

No New Policy For Canada Possible

In his address at the Convocation on Tuesday, U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy stressed the strong ties between Canada and the United States throughout their long histories. In emphasizing this he said:

At the moment we see and hear much about a "new chapter" in the relations between the United States and Canada. Unquestionably the new Canadian Government under Prime Minister Diefenbaker has received a mandate to explore means by which Canada may renew a closer trade connection with Great Britain and take a new compass bearing on international economic policies. But in reading the statements made by your Prime Minister on several recent occasions both in this country and in the United States it is quite apparent that the main outlines of Canadian policy are but little altered. Both of our peoples delude themselves if they believe that there is some new and previously unexplored line of policy which Canada can now explore. It does no service either, to suppose that Canada has a closed option between a "Pro-British" and a "Pro-American" approach to foreign policy and trade. Canada can neither be an extension of the Cornish coast-line nor is she a mere northern vestibule of the United States. Canada has achieved a national strength and prestige which simply does not allow any portrayal of the country as an appendage of either Great Britain or the United States. To be sure, Canada has some special links with each of these two English-speaking nations, but it possesses most certainly a national destiny of its own to which it is well and timely to give foremost recognition.

The United States and Canada are more than ever continental partners. Not only do they share Atlantic and Pacific coastlines, they now also have a long common coast along the St. Lawrence Seaway, which is opening up new maritime centers on both sides of the border. National conditions decree that we share common interests in hydro-electric power, natural gas, high sea fisheries. Our defense perimeters have merged all the way to the Arctic. Our agricultural economies have common characteristics and weaknesses born of abundance. This common heritage gives strength to both of our countries, but we must frankly concede that the very closeness of our interests and national aspirations have recently brought new frictions and irritations to the surface. The resilience and buoyancy of our two economies have been accompanied by understandable collisions and misunderstandings.

Today, if the United States and Canada, with their common languages, common history, common economic and political interests and other close ties cannot live peacefully with one another, then what hope is there for the rest of the World? We have a responsibility to all peoples everywhere that peaceful and stable existence, by powerful countries side by side, can remain a permanent reality in today's troubled world.

This is a great university, the University of New Brunswick, its establishment and continued functioning, like that of all great universities, has required considerable effort and expenditure. I cannot believe that all of this was undertaken merely to give the school's graduates an economic advantage in the life struggle.

If you are to be among the rulers of your land, from alderman to prime minister, if you are willing to enter the abused and neglected profession of politics, then let me tell you — as one who is familiar with the political world — that our profession in all parts of the world stands in serious need of the fruits of your education. We do not need political scholars whose educations has been so specialized as to exclude them from participation in current events.

But it is here, I report, that the foundations for future Canadian-American relations must be laid, here in this citadel of learning, from which you can take with you upon graduation all the accumulated knowledge and inspiration you may need to face the future. We ask that you bring enlightenment, vision, and illumination to a troubled world, where the rock of our two nations' friendship must always stand firm.

In his book, "One Man's America", Alistair Cook tells the story which well illustrates this point. On the 19th of May, 1780, as he describes it, in Hartford, Connecticut the skies at noon turned from blue to gray and by midafternoon had blackened over so densely that, in that religious age, The Connecticut House of Representatives was in session. And as some men fell down in the darkened chamber and others clamoured for an immediate adjournment, the Speaker of the House, one Colonel Davenport, came to his feet. And he silenced the din with these words: "The Day of Judgment is either approaching — or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish, therefore, that candles may be brought."

Students of the University of New Brunswick, we who are here today concerned with the dark and difficult task ahead once again ask that you bring candles to illuminate our way.

BUSY PROGRAM

The first WUCS meeting of the year was held Monday night at the Student Centre. Ian Collings presided and Ron Pearsall introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Weldon Burlock, of Acadia University.

Subject of the talk was his recent trip to Africa as Acadia's representative to the WUCS summer seminar. Excellent colour slides illustrated a very interesting talk on the countries of Ghana and Nigeria and their people.

Students who wish to spend a profitable and enjoyable evening should come to the next WUCS meeting on Tuesday, October fifteenth, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Centre. Professor Charles of Madras University, India, will speak on "India's Foreign Policy."

An invitation is also extended to all students to drop in any time during Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week at the Student Centre to listen in on the National Conference of Faculty and Students, which will have representatives of both faculty and students from across Canada.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim MacDonald who were married recently in Fredericton. A popular ex-co-ed Mrs. MacDonald, the former Miss Pam MacCready of Fredericton graduated last spring from UNB. Jim MacDonald, well known Red 'n Black MC for five years also graduated in 1957.

R. W. "Dick" Godson, graduate in electrical engineering of Queens University is now a Supervising Engineer in dial equipment in the Toronto area



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