadian independence. Liberals, under the direction of Pierre Elliot Trudeau have become the party of big business." The Progressive Conservatives have made a big mistake in dumping Diefenbaker for Stanfield. The NDP is the "only credible party as far as independence is concerned." They advocate national democratic socialism, and as such are our only "hope for survival in this kind of chaos."

If we don't go towards democratic socialism, Mr. Watkins warned, "we face the repression of the right, the drifting technocracy of the centre, or the nihilism of the non-democratic left."

Tom Powries confessed that he was confused by what Mr. Watkins was saying. He couldn't see

how socialism and nationalism, "both prerequisites towards something else" were mutually supportable as means in the way that Mr. Watkins suggested. His confusion went even deeper. He didn't see how foreign investment in Canada could have any influence on Canadian foreign policy.

Canadian universities dominated by Americans

Canadian universities are becoming dominated by Americans, but there was disagreement at the Teach-in Tuesday afternoon whether this is good or bad for Canada.

According to Robin Mathews, guest speaker from Carleton University, Americanization of the academic community is a tragedy.

The problems are easily summed up: fewer and fewer Canadians are being hired on Canadian university faculties, there is a poverty of Canadian materials, and there is actually discrimination against Canadian graduate students and professors in their own universities, he said.

Mr. Mathews considers the people in charge—the administrators, the politicians, and the education bureaucrats—to be 'wholly irresponsible' and therefore largely to blame for the extent to which the erosion of our universities has taken place.

He said that last year an 'irresponsible' Canada Council gave 22 per cent of grants to Canadians while the other 68 per cent went to non-Canadians.

To rectify the situation, Mr. Mathews advocated that we take certain steps. We should demand that university administrators advertise every job, that every person employed in a Canadian university be a Canadian citizen, and students should push for effective representation, he said.

"If your president does not meet your demands," he told the audience, "you must show him that you mean it."

Harry Gunning, U of A Dept. of Chemistry Chairman, opposed Mr. Mathews' thesis, claiming

that he was not concerned with where a university professor was born or trained, but with how creative he is.

We're only employees in a U.S. branch plant

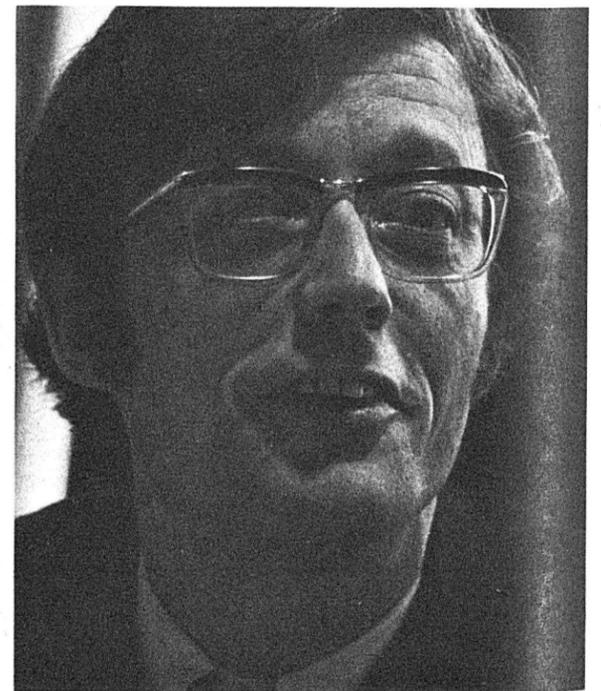
Canada is a branch plant of the United States, according to Mel Watkins, the author of the now-famous Watkins Manifesto.

"We not only have branch plant businesses, but branch plant universities, intellectuals, politicians, and news media."

In a speech given in SUB theatre Tuesday Mr. Watkins claimed that American global imperialism is no longer seriously denied. "It appears more benign to Canadians, however, because we are accomplices in the American exploitation of the rest of the free world."

Because they control our economy, the really important decisions are made for Canadians by the managers of the multi-corporations in the States, he said. "Thus, Trudeau's decision to cut back on the civil service is a wise one. Nothing much is happening in Ottawa because nothing much can happen until the basic economic facts are changed."

Mr. Watkins pointed out that the problem is aggravated by the fact that American branch plant managers must obey American laws such as U.S. Trading With Enemy Act, even though they live in Canada. "We know that the Red Chinese buy large quantities of our wheat; but it is no accident



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MEL WATKINS
 . . . Yankee go home

that Americans don't own the wheat farms. Political independence is always an illusion until it is related to economic independence."

Any attempt at independence is futile unless it is based on a move towards nationalism and socialism, warned Mr. Watkins. That is, we must expand public ownership and have national rather than corporate planning for our economy. Despite the reactionary union bureaucrats, we should not waste our time being anti-union. The American corporations, not the unions, are where the real powers lie, he said.