

Third panel condemns apathy toward foreign policy

By MARION CONYBEARE



HOWARD GREEN
... peace keeping our role

Canadians are ignorant of world affairs. What's more, they don't care about their nation's position in the world.

Public apathy and the indifference of Canadians to the direction of Canada's foreign policy was attacked by panel members of the third panel at U of A's teach-in Saturday.

Lloyd Axworthy, a political scientist from United College, Winnipeg said that if Canadians can't care about world affairs we don't deserve to know.

He said that Canada must lose her sense of inferiority. "We are not the U.S.," he said.

Howard Green, former minister of foreign affairs, said the biggest question was not that of where Canada's foreign policy was made but the "subservient attitude of the Canadian people." he said that the attitude gives an opening for domination of Canada by the United States.

Peter Trueman, of the Toronto Daily Star said he was ashamed of the government's attitudes on China and the OAS. He called Canada's fear for being caught in crossfire by joining OAS as sign of immaturity.

All panel members thought that Canada set her own foreign policy. "The topic of

the panel should not be Canadian foreign policy-made in U.S.A., question mark, but Canadian foreign policy—how it is made, period," Axworthy said.

"Canadian foreign policy represents an advanced case of arrested adolescence," he said. "We are a big overgrown baby snookums."

Green said there were four factors other than the attitude of Canadians which are moving Canada towards subservience.

- The colossal power of the United States.
- The general world situation creates a tendency of smaller countries to get behind the leader,
- The nearness of Canada to the U.S. presents opportunities for domination, and
- Canadian envy of the wealth and progress of the United States is a reason for indifference towards nationality.

"Canada must stand on her own feet," he said.

Green added "because of failure of Security Council members to agree, much of the responsibility has fallen and will fall on the little powers, of which Canada is a leading member."

The peace keeping role is the "ideal role for Canada . . . perhaps the finest role in the world today," he said.

Axworthy went on in the same vein to

say that because Canada can't play in the nuclear field it should provide leadership in others.

"Canada should play a restrictive role against the bigger powers," he stated.

Canada must be an initiator, he said. We need to have men of ideas in Ottawa. At present there are just administrators.

We have opportunities as peacemakers, Axworthy continued. "We have a good record and can play an intermediary role."

Axworthy blamed news media and the universities for apathy of world events. Newspapers report the blood and gore stories of Vietnam and fail to make depth studies about what is happening. He said the teach-in was an example of the re-awakening of the idea that we have a right to participate in the decisions that affect us.

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible make violent revolution inevitable," he said.

Canada's membership in NATO and NORAD came under fire. Green sees value in belonging, as it gives Canada contact with 13 European nations and is an area where Canada can make great contributions as a leader of moderate thought.

Trueman said it would be immoral for Canada to withdraw from NATO and NORAD.

Panel number four

Negative nationalism criticized by speakers

By LORRAINE MINICH

Speakers in the fourth panel reiterated the condemnation of negative nationalism of those in the first panel.

Speakers in the fourth panel were:

- Pierre LeFrancois, vice-president of UGEQ,
- Gerald Ohlsen, arts 3 and member of the campus Liberals,
- Dimitrios Roussopoulos, a full-time staff member of SUPA, and
- Joe Clark, grad studies and past president of the Progressive Conservative Students' Federation.

The topic was "1968—Canada, 51st State?"

LeFrancois spoke with a note of pessimism about Canada's future. He said there are so many examples of American domination that Canadian identity exists only in the minds of a few ideologists. He questioned the idea that if Canada regains control of her economy, it would solve all her problems.

"The essential thing is for Canadians to assess the extent of their will to live together as a nation," said LeFrancois.

We have been enjoying the advantages of being U.S. enclosed without having to participate in Vietnam, he said.

Quebec will likely not break away unless proposed solutions to our economic problems prove ineffective, he said. However, negative nationalism could continue unless something like this happens.

Ohlsen said he believes the institution of the nation state will still be an effective force in 1968. He called Canada a "freak" because it is not a nation or a state.

"People give a lot more than a Hershey bar to be Canadians," he said. "I'm very optimistic about Canada. The reason we haven't had a civil war is our spirit and tradition."

Roussopoulos said Canada must be a federation of two nations. Constitutional rights must be given to Quebec.

There is no simple way to attack the deeply-imbedded institutions of our frozen liberal democracy, he said. There must be a mass social movement for peace and freedom, mainly among youth.

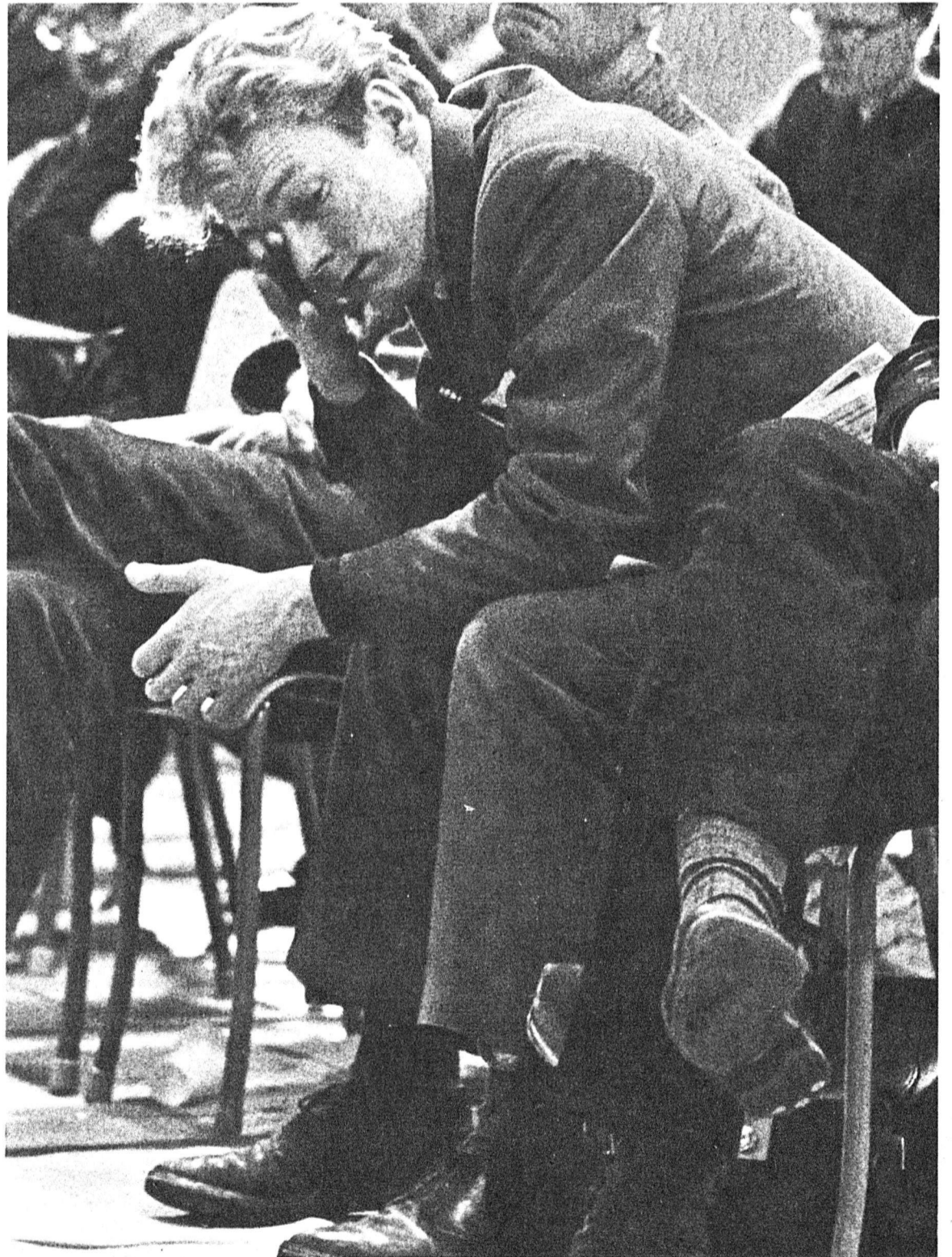
"Canadians can't say the war in Vietnam is not our war," said Roussopoulos. "We have become accomplices in genocide."

The real problems are not in Vietnam or in the outer space, he said. We must work towards humanity and human respect.

Clark said the fight for nationalism requires much more than civil disobedience as is used by SUPA, which he called a "phenomenal factor".

He suggested the search for an identity is less relevant in the West because Westerners already have a nationalistic feeling. The East is more prone to "navel gazing"; also U.S.—Canadian ties in the East are stronger than out here, he said.

"We all need a positive capacity to be excited by Canada."



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WINKEN, BLINKEN AND NOD ONE AFTERNOON—It was 4:30 p.m. by the time the fourth teach-in panel began and a lot of people had been in attendance since 9 a.m. Consequently they began to nod a little, and a few like this observer, fell asleep.

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