

Poland closer to Canada than other countries in Soviet orbit

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"The Polish people have more in common with Canadians than other countries in the Soviet orbit," Professor Guy MacLean told a WUSC-sponsored meeting last week.

Prof. MacLean, assistant history professor at Dalhousie, said western influence was "quite evident" especially in Warsaw where beatniks, "expresso joints" and Canadian style night clubs were found. The people liked jazz, he said, and American and British movies were the mainstays of the nation's theatres.

The people of this republic -- with a population over twenty-five million -- identify themselves with Canadians in their attempt to maintain a unique national identity, he said. The Poles want nationalism before anything else."

Dr. MacLean, who has spent the summer touring Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany and the previous summer in Yugoslavia, said although Polish international politics were definitely aligned with Russia, its people are with the west emotionally and will "laugh openly" against the Russians.

The Poles, in spite of the overhanging shadow of the Kremlin, had not "whitewashed their history" and many early anti-communist heroes were still worshipped in the national shrines of the country.

GERMAN THREAT

Threats of German re-unification and a consequently more powerful Germany have the Polish people worried and the "threat of German militarism," Dr. MacLean said, "has become an obsession." As proposed by Premier Khrushchov unification would probably mean the loss of a large industrial area formerly German and now under Polish administration. There was also fear of Russian movement in Poland's eastern sector, he said.

The terror of Nazi occupation had not been forgotten by the Poles, he said, and concentration camps and ghettos have been turned into national shrines, and Warsaw's infamous Auschwitz had

been preserved exactly as it was at the end of the Second World War.

CHURCHES FILLED

"Anytime of the day you will find the churches in Warsaw filled," he said, commenting on the strong religious feeling in Poland today.

Although the "not very dramatic revolution of 1956" introduced a slightly more liberal policy to the country, he said, curtailment of publications still continues. Student newspapers receive particular government scrutiny and censorship, he added.

With much internal shifting in Polish governmental circles and the constant threat of "being caught in a nutcracker" between German expansion in the east and identical fears from Russia in the east, Professor MacLean forecasts a "rough time for the Poles ahead."

GAS BILL BETRAYS WHAT'S COOKING IN STILL

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Ralph Stewart, 47 years of age, whose monthly gas bill started tripling about two years ago, was sentenced recently to two years in prison for possession of an illegal still.

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Students from all over the world send the handicrafts of their native lands to Toronto, the centre of WUSC Treasure Van activities. Here on campus its operation is a joint effort of the WUSC of Dalhousie, Kings, Mount Saint Vincent and Saint Mary's.

As Treasure Van week here drew to a close on Friday and travelled towards Acadia, it left behind a net profit of \$3138.54. This money will enable WUSC to aid underdeveloped countries in education.

BEQUEST TO CHAUFFEUR REVERSES ROLE IN CAR

LONDON — Frederick Wheeler was chauffeur for thirty years to a rich widow who left him \$56,000 and a limousine in her will recently.

Mr. Wheeler, disclosing his new life of affluence, said: "Naturally, I'll be hiring a man to drive me about."



MISS JANET FRENCH shows a foil to a prospective customer at the WUSC Treasure Van sale held at Dal last week.

CJCH vs. Gazette Second Round

Radio station CJCH last week commented on the coverage given by the Gazette to Prime Minister Diefenbaker's visit to Dalhousie.

"The Dalhousie Gazette took a rap today on its front page and editorial columns at Prime Minister Diefenbaker," the news report went. "The Gazette front-paged a yarn on the Prime Minister's visit to Dalhousie and then — launching a paragraph with Mr. Diefenbaker said — left the next three or so column inches a blank."

"In a lead editorial," continued the report, "the paper said that several Gazette reporters and editors were present when the PM spoke, but found that they could record nothing he said worth reporting."

The CJCH news report ended: "One wonders whether we need a better Prime Minister, or better reporters and editors at the Dalhousie Gazette."

Tiger Returns

The Dalhousie mascot, a life size fibre-glass tiger, was returned to the University last week by Kingsmen who had carried it off earlier in the term.

The tiger was stolen for the first time last March and reappeared at a Dal-UNB football game at the beginning of October painted bright blue with the letters KINGS painted on its flanks.

The mascot was recovered by Dalhousie, but disappeared again the same day. Dal retaliated by swiping some trophies from King's, and negotiations finally reached a head with the swap of the trophies for the tiger last week.

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