

# CAMPAIGN STARTS FRIDAY



Canadian students and professors made substantial contributions to the construction of this health centre at Delhi which was opened on January 18th, 1956. Part of the funds raised by WUS in Canada this year will be sent to Pakistan to help in the building of student lodgings there.

## WUSC AT WORK IN GREECE AND INDIA

### GREECE

Let us take a trip to Greece and meet a few of the 25,000 young University and Technological students, who live in crowded and unhygienic conditions in Athens or Salonica.

Since World War II the student who is able to continue his studies further than High School is considered an extremely privileged and lucky one; the present conditions make higher learning accessible only by the very few who happen to be financially independent.

There are two major universities in Greece, offering degrees in Arts and Science, Medicine, Law, and Theology: The National University of Athens and the University of Salonica. In addition to the above Institutions, there are separate Universities and Colleges for Political Science and Economics, Agriculture and Forestry, and the Athens Institute of Technology for students who are interested in Engineering and Fine Arts. Although it appears that there are quite a few institutions for higher learning, yet they are far from being able to accommodate the tremendously increasing number of high school graduates every year.

This year finds again most of the Greek universities and colleges unbelievably overcrowded and an overwhelming need for textbooks as well as scientific apparatus. Shortage in paper makes textbooks sell at prices far beyond the average student's budget. There are very few scholarships available and things like financial help for students simply do not exist. Thousands of students who are attending various colleges in Athens are unable to

improve their financial status by summer or part time employment since the country has always suffered from employment, and the few odd jobs that are available during the summer months go to preferred unemployed veterans.

In order to keep themselves in college, most of the students have to make sacrifices not only in their recreation and sports, but even in their diet and clothing, with the result that many are undernourished as well as underclothed. Statistics show that nearly 25% of the students suffer from T.B.

WUSC has, and still provides aid for the needy students in Greece as well as in other European and Asiatic countries. The University of Salonica, thanks to WUSC, has at last a much needed Student Centre and Cafeteria where the students are able to get their meals at modest prices.

We, who are fortunate in a prosperous country, might not be able to appreciate this contribution, but it is more than certain that to the students of Salonica who are at the present enjoying the facilities which the generous gift of WUSC has given them, this Centre means that their worries at least as far as their daily bread is concerned are over and that they can apply themselves to their studies more seriously and effectively in the future.

This is only one example of the many projects which WUSC carries on not only in Greece but in almost 40 countries around the world. It is with much joy and pride that I take this opportunity to personally endorse the work of your local WUSC committee in this campaign with the sincere hope that every student

and teacher in every faculty will do their part by giving generously.

(Signed) JOHN D. COLETSOS

### INDIA

WUSC has made a considerable contribution towards the improvement of student conditions in Asian countries and especially those of India, a land of 350 million people.

Due to its immense population most of the Indian Universities are unbelievably overcrowded. About 50,000 students sit for the matriculation examinations every year in my province only. Lots of them cannot afford to go to college or other vocational institutions. WUSC helps the brilliant and deserving students by providing books, equipment, and other necessary materials. It provides scholarships for higher studies in Canada, mostly for technical education and the sciences.

Again WUSC has helped to build and equip new hospitals, and improve some of the existing ones... the medicines and drugs provided by WUSC have saved innumerable lives.

The friendship and understanding thus created between the two nations is one of the most important achievements which WUSC can claim. In a way, the results achieved by WUSC can be easily compared with those of many of the United Nations bodies such as UNESCO, etc.

We people in that part of the world are very thankful for its interest shown in our well-being and improvement. I heartily endorse its work and objectives.

(Signed) GURINDER SINGH

### Why Give to WUSC?

Perhaps you are among those students who, during the past few weeks, in contemplation of the Campaign which begins this week-end have asked yourselves and others, "Why should I give one dollar or anything to WUSC?"—"What am I going to get for my money?"—"What good reason is there that I should be concerned in any way with student problems elsewhere?" These and several others are actual questions which have been asked of the local committee during the past two weeks.

Are there any of you who would dispute the fact that one of the most overpowering forces in the world today is that of FEAR? FEAR, which destroys the ability of people to live together in a world which is so rapidly shrinking. How long is it going to take the world, students, you and I to fully realize the stark truth of Emerson's words, that "Knowledge is the antidote to fear?"

The objectives of the World University Service are to assist university students and faculty in need, to improve communications between centres of learning isolated by language or distance, and to encourage mutual service between members of all universities and colleges. These aims are realized through exchange of information and scholarship opportunities, through material assistance to self-help projects from more economically favoured nations, and through personal contact brought about by seminars and study tours.

In effect, the World University Service is building bridges across the world to the end that all who cross may be enriched in knowledge, understanding, and fear. In their struggle upward, students everywhere need a helping hand. Their road is hard, their needs are critical. But... they can count on friends. One of these friends is the World University Service. However, WUSC itself needs a hand, for it is dependent on the generous and sacrificial donations of students and teachers such as yourselves.

Yours is an essential role in the building of bridges across the world. YOUR gift to the World University Service can be a major factor in the continuation of this invaluable work of extending horizons of international understanding.

**WON'T YOU SHARE TODAY SO THEY CAN SHARE TOMORROW?**

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UNB'S OBJECTIVE IS \$1000.

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**DON'T LET US FAIL THIS YEAR.**

### Starting Gun; International Whist

On Friday, February 24th the local committee of the World University Service of Canada will officially open its 1956 Campaign to raise \$1000, which will be used to carry on the work of WUSC in student communities all around the world. During the two weeks from February 24th to March 9th, every student and teacher on the campus will be contacted personally by one of the committee members. This will give everyone an excellent opportunity to ask questions about the work of WUSC if they wish to be reassured of the tremendous worthwhileness of the cause towards which their money is going.

### Just 1 Dollar From You

The limits of the world have shrunk to within 24 hours. No longer is it possible for students in any one part of the world to ignore the fate of those in any other.

World University Service was formed to unite the university community throughout the world in programs of mutual self-help, both materially and spiritually. It is based on the premise that want, misery and poverty breed prejudices, hatred, and unhappiness.

What has been the record of the World University Service in Canada? Students and professors at Canadian universities have contributed to housing projects for students in Israel and Egypt; to a 100-bed hostel in Korea; to a 100-bed student hospital in Calcutta. They have helped to provide 189 scholarships for Greek students; to build a 33-bed student TB sanatorium in Japan; to send \$50,000 in drugs to Korean students; and they have contributed substantially to student health centres in Patna and Delhi.

These things are commendable but in terms of need they are scarcely adequate. In Japan, it is estimated that 29,000 students, equivalent to half the university enrolment in Canada, are tubercular. Until WUS built its sanatorium there was no provision for these ailing students who had no choice but to continue their unhealthy existence, spreading dangerous bacilli.

Indonesian universities are taxed beyond their power. We often speak of overcrowding of schools and universities in Canada, and the great influx of students predicted for 1965 alarms us. Since 1945 the student population in Indonesia has risen from 500 to 2,000,000.

Israel has been flooded with newcomers during the last few years. Many of these are university-aged people. Thousands of them have virtually no place to live. What accommodation there is taxed beyond capacity.

Pakistan has been hard hit with floods and thousands of students have been rendered homeless. Government figures show that 80 per cent of Pakistan's 80,000,000 population is illiterate and the country desperately needs university-trained personnel.

**HELP THEM TO HELP THEMSELVES**

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**GIVE GENEROUSLY TO W.U.S.C.**

The campaign will open at 8.30 p.m. Friday, February 24th in the Student Centre where the committee is sponsoring an evening of International Whist, an easy, yet fascinating and enjoyable card game. Tickets for the event are on sale for \$1.00 each which include refreshments and a chance for any of the many wonderful prizes which have been donated by local merchants. Students, professors, and friends from the city are all invited to join in the fun on Friday night but are reminded that there are only a limited number of tickets available. If interested give Ron Pearsall a call at 9004.

Another highlight of the Campaign will be the meeting to be held in the Student Centre at 8.30 p.m. on Monday, February 27th. "Africa — Land of the Black Man" will be the theme of movies and interesting talks to be given by Theophilus Okonokwo, whose home is in Nigeria, and Peter Pearce, who has travelled extensively throughout Northern and Southern Rhodesia as well as in the Union of South Africa. Everyone is invited to come along and bring his or her friends to this meeting which is expected to be one of the most interesting of the year.

Winding up the Campaign on Friday, March 9th, the faculty along with several students are working together to produce a hilarious Variety Show in Memorial Hall.

### Plenty in the Midst of Poverty

In North America we enjoy that "plenty" while in Asia over one billion people eke out an insecure and meagre existence. In statistical terms it means annual income of less than \$50.00 per person, a TB rate of over 6% and an illiteracy rate of over 85%; in stark HUMAN terms it means that the vast majority of people have not even one proper meal per day, and die before the age of 29; it means many students are crowded six to one in a small room. Compare these figures with those of Canada.

Who will be the Asian leaders of tomorrow? The answer must be the present university students of Asia. They are doing their best to attend university but their best is not good enough, they need a hand. We must lend our hand and sow a seed of friendship. Our dollar shared today can mean a co-operative and understanding Asia of tomorrow.

World University Service passes the bonds of race, religion, and creed and gives help to them who help themselves. A student in any country in need will find an open door but WUS also needs help to carry on its task.

### How Would You Fare Without Books?

Books—did you ever stop to think about them? Probably the most frequented place on the campus, during the first week of each College year is the University book store.

Those of you in Arts and Science especially, will realize the importance of the Library in our University community; the Library, with its great store of books which are available for your use—just for the asking, and where, during the course of your stay here, you will spend a great deal of your time.

Imagine now, a situation in which there was no library; in which there was no bookstore; where indeed, of the books required for your own particular course, there were none, but for a few, timeworn and very precious copies.

It's pretty hard to imagine that situations such as that could exist today, isn't it? But believe me, they do. And do you know what the students there do? They have typewriters and mimeograph machines, and from a typewritten copy of these few precious books, they mimeograph their own texts.

One such place is India, and those typewriters and mimeograph machines are supplied by World University Service, in merely one of its many programs of aid to University students the world over. World University Service is a self-help organization, dedicated to the service of those who will help themselves.

As the winner of one of the World University of Canada scholarships to this year's International Summer Study Seminar in Germany, I am happy to have this opportunity to support WUSC and the work it is doing.

These International Study Seminars, by the way, are but another of the many projects being carried on by W.U.S.C., and are designed to bring students together for study and the promotion of mutual understanding.

The new T. B. Sanatorium in Japan, opened last August, is, I feel, an outstanding example of this program of self-help. World University Service contributed \$15,000 towards the construction of this building; the balance of \$14,790, was raised by the Japa-

### Jack Ernst Wins W.U.S.C. Scholarship

The local committee of the World University Service of Canada is extremely pleased to announce that Jack Ernst, a fourth year Engineering student, will represent UNB at the International Seminar to be held this summer at Tutzing, near Munich, Germany.

Jack will sail from Montreal on June 12 and on arrival at Le Havre will proceed to Paris where, accompanied by 35 other Canadian students and their leaders, he will study the work of international agencies such as UNESCO and NATO. Following this, he will spend five weeks on a study tour of Spain and Portugal in order to gain a background of personal experience and a basic understanding of European conditions, problems and attitudes to enable him to contribute more effectively to the Seminar. The Seminar itself, held from July 29 to August 19, will be on the theme "Universities and Freedom" with the sub-title 'Objectivity, freedom and responsibility in university education'.

Before returning home to Canada and UNB on September 13, Jack will have two weeks of free time to see and do the things he wishes anywhere in Europe.

Jack was selected from amongst four applicants for the scholarship, all of whom were of the highest quality, at a meeting of the selection committee which was comprised of Dr. F. E. MacDiarmid, Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. Colin B. Mackay, Dr. Althea Warren, Prof. Whalen, Beth Cattle, Robert Hawkes and Ronald Pearsall. The selection marks the first time that an Engineering student will represent UNB at the annual international summer programme.

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