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Budgets and NFCUS

The discovery that the Bursar's office was in possession of some \$2,900 of S.R.C. funds left from 1953, expelled all fears of prolonged budget discussions which pervaded the atmosphere of the Council chambers prior to the final budget meeting of last Wednesday evening. It was a far cry from last year's hotly debated budget meeting, which resulted in the elimination of nearly all non-athletic budgets, when the Council voted unanimously to pass all budgets as submitted excepting those of the Debating Society and the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

The Council in deciding to shelve the NFCUS budget until the U.N.B. representative, Don Fowler, returns from the 18th annual Conference of the Federation being held in Toronto, has at the same time asked the question "What is NFCUS to us?" It wasn't a vote of disconfidence. It was a vote for further consideration. When a budget is passed it is clear to all members of the council just what they, as students, are going to receive from furthering the organization receiving money. NFCUS is, and has been, a big question mark on the S.R.C. agenda, because no one knows just exactly why we continue to belong. They are not able to see the benefits of sending some three hundred and ninety dollars each year to an organization which is dedicated to an ideal it cannot fulfil. In past years the absolute failure of NFCUS to bring about a feeling of closer national unity between Canadian colleges has been shrugged off by university students who felt that, given enough time and support, some national benefits from membership would result. It hasn't.

It has been concluded recently by NFCUS president, Antonio Enriquez, that the Federation should not ally itself with the Communist dominated international Union of Students. A sound piece of advice, but an expensive conclusion to a year of unnecessary research. The governments of all democratic countries have been speaking out against communism for some time. Its evils are well known. If Mr. Enriquez had devoted the same length of time working out a plan of action to combat communism he would better have served the interests of the National Unity.

The point here is that the Federation has not taken steps to promote the national interests it was founded upon. That is, there have been no benefits which the average college student can point to and say, "that is what NFCUS did for me". This is the fact which presents itself in the minds of the Council members when it comes time to vote on the NFCUS levy.

Unfortunately, it is in no way beneficial to college students to continue financing an organization which can do little more than come with the tired conclusion that communism isn't nice.

It is a certainty that the question of whether to remain in NFCUS or not will be a big one at tonight's council meeting when Don Fowler takes the chair to tell us what he learned at Toronto.

Let's Vote . . .

Last week several new members walked quietly into the Students' Representative Council and took their seats as your representatives. They were there simply because they were the only students interested enough in the affairs of the Council to apply for a position. They had been elected by acclamation. It says very little for the students of U.N.B. that so few are interested in the affairs of what is probably the most important student body on the campus.

Some time in the near future the students of U.N.B. will be asked to turn out to vote for class representatives to the Student Council. In the past it has sometimes been the policy of the voters to elect not the most able contestant but the most popular. Electing on the basis of popularity is not unnatural (witness the U.S. presidential elections) but is frequently a mistake. The basis of the great democratic right to vote is that voters may decide for themselves who is to represent their interests in government. Voting gives you the privilege to compare one candidate with another with a view to determining which will make the most capable administrator. Let us keep this in mind when elections come again. Vote wisely. The man you elect is your representative.

THINK IT OVER (The Varsity)

In case anyone didn't know, the International Union of Students and their publication, the *World Student News*, are Communist propaganda organs entirely devoted to proving the doubtful proposition that university students behind the Iron Curtain are a happy lot with complete intellectual freedom. The I.U.S.'s claim to represent the rank and file university student is as fraudulent as Senator McCarthy's claim to represent all patriotic Americans.

These facts we should keep straight at all times, but they should not lead us to group the I.U.S. with foot-and-mouth disease and pre-Christmas studying as things to be avoided at all costs. Our world of free thought and endeavour should never be closed to any group, even Communists. If they persist in behaving badly we have no choice but to deny them certain privileges, but we should always leave the door open for reconciliation. Never, should we sulk in our little corner of the world and refuse to speak to countries which happen to be unfriendly.

For these reasons we are in favour of the idea put forth by Clyde Batten, editor of the *Varsity*, after his recent trip to Moscow as press observer at the I.U.S. conference. He suggested that the *Varsity* exchange news with the *World Student News*, an idea that drew immediate comment from John Fraser, editor of the *McGill Daily*.

"Their people are picked as professional propagandists," said Fraser. "Any association between Canadian students and IUS would be a case of amateurs trying to beat professionals at their own game."

This is beside the point, however. What matters is that we must not be the ones to cut the lines of communication to contribute to the world's lack of understanding. If the opportunity for exchange of information is

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Brunswickan
 Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sirs:
 We do not feel it right to pass by without what we feel to be just criticism of the column headed "Confidentially Yours" as published in the Brunswickan the past two weeks. We think that perhaps "BRUTAL BLASTS" would be more appropriate. It does not seem possible that the author could consider this literary "trash" to be by any means advantageous to the name of her Alma Mater's own Ladies' Residence.

We ask if the author could truthfully say that "strict" applies fairly to the rules laid down by the governors of the Maggie Jean. Is she not aware that these rules and regulations set for the residents of the M.J.C.H. are most lenient compared to those of other Maritime universities? Also, is the general assumption not true that such pettiness and trivialities are left behind with the end of public schooling? Of what advantage are such wholly false statements as "tucked into our beds at the winking hours every night, ten o'clock" to a newspaper article?

May we suggest that this column in the future be written with a view of helping those co-eds, who strive towards those ideals which are complimentary to the women of tomorrow, to establish a name for their residence as that so aimed for by its donor and the alumnae.
 Confidentially yours,
 Two Co.Eds.

there, we must use it. Granted that the information we receive will be next to useless, nevertheless what we send behind the Iron Curtain can do no harm and may do some good. Perhaps we are being naive to suppose that the cynics in charge of the People's Republics will permit any truth about Canada to reach their students. Just the same the failure of this scheme, must not rest on our shoulders, if only to protect our claim to believe in free exchange of information.

We must do what we can, because if we, the university students of the free countries, have no interest in bringing greater understanding to the world, no one will.

THE NEW CANADIANS (The Ryersonian)

Canada has absorbed 1,000,000 immigrants, and to some Canadians this increase in population is an asset to our country. However, other Canucks are turning up their noses at immigration policy and spitting out such angry phrases as, "opportunist," "job snatchers," and "DP's".

There are 548,300,00 people squeezed into Europe's 3,850,000 square miles. While Canada with 3,000,000 square miles can boast a population of only 15,000,000. Perhaps we can absorb a few million more without breaking out into a political rash, or cracking under economic stress and strain.

To expand we need more people to develop our resources. The vast developments taking place in Canada this very minute require the manpower. On the Pacific coast at Kitimat, B.C., a refinery has been spewing out aluminum ingots at high speed this year. While in Labrador iron ore is being developed. These operations are typical of development across Canada. New industries create more jobs and we need the men and women to fill these jobs.

Each new person in Canada is a buyer of Canadian products, and as more immigrants flock to this country, more buying will be done. Industries will expand, more jobs will be created and the general well-being of Canadian economy will flourish.

Is a man an opportunist because he can not exist in one environment without hindering the welfare of his family and so moves to a better environment? Is an opportunist one who scrimps and saves, so that he can acquire a house, a car, or a TV set, things that have become symbols of the "Canadian Way of Life," to him? Before an immigrant even gets a chance at most jobs he must have a working knowledge of English. The average Canadian mind hasn't yet accepted the fact that immigrants are here to stay. When the new Canadian does get work he must do a better job and work harder than his work-mates. This is how he over-comes the prejudice of his employer. Take a look at the jobs our immigrants are doing.

Is the immigrant in the executive position? Next time you pass a construction gang, or a group of city maintenance men notice how many of them are Canadians and how many new Canadians. Now before an immigrant is allowed into Canada his political background is examined and only after extensive investigation into a man's political past, is he allowed into the country.

Canada has stepped into an era of expansion and development. We need new people to man the machinery that is building our nation.

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