

New! New! New! Political Party

"Canada's New Party should take a middle-of-the-road policy between capitalism and communism," according to Grant Notley, Alberta CCF vice-president and newly elected campus leader of the New Party.

A founding convention for the New Party at U of A was held Friday in SUB. About 100 attended. Guest speakers were Niel Reimer, CLC vice-president, and Ivor Dent, chairman of the New Party committee. The evening included a banquet, panel discussions with lead speakers, and election of new campus officers.

At the opening ceremonies chairman Robin Hunter introduced speakers Percy Thomas and Mr. Notley. Mr. Thomas, former campus CCF chairman, made a report on the recent activities of the CCF on campus and the decision to disband in order to form a new party.

Mr. Notley proposed increased government economic control to solve our national problems of unemployment, agricultural depression, and big business domination.

"The big problem in North America," he said, "is not too much government but inadequate government and economic planning." We can't hope to return to control by private small business but should put the government in control so that we can control the people who control

the economy.

WORLD GOVERNMENT

In the line of foreign policy, Mr. Notley advocated strong support of the UN. We should emphasize foreign aid, he said, and work for international cooperation and world government.

Speaking in the international affairs panel, Dan deVlieger said that Canada should say "No" to both world communism and world capitalism, and take an independent course between the two opposing blocs. NATO has never really worked, he said, because western protection from Russian attack in actuality rests on the USA. Participation in NATO is no advantage but is in fact a liability to member nations because of the tremendous wasted expense and because US military bases on their soil invite Russian attack in the event of war.

With independent action, Canada could influence the world for peace by placing her armed forces at the disposal of the UN and encouraging other nations to do likewise.

David Winfield pointed out that NATO is designed to promote economic as well as military cooperation, and that withdrawal would be a negative attitude. We can neither stand on our own nor sever relations with the US, he said. We need to unite with more powerful nations "both economically and vocally, to fight the monster of communism," and would be breaking faith with our allies to pull out. Mr. deVlieger's resolution to withdraw from NATO was carried.

ECONOMIC STABILITY

In the national affairs panel Adolf

Buse spoke on the desirability of public as opposed to private ownership. Public ownership, he said, would provide economic stability and a more rational distribution of income.

Mark Johnston argued that nationalization with compensation is financially unfeasible and without compensation is ethically questionable and politically impossible. Economic stability can be maintained, he said, by long range government planning and control, while retaining private ownership.

The problem of oil leases came under discussion in the provincial affairs panel. Elaine Stringham maintained that leases should be granted on a royalty basis rather than on initial bid, to encourage exploration and use of Canadian capital. Bob Gordon argued that new exploration is not a problem in Alberta and that the problem is essentially too technical for a lay decision.

In the constitutional panel Patricia Baxter said that the New Party should try to appeal to the large Canadian middle class, which is moderate and slightly inclined toward the left. She advocated emphasis on individuality and a minimum of state control.

ASKS NATIONALIZATION

Shirley McMillan said that there is a trend toward more and more economic control being exercised by fewer and fewer companies. If our economy is going to be planned by a few should they not be elected representatives? she asked. Planning for the good of the people involves nationalization of crucial industries.

Head Of Plant Science To Fill McMaster Post

Dr. John Unrau, head of the department of plant science, will leave the University of Alberta in June for a post at McMaster University, in Hamilton.

At McMaster, he will be organizing a program of research and training in genetics and radiation biology, and assembling a staff of geneticists, biochemists, biophysicists, and molecular biologists. Currently, McMaster has no such program.

Dr. Unrau will be able to devote more time to his own research work in the genetics of cereal grains at the eastern University. His administrative load will be lighter there, he said.

Born in Russia, he came to Canada when he was a 11 and began teaching at U of A in 1949.

"There has been tremendous growth in the study of genetics here in recent years," he said. "We now have a full program, recognized nationally and internationally." His 11 years at U of A have been rewarding and enjoyable, he said.

Dr. Unrau was instrumental in the construction of a growth cham-

ber, in which up to five crops may be raised annually, greatly speeding up heredity studies. Construction of the chamber began two years ago. The first crop has now sprouted.

5th Annual NFCUS Photo Contest

For the fifth year, the National Federation of Canadian University Students is conducting a photography contest for undergraduates across Canada.

Cash prizes totalling \$800 have been donated by John Labatt Limited for the best pictures taken in color and in black-and-white. Entries will be received by the University NFCUS committees until January 15.

Winning photographs will be displayed in Universities across Canada during a tour which will continue until the fall of 1961.

Gateway Short Shorts

Official Notices

Two students will be selected to represent U of A at the University of Manitoba's Commonwealth Conference to be held February 7 to 10. Applicants are available at SUB office and must be submitted by December 14.

Religious Notes

VCF Dagwood Supper Thursday, Dec. 8 at SUB Cafeteria—5:30 p.m. This Dagwood will feature Banff International Christmas.

Organ and Choral Recital will be held in All Saints Cathedral, directed by Organist Hugh Bancroft. The concert is on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 8:30 p.m., and student admission costs \$1.00.

Harion club meeting, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., Wauneita Lounge. The program will include films on Europe and discussion groups.

SCM sponsored panel: "Close-up on Hitlerism," Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8:30 p.m., West Lounge. Members of the panel will be announced in the next Gateway.

Sports Board

Students may register for swimming lessons in the phys ed office, PEB. Lesson schedules are: beginners: Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 to 7:45 p.m.; advanced: Tues., Thurs., 7 to 7:45 p.m.; life-saving: Tues., Thurs., Fri., 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Judo Club—Sat., Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m. results of examination held on Dec. 3 will be announced.

Lost and Found

Will the person who took the wrong pair of ladies' figure skates from the PEB skating rink, Saturday, Nov. 26, please phone GE 9-1745. We have yours.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Royce, head of psychology department, will speak on "The Search for Meaning," Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., SCM House, 11136-90 Ave. Bring your lunch.

The **University Musical Club's** annual Christmas concert will be held Sunday. Instrumental and choral works by music students will be performed. The concert is in Convocation hall at 3 p.m.

Chem club sleighride on Saturday, Dec. 10. \$1.50 a couple. Meet at SUB 8 p.m. If possible please bring cars.

Room and board for men. A limited number of vacancies are available at St. Aidan's House, 11009-89 Ave. Phone secretary at GE 3-8756 after 5 p.m.

Folk-singer **Bonnie Dobson** is giving a recital in Room 126 of the Math-Physics building at 8:30 p.m. tonight.

Driving south to northern Utah, Dec. 22. Would like several riders. Call Larry Sherman, GE 3-6301.

Math-Physics club will hold a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 7, in V-120, Math-Physics building, at 8:15 p.m. Speaker will be Dr. Adrian E. Scheidegger of Imperial Oil in Calgary. Dr. Scheidegger has recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union, and will give an illustrated talk on "Some Impressions of the Soviet Union."

Psychology club meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m., Wauneita Lounge. Dr. R. Harper, of the psychology division of the education faculty will talk on "The Measurement of Meaning in Personality Research."

University Flying club, meeting Thursday, Dec. 8. See posted notices for location, or call GE 9-3839. Interested visitors welcome.

Christmas Special: A students' bus to Donnelly Corner, Peace River, Grimshaw, Berwyn and Fairview, will leave Athabasca Hall at 11:45 p.m. December 22. It will return January 2. The cost for the round trip is \$12, Donnelly Corner \$10. For tickets contact Don Morse or John Hill at Room 334, St. Stephen's College, or Nurmi Simm at 11220-73 Ave.; phone GE 3-7183 from 6 to 9 p.m. only.

Weekly Sacred meeting, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., Students' Council Chambers, SUB.

There will be a general meeting of the **University Ski club** on Wednesday, Dec. 7 in Room 126 of the Physical Education Building. Time is 7:30 p.m. Your are urged to attend as there are several important matters of business to discuss.

Progressive Conservation Student Federation meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1:30 p.m., West Lounge. The Honorable Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, will speak.

There will be a general meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., in the West Lounge.

The Gateway would like to remind its readers that it can only print letters, even under pseudonym, if the letters are accompanied by the real name of the writer. S.A.C., we will be happy to print your letter under your pseudonym as soon as we have received your name.



NEW GROWTH CHAMBER—The first crop is spurting ahead in the University's new growth chamber for plant experimental work. Construction on the underground room began two years ago. Dr. J. Unrau, head of the department of plant science (here inspecting his harvest) expects to be able to raise five crops a year in the structure. This will greatly speed up research work in genetics, he says.