

CHANCELLOR BACKS BOER WAR



UNB Chancellor Sir Max Aitken applauds U.S. war effort as imperial role.

- Publisher Sir Max Aitken told American businessmen in London Wednesday, that the United States now is stuck with an imperial role.

"Pray God you keep it," he said in an address to an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Savoy Hotel.

Aitken, chairman of the Beaverbrook newspapers, likened the situation the United States faces in Vietnam to the Boer War in South Africa at the end of the last century.

"Big powers were saying then that Britain was crushing a little nation," he told his 500 listeners.

"But Britain had to fight. That was a battle we had to face. We did face it."

"This is your situation in

Vietnam, and we Canadians" - he is the son of the late Canadian-born Lord Beaverbrook - "and British are watching it at this moment with admiration."

Aitken added: "Whether you like your imperial role or not, you have got it. Pray God you keep it. God bless the Mets and God bless America."

Aitken is the Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick.

He is the son of the late Lord Beaverbrook and Director-chairman of Beaverbrook Newspapers Ltd.

In June, 1964, he disclaimed his inherited barony.

Aitken was first married, in 1939, to Cynthia Monteith and later obtained a divorce, in 1944. His second marriage, in 1946, to Mrs. Jane Lindsay by

whom he has two daughters, ended in divorce, in 1950. He has had one son and one daughter by Violet de Trafford, to whom he was married in 1951.

Aitken became Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick in 1968.

Aitken served in World War II as an RAF Day fighter pilot and fought in the Battle of Britain. He was a Group Captain commanding a strike Mosquito Wing, in Norwegian Waters in 1943. For his war service he has received dispatches, the DSO and the OFC, and the Czech War Cross.

His son, the Honorable (as heir to the disclaimed barony) Maxwell William Humphrey Aitken, was born on December 29, 1951, is eighteen years old and plans on attending Cambridge next year.

MacFarlane says:

Not Government But Union

"If council doesn't have student support that's council's fault. It knows the problems; its obligation is to develop them", argues Steve MacFarlane, president of the Students Representative Council.

MacFarlane outlined what he expected to do during the summer and analyzed his concept of a rational approach to the problems of the Student Union at UNB.

"The last council," he said, "took office during the summer crisis of last spring. It had no opportunity to build. I don't want to see this council get involved in an issue now."

MacFarlane wants to give council "an opportunity to develop confidence in itself." At present he has a list of over a hundred topics for council consideration and over the summer he intends to revise this list to include every possible avenue open to the council to further the ends of the student union.

In the fall he will present a legislative program to council drawn from the list of priorities which result from his summer research.

"The program will give the council direction," says MacFarlane, "and enable councillors to assess their progress over a period of time."

The program will be designed to give an accurate indication of what council can be expected to accomplish in the one year period. Priorities will be decided in the one year period. Priorities will be decided on (1) their "intrinsic validity" and (2) council's power to deal with the question.

"There are three approaches to what council is," says

MacFarlane. "One is that council is a student government. This approach is futile, undemocratic, and unwarranted."

"The second is the corporation approach used by Start." The third and correct approach MacFarlane believes involves council as the executive of a union - the UNB student union. One of its primary duties is to provide an awareness of the union; a secondary function is to provide services and further the aims of the union.

"As a corporation or government the council will forever be separate from the students," says MacFarlane.

He sees the primary of council as making life at university for the students as enjoyable as possible and insuring that they have a voice in academic decision-making.

"The job of the council," argues MacFarlane, "is not just to ask students what to do but to come up with what to do. It is our responsibility to develop the union."



MacFarlane says Council has obligation to muster student support

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Pub in Union Building

The Board of Directors of the SUB will soon be presenting a petition to the New Brunswick Liquor Commission to obtain a special license to operate a pub in the Student Union Building.

In order for the SUB to obtain a license, the pub must be incorporated as a social club with a membership restricted to those who are 21 and older. This includes approximately forty per cent of the student body.

While police are not permitted on University grounds except in cases where special requests have been made, Liquor Control Inspectors can come on campus at any time. This is why the minimum age ruling must be enforced.

One petition to the Commission has been made, advertisements must be placed in the newspaper, stating the intention of establishing the pub, while simultaneous

hearings are held, allowing interested people to place objections.

The current plans call for the pub being located in the lounge on the third floor. It will have a seating capacity of sixty, and will operate a six day week.

SUB DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This is part of the information that was presented in the Pub report given Wednesday at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the SUB.

In his report, SUB Director, Kevin McKinney, cited several more proposals for greater utilization of the building. The plans include: redesigning the cafeteria and coffee shop, to eliminate wasted coat room and hall space, and to increase services and seating space, reorganization of the games room areas upstairs, with the possible addition of billiard tables and shuffle boards, and possible alternate use of the basement space. Purchases of furniture for the patio and surrounding lawns and walkways are expected to be made shortly.

Mr McKinney felt that the SUB had run successfully during its first full academic year of operation.

