

# WUSC Assembly Great Success; Mackinnon On Colombo Plan

MONSEIGNEUR J. M. MacKINNON, Vice-President of St. F. X. University of Antigonish, N.S., gave the after dinner address entitled "The Colombo Plan and Canadian Universities." Father MacKinnon in his address stressed the fact that:

"The Colombo Plan is not primarily an aid programme. It is the sum of the development programmes of the Asian countries that are members of the plan and of the aid programme of the member countries or 'donors'. It is a co-operative plan. The major burden of economic development is borne by the Asian countries themselves. They have themselves embarked on programmes of economic development and are working very hard to improve their own conditions. THEY DO NEED HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS, and this the Colombo Plan donor countries are giving. This aid is given only after consideration and consultation by the departments of governments concerned. This is the essential basis on which the plan rests." After explaining briefly the workings of the Colombo Plan, Father MacKinnon continued: "The main emphasis in the development programmes of the countries of South and South East Asia is on projects designed to increase agricultural production."

He then came to the second and most important phase of the Colombo Plan. This is the Technical Assistance phase, which consists of the giving of help to the students of those Asian countries and the taking of their students to study at the Universities with post graduate schools in Canada. Those people, studying under the auspices of the Colombo Plan return to their own countries to submit the obtained knowledge to their people and better the country in this way. This, together with the exchange of stu-

dents which gives an exchange of ideas, teaches Canadians and the people from Asia to understand each other. They learn of each other's religions, ideologies and problems. 50 years ago Canadians did not have this understanding and knowledge. Father MacKinnon continued with a brief survey of this history of the Colombo Plan. He also drew the attention of the audience to the workings of the Credit Union and the co-operative system which have aided so greatly in the making of modern Asia.

In speaking of the particular role of the Canadian Universities he praised those who are working in this field. "Universities can do something in the way of Technical Assistance and are doing it. This is a world of challenge, a world of ideas, a world of opposites. We cannot see direct results of the work, but sometime in the future we will be able to see it. A post graduate student of today may be the Nehru of tomorrow".

Father MacKinnon then made a plea for increase of the Colombo Plan if at all possible, but under no circumstance to decrease the aid now given. He stressed the challenge that exists for our people, the Canadians, to go out and work in Colombo Plan areas for two or more years. "No material wealth can be obtained by doing this, the sacrifice is 'great,' but it is of 'crucial importance' that it is done." He expressed the opinion that those people that would go would come from the midst of ardent supporters of such organizations as World University Service of Canada, where the understanding and desire for this work already exists and grows with each further contact. In closing he said:

"We are in need of experts on the job, but they must be good and humble men, diplomats, but above all humble persons who are willing to work."

## What Did They Do

One of the most important decisions taken during last week-end's Assembly was that concerning the invitations to be extended to a group of Russian faculty members and students to visit Canada. Although further detailed plans will have to be worked out before the invitation can be sent, the assembly was favourably inclined towards the idea. The idea is not novel. During last year's Assembly in Montreal it was brought up. The proposal was then tabled since those present felt that the time had not yet come for such a move.

Other decisions of importance were those concerning the international programme of action. The Assembly set a target of \$20,000 to be raised by local committees for support to universities in other parts of the world. Five projects were chosen for special preference: INDIA, JAPAN, HONG KONG, VIETNAM and SOUTH AFRICA.

The Assembly also recommended that the summer programme for 1958 should for preference take place in Yugoslavia, which country has sent an invitation to that extent.

An important decision was taken by one of our local members. Ron Pearsall, who built up the local organization as it now exists from nothing in the last two years, resigned from the local committee. Ron has done a tremendous job and has shown an organizational talent almost unmatched on this or any other campus. We congratulate Ron on a very difficult job well done.

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to figure their chances to win the title, and that is no exaggeration. Contests of an athletic nature, however, have an unusual habit of being completely unpredictable. Mount Allison is not invincible and must eventually suffer defeat. The Mountie back-field scores with a fast and powerful attack. If the Bombers stop this attack before it gets started, and with the advantage of home field and friendly fans, they would probably upset this highly touted marshlands crew. It must be remembered that UNB was ahead in that game at Sackville in the first quarter. Perhaps at College Field they will stay in front all the way. They might

just do it.

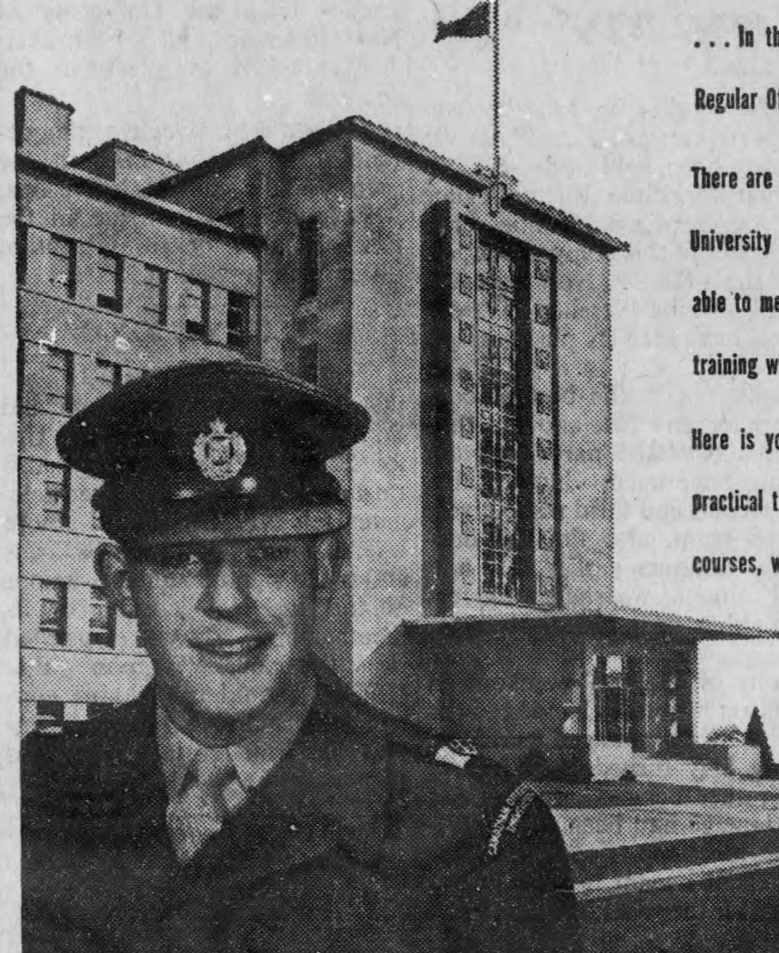
Here are the standing for the NBCFU after last Monday's action. Mount Allison stands atop the league with a 3-0 record and six points to its credit. Saint John and UNB each have two

points, but the former has two wins and a loss, compared with the Bomber's 1-1 showing. It should be noted that games between Saint John and Moncton, which holds down the cellar position, count only one point in

the standings. In the N.B. Inter-collegiate which is figured separately from the NBCFU, UNB have a 2-1 record. They are followed by Mount A with 1-0, while STC have no wins in two starts.

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