

CAMPUS LIBERALS SUPPORT KENNEDY

In a motion by Ian Henderson and an amendment by Don Brazier, Dalhousie's Liberal club voted Thursday to support President Kennedy's action in the present crisis in Cuba and to record its majority wish that Canada should offer aid to the Americans in the blockade of Cuba to show that Canada supports the United States at this time.

LENGHTH DEBATE

The vote, which was almost unanimous, came after a lengthy debate on the issue. Opposition to the motion came almost entirely from Frank Mosher whose contention was that since the United States had sent arms in support of Batista it could not condemn the Soviet Union for sending arms in defence of the Castro government. Mr. Mosher also charged that since there are American nuclear weapons in such places as Britain and Turkey "the Americans are showing just how hypocritical they are."

"WE ARE AT WAR"

In support of the motion Mr. Henderson argued that "we are essentially at war" and under the OAS charter and various resolutions passed by that organization regarding the infiltration of Soviet arms from Cuba into various Latin American countries, members of the OAS have the legal right to take necessary measures to stop Communist subversion.

In response to a statement that the American action constitutes an act of intervention into the

affairs of a sovereign state, Mr. Brazier commented that the noted political philosopher John Stuart Mill said that non-intervention is morally acceptable only when both sides agree not to intervene. He argued that the violation of sovereign rights argument becomes totally invalid in the light of Soviet foreign policy during and since the second world war.

NEW DEMOCRATS SCORN BROOMBALL

At the second meeting of the NDP club, president Keats Currie suggested that the club challenge the other political clubs on campus to contests requiring intellectual rather than physical skill. Members suggested that debates and possibly a chess tournament be held.

These activities were considered by the club to be more suitable to their talents than the games of broomball in which the Progressive Conservatives and Liberals are currently engaging.

At the meeting, Prof. Aitchison, President of the NDP in Nova Scotia, addressed the members and told them that the recent party convention was "a rousing success. We are now in a much better position."

He proposed that the NDP must be made an instrument of education in this province, commenting that "the soil of Nova Scotia is rather stony."

Music room open records bought

The long-suffering music room, in the Arts Building, has been reopened under student supervision. The room now boasts a new piano, a stereo record player, and the beginnings of a new record collection. Money was made available for these purchases by a grant from Effie May Ross of Vancouver. The grant is administered by the faculty committee on music.

Commenting on the music room situation, Mr. Wilson, Head of the Music Department, said, "When I came here two years ago the music room was a mess. The condition of the records was appalling." Under the new system, only student supervisors will be permitted to handle the records, thus saving them much abuse.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE?

The faculty music committee was formed last spring for purposes of revising music courses offered at Dalhousie, and improving the music room. Asked if he would favor inclusion of a student on the committee, Chairman Dean Hicks replied, "I will be prepared to take this recommendation to the committee. In fact, we would welcome this." He stipulated further that such an appointment would have to come on recommendation from the Students' Council.

PHONY PRANKSTER PRODUCES PANIC

TORONTO (CUP) -- A mysterious phone caller is spreading anxiety among mothers of the girls attending the Ryerson Institute of Technology.

The callers modus operandi goes something like this:

"Is Miss B there?"

"No I'm sorry, she's not," answers the mother.

The caller then identifies himself as a nearby doctor.

"Just tell your daughter her test was negative."

"What test?"

"Well that's kind of personal." Alarmed, the mother insists.

"It was a pregnancy test."

The mother is upset. Daughter arrives home and a call to nearby doctor soon confirms the fact that the doctor has never seen the girl. He said there were three or four such similar incidents.

Police are now working on the case.

GOLDWATER ANGRY-GETS EDITOR FIRED

Boulder, Colorado, (CUP-CPS) -- The President of the University of Colorado, Quigg Newton has fired the editor of the university's student newspaper, The Daily.

Editor Gary Althen has been under fire by campus right-wing elements and many of the state's daily papers since the appearance several weeks ago of an article by a university philosophy student calling Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz) "no better than a common criminal".

DEMAND APOLOGIES

Goldwater demanded apologies and got them, but was apparently not satisfied, for he wrote president Newton demanding the expulsion of the article's author, the firing of the editor and questioning Newton's ability as a college president.

At that time Newton's reply to the Senator was, "Senator, I shall not silence them."

Althen's right to criticize was upheld by the Board of Publications, the student government and the faculty senate.

The furor began anew last week when the philosophy student Carl Mitcham wrote a letter to the editor in which he referred to former president Eisenhower as an "old 'futzer."

Several Colorado dailies have renewed their long-standing editorial campaign to have Althen fired and the university investigated for subversion. The Denver Post, largest paper in the area, is supporting the student paper editorially.

A group of 500 angry students gathered in front of the president's residence after word of the firing had spread. Many wore placards carrying the words "Senator, I shall not silence them," with the "not" crossed out.

A campus wide referendum on the issue will be held. At least four members of the Daily staff have resigned and it is not certain that the paper will continue

to operate. Newton had earlier asked that the paper be put under the control of the Department of Journalism, but the Pub Board refused.

Colorado students are reported to feel Newton buckled under tremendous outside political pressure. The Colorado board of regents is elected by popular referendum and the Daily incident has become a political issue. The Republicans are calling for Althen's head and the Democrats are defending him. Colorado Governor Steve McNichols has joined Goldwater in calling for Althen's dismissal.

The controversy is nothing new, nor is it simply a local issue. Colorado right-wingers, especially the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, have been calling for an investigation of subversion at the university for years.

The University of New Mexico, 500 miles south, has faced similar barrages for the past two years.

The student newspapers at both schools have borne the brunt of the attacks. Both have been edited by outspoken liberals since 1960.

A bill to investigate the University of New Mexico was narrowly defeated in the state's legislature last year.

University of New Mexico president Tom Popejoy, in a speech before the state convention on the American Legion this summer, strongly defended both schools declaring he would fight with everything in his power to maintain academic freedom at his school and the editorial freedom of UNM's student newspaper the Lobo. The Lobo is generally considered to be one of the best American student newspapers.

Both states have rural-dominated legislatures, which have proved susceptible to attacks on both schools. Democratic party leaders in both states have been reluctant to place themselves in the apparent defense of "left-wingers" at the two schools.

Newton's decision to fire Althen may have widespread implications at other southwestern schools where the right-wing has waged a continual war against liberal student papers.

SCM defeated by Hillel Cuba controversial topic

"That the U.S.A. attack Cuba militarily" was narrowly defeated in a debate between Hillel and the Student Christian Movement.

Taking the affirmative for the SCM were George Stevens and Don Brazier. In his address, Mr. Stevens pointed out the Soviet Foreign Policy from the beginning of World War II, mentioning the attack on Finland and other Soviet aggression that has taken place. He suggested that a Communist regime in Cuba can only lead to further aggression in the Americas, and suggested that we stop it immediately.

Mr. Brazier, on the other hand, discussed the philosophical, legal, moral aspects of the situation. He stated that the Communist ideological system cannot exist in conjunction with other systems. He also said that the US was justified in attacking Cuba and overthrowing the Communist regime there in on the basis of the Rio Treaty and the resolutions passed by the OAS in Bogota last January.

Hillel, represented by Dave King and Ester Meyer, brought out the fact that the moral and practical implications, combined with historical precedent, inferred that the invasion of Cuba by the US would lead to a third World War. Mr. King said that "bloodshed could be avoided. . . Cuba is a sovereign nation, capable of deciding

her own destiny, and an attack upon her would constitute an attack upon a self-determining nation."

Miss Meyer, in her address, pointed out that a recent poll indicated that 90 per cent of the American people is against invasion. She suggested that the will of the majority should be adhered to in a democratic country like the U.S.

In his rebuttal, Mr. King reiterated that war must be avoided at any cost. His rebuttal centered around the thesis, "Peace in our time."

HISTORICAL INACCURACIES

Mr. Stevens, in his reply for the affirmative, pointed out historical inaccuracies in Hillel's argument. He insisted that war already exists between East and West, and that final victory should be the aim. He said that only then would true peace arrive in the world. His rebuttal centered around the theme: "a war to end wars."

The judges, Professor Al Sinclair of the department of Economics and Rabbi Joseph Deitcher made their comments, indicating that the speakers had gone off the subject occasionally. However, they believed that the presentation was well thought out, clear, and concise. Although a question period was declared, only one spectator took advantage of the opportunity to question the speakers.

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