

LAW SCHOOL MINORITY GOVERNMENT DEFEATED

by IAN MacKENZIE

The minority government formed by the Progressive Conservatives in the Law School Model Parliament stayed in power until the last minutes of the Parliament, when a government bill 'To Amend the Industrial Development Bank Act' was defeated by the combined forces of the Liberals, the New Party and the Reasonable Man Party.

At the elections, the PC's under the leadership of Gerry Doucet took 41 seats, the Liberals headed by Rick Cashin formed the official opposition with 34 seats, Paul Doyle's New Party received 13 seats, and the Reasonable Man Party eight seats.

The Parliament, held Feb. 8 - 9, got underway with the Speech from the Throne, read by Law Queen Bonnie Murray. Early the first evening a motion of non-confidence in the government was introduced, but the opposition numbers present were not enough to defeat the PC's.

During the proceedings one government bill was introduced, and two resolutions put on the floor. Debate was lively, and Speaker Frank Sigsworth had to banish several members from the House for varying lengths of time.

Tory Leader Doucet rated the Parliament as "excellent". "It was taken very seriously by all participants," he said. "The enthusiasm

shown certainly speaks well for future Parliaments," he added. Mr. Doucet also said they had received a great deal of encouragement from the wholehearted backing of the faculty.



A Queen is put to use, as Bonnie Murray, Law candidate for campus queen, reads the speech from the throne at the Mock Parliament last week. At her left are Sheila Mason and Gerry Doucet, leader of the ultimately defeated Conservative party, which formed a minority government. (Photo by Bissett)

The Council earlier called for the resignation of Thoms. However, a student spokesman said a petition to re-instate Thoms would be circulated were the council to force him to resign.

Students also voted the \$5.00 boost to raise \$115,000 for the University's national construction fund.

However, the University's name cannot be changed without an act passed by the Newfoundland legislature.

SPLIT BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND CHINA "WISHFUL THINKING" COMMENTS GORING AT DAL

by BRIAN BACKMAN

"The West has been thinking about a possible split between the U.S.S.R. and China as far back as you can go. But most of this is wishful thinking and poor reporting."

The comment was made during an address to Dalhousie students on "The People of the Chinese Republic" by the Associate Secretary of the National Student Christian Movement, Rev. V. I. Goring.

The theme was one of several discussed by the Anglican minister during a four-day visit to Dalhousie, as part of a nation-wide campus tour.

Split or no split, said Rev. Goring, relations between the West and Red China "in the next 20 years and probably the next three or four centuries are going to be very important."

"Almost every day you hear of Soviet technicians leaving China in droves," he said. "This is true. But they happened to be there, and were in most cases leaving because they had finished their work in China."

Most common of the reasons forwarded for growing disunity between the two Asian powers he said was that the Chinese, overcrowded, look to Siberia for immigration purposes.

"The annual population increase in China is about 15 million," he said. "If they're looking to transferring 15 million people to Siberia, they are stupid marxists. In their present economic situation, they couldn't even think about it."

Less prominent is the theory the Chinese are "more rigid Marxists than the U.S.S.R. who tend to deviate from the Marxist line." It was almost the opposite.

Said Rev. Goring: "This simply is not so. The Chinese based their revolution not on the urban proletariat but the peasant class. Marx's own opinion of the peasantry was not high, and he is known to have scoff-

ed at the idiocy of the peasantry."

Marx, he said, believed the industrial worker to be the basis and vanguard of a socialist revolution. In the U.S.S.R. the revolution was based on this premise, with only slight assistance from the peasants.

Also advanced is the theory that Peking believes world communism must come by force—"that the capitalist system will not crumble by itself, and it is the duty of the communist to crush it." This was wrong.

"It is by a system of deep economic competition and polarization of the proletariat that the eventual take-over of capitalism will be achieved according to the Chinese," he said.

The Chinese, he said, are following Khrushchev's "burying capitalism" policy by industrial and economic eclipse.

It should be remembered, he said, the Chinese "never say they will go to war to make the United States give up its imperialist policies. Again and again there is the peace and disarmament theme. But, of course, they want it on their own terms."

"The Chinese protest in favor of peace just as fervently and continuously as anyone in the West."

Rev. Goring said the Chinese do not want war, "though they would sooner fight than see what they think they have gained overthrown by the U. S."

Chinese peoples, he said, are much less afraid of war than either the Soviet Union or the United States. They recognize the destruction threat an Atomic war would pose, but consider it would be much more damaging to a mechanized society.

"This belief," he said, "is the basis of Chinese belligerence."

He asserted there was disunity between Chinese and Russian communists, though he doubted it was growing.

"For the Chinese," he said, "the last few years have been a period during which insults upon insults have been heaped upon them. The Soviet Union has been in the councils of the world for years. China has not."

"They understandably feel bitter. And a country with so many millions of people feeling bitter is bound to be hard to deal with."

Memorial Votes Name Change

St. John's, Nfld.—Students at the Memorial University of Newfoundland here have voted to change the University's name and boost annual student fees.

The results—announced following a two-day student referendum—asked the name to be changed to The University of Newfoundland and for a \$5.00 raise in tuition fees for the next ten years.

The vote on the name change followed student council censorship of editor Les Thoms. Mr. Thoms has been criticized for twice dropping the name Memorial from the masthead of the student paper, *The Muse*.

However, student council president Lorne Wheeler said following the vote the council didn't consider itself bound by the results of the referendum to change the University's name. Some 396 students voted in favour of the change, while 307 opposed the move.

MT. A. CARNIVAL GETS UNDERWAY

The Travellers, a group of Canadian folk-singers, will be featured at the Mount Allison Winter Carnival which starts today and ends Saturday night. A Montreal comedy team, Pat and Larry Day, will perform Friday afternoon.

- Schedule of events is:
- Thursday—Opening Ceremony
 - Evening—Concert "The Travellers" Pep Rally
 - Log Sawing Contest
 - Friday—Special Performance
 - Afternoon—"Pat and Larry Day"
 - Evening—Hockey "Mt. A. vs U.N.B." Icerama
 - Figure Skating (Maritime Men's Champion)
 - Band Intermission
 - Broom Ball
 - Tug 'o War (on the ice)
 - Crowning of the Carnival Queen
 - Skating Party
 - Saturday—Sleigh Race
 - Afternoon—Snow Bowl Game
 - Girl's Basketball "Mt. A. vs Dal"
 - Boy's Basketball "Mt. A. vs UNB"
 - Evening—Carnival Ball (semi-formal)
 - with the finale of "The Travellers"
- Tickets for the carnival, costing \$2.75 and admitting the holder to all events, are available from the Winter Carnival Business Manager, 219 Bigelow House, Mount Allison University

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... Bed Rolling

Acadia University Monday claimed a world bed-rolling record and faced probable claims to the record by at least two other universities.

Acadia rolled their bed for an impressive 301 miles, but as the *Gazette* went to press, Dalhousie and Queens universities were still pushing, hoping to outdo the Acadia mark.

However, it was known that Dalhousie was claiming at least one record.

Setting out from Antigonish, the Dalhousians encountered trouble with their bed. Just after leaving the Antigonish town limits, an axle broke on the bed, forcing the students to carry their bed to New Glasgow—and promptly claimed the world record for bed-carrying.

The Acadia students rolled their bed from Wolfville to Halifax, Bridgewater, Canning, Canard and back to Wolfville. They covered the distance in 39 hours and 5 minutes. At press time, Dalhousie had pushed their bed from Antigonish to Halifax, and were setting out for Yarmouth via Wolfville.

The previous record had been held by the University of Western Ontario who pushed their bed a distance of 105 miles.

The Western pushers slogged through early morning sub-zero temperatures and overcame the Ontario Provincial Police as they pushed their bed from London to Windsor.

It took them 11 hours and 10 minutes.

Carloads of students were leaving the Dal campus to relieve the teams who had pushed the bed from Antigonish to Halifax.

Hanging from sides of the Dal bed were buckets asking donations for the Halifax Children's Hospital.

The bed—borrowed from the hospital—arrived in Halifax about 3:30 Monday morning.

After the bed arrived in Halifax, the students pushed it around Halifax several times before heading off for Yarmouth.

The Acadia pushers claimed to have covered their 301-mile route in an average time of 7½ miles per hour. At times they reached speeds up to 10 miles per hour, but were slowed in communities by traffic jams.

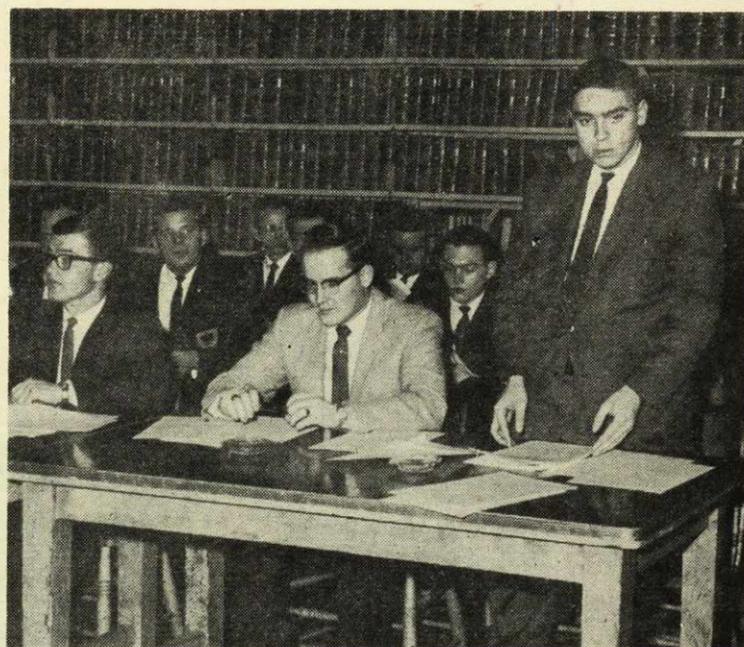
The Western bed-pushers were forced to roll their bed on the shoulders of the highway after police declared they would be arrested should they propel the bed down the road.

Western had broken the 102-mile record previously held by the University of New Brunswick. A hardy group of UNB basketball players and 13 other interested students trundled a bed over the route in 14½ hours.

Meanwhile, the Canadian University Press reports that Waterloo also may enter the fray in an attempt to beat the Acadia record.

On Campus

- February 16: Arts and Science Formal Lord Nelson 9:00
- February 17: Junior Prom. Gymnasium 9:00
- February 19: SEM presents Rev. Frank Lawson speaking on "Canadian Youth if Faced with Communism." New Men's Residence 8:30
- February 21: Liberal Meeting. Room 234 12:00
- February 24: Liberal Club Dance Gymnasium 9:00



GERRY DOUCET, P.C. leader, rises to the occasion in the Law School Mock Parliament, at which his government of 41 members finally yielded to defeat. The New Party received 13 votes, the Liberals 34 votes, and the Reasonable Man party occupied 8 seats. The Parliament was held on February 8 and 9.