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French Canada Still In

Report on the annual NFCUS Congress held last week in Edmonton, sponsored by the NFCUS Committee of the University of Alberta.

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The Congress was attended by representatives from some forty universities, 13 located in the Maritimes, and from two other Universities (University of Saskatchewan, Regina Branch, and Eastern Ontario Institution of Technology), which were admitted, bringing the total membership to 42. Representatives for Dalhousie were Eric Hillis, NFCUS chairman Gail Young, and Council President, George Cooper.

MEETING VITAL

In the words of national president, Dave Jenkins this was the most important meeting ever held. The main reason for this is that the Federation was faced with the very real possibility of a complete and permanent split, sparked by the French Canadian members, and concurred in by some of the other Universities, notably the University of British Columbia, who felt that, if the French left, the Federation would be in no sense a national one, and therefore not worth belonging to. Some other Universities, particularly Memorial of Newfoundland, were seriously considering leaving the Federation for the same old reason — "what are we getting out of NFCUS?" In our view, all these problems were solved to nearly everyone's complete satisfaction so that the Federation was not only saved, but it is now on a stronger footing than it has been for a very long time.

FRENCH PROBLEMS

The threat from French Canadian Universities to leave the Federation has arisen primarily from their desire to band together for the purposes of promoting the interests of French Canadian students, particularly on the provincial level. Because this desire has its roots in the complex "revolution" taking place in Quebec today, I will not delve too deeply into it, except to say that the French Canadian Universities (including over 70 of Quebec's Classical Colleges, not yet members of NFCUS) are going to join together whether anyone likes it or not. The question the Congress had to face this past week was whether this union would occur within the Federation or outside it.

NEW CONSTITUTION

After many weeks of hard work, the NFCUS Executive presented to the Congress a motion which would recognize that the members of the French ethnic cultural group had been heretofore inadequately represented in NFCUS, and would set up a new organizational structure for the Federation.

COOPER REPORT ON NFCUS

NFCUS is to be run by a Board of Directors, three elected from a caucus of the English "Cultural Group" and three from the French; each group would also elect a Vice-President, and over all would be a President elected by the Congress at large.

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Dr. Smith New President at Kings



Dr. Harry D. Smith

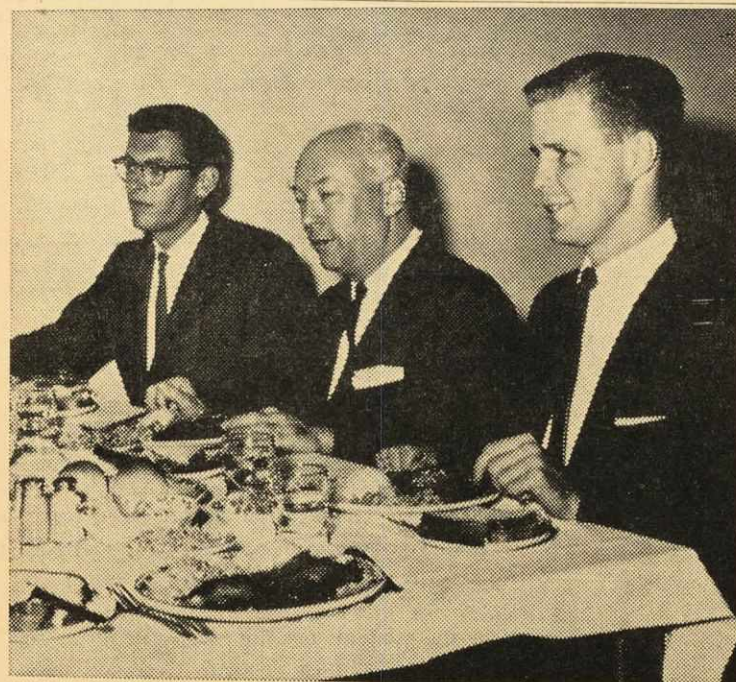
(Photo by Munroe)

The University of King's College has a new President. He is Harry D. Smith, C.D., M.A., Ph.D.

Dr. Smith is a native Nova Scotian. He attended public school in Halifax and graduated from Dalhousie in 1939. Two years later he was awarded his M.A. In 1947, after war service as a commissioned officer in the RCNVR, he gained a Ph.D. from Laval University.

For four years Dr. Smith was on the faculty of Dal as an associate Professor, after which, he was appointed Professor of French at the Canadian Services College, Royal Roads, B. C. He held this position until his appointment as President of King's this summer.

Dr. Smith has also studied at the L'Institut de Phonétique, the Sorbonne, the University of Barcelona, the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, and the University of Arizona. He represents, in an outstanding way, the two cultures dominant in Canada today and brings to the university of King's College a definite understanding of bicultural problems.



President Hicks sits with Jim Cowan on his right and Graham Reid on his left at the recent dinner for the organizational heads of the SUB BLITZ campaign. Mr. Cowan is Chairman of the SUB Building Committee and Mr. Reid is Vice-President of the Dalhousie Student Council 1963-64.

(Photo by Munroe)

BLITZ FOR SUB; 500 NEEDED

"Dalhousie very badly needs improved student facilities . . . an adequate and proper centre for student activities", said Dr. H. D. Hicks, Dalhousie President.

He was speaking at a meeting of the high poobahs on campus organizations gathered to consider the upcoming Student "Blitz" of Halifax. The "Blitz" is to be held November first and second, a change from two earlier days, which were dropped owing to their conflict with the United Appeal Fund Drive.

The "Blitz" is being organized by the Fund Office, who have selected 2500 small businesses and non-professional individuals to contact. About 500 student canvassers will be needed for the drive, and they will be recruited over the next few weeks.

ALL FUNDS FOR SUB

Jim Cowan, who is chairman of the Student Union Building Committee, and student member of the Fund Management Committee, emphasizes that all funds obtained in the blitz will go towards the Student Union Building. At present, the SUB Fund is worth about \$100,000; the building will cost some \$500,000. Land for the site is to be donated by the University.

"I propose in the next few weeks to talk to student organizations to arouse interest in the blitz," explained Cowan, "culminating in a student forum to be held on Oct. 24th or 25th to explain our plans."

COMPETITION

A competition will be set up between the faculties and large organizations to raise the most money, on a "per-call" average. This, Cowan feels will put competing groups on equal footing

RECRUITMENT

It was felt at the meeting that many students might be reluctant to canvass. However, Frank Wallis, Fund Office Manager, explained that everything possible would be done to help the canvasser. Classes will be cancelled for participants, if necessary. Also, all the prospects will be mailed material explaining the blitz, to 'cultivate' them, so that when the canvasser calls, the prospect will be prepared for him. Also, with only five calls to be made by each canvasser, no one will be saddled with too much work. Wallis pointed out that canvasser will have his calls bunched together within "a very tight area, of not more than three or four blocks."

TRAINING

Canvassers will be given two one-hour training sessions, in which they are also to be supplied with kits of material to be presented to the prospects. Wallis emphasizes, "There are accepted and proven ways of making a successful call on prospects, and we'll teach them".

5000 IN 1970

Total Registration at Dalhousie to date this session is 284, an all time high. This figure includes 194 students registered at the University of King's College, who take affiliated courses at Dal.

This represents an increase of 269 from last year's registration of 2578 students.

A significant addition to this year's line-up are fifteen registered in the new Department of Physiotherapy, which is part of the Faculty of Health Professions.

Present breakdown of faculty registrations is as follows:

Arts and Science, 1872 (incl. the 194 from King's); Dental Hygiene, 26; Dentistry, 70; Graduate Studies, 204; Law, 123; Medicine, 232; Nursing, 129; Pharmacy, 84; Physiotherapy, 15; Post-grad Medicine, 42. Total, 2847.

Miss Beatrice Smith, Registrar, indicated that these registration figures are not final, as some late registrations were still expected at press time. She anticipates that some students are likely to change faculties before the cut-off date on Oct. 15.