

# Delegates criticize lack of Frenchmen

## LaTouche blasts tokenism, paternalism

By DON SELLAR

Severe criticism from student delegates has prompted the organizers of Second Century Week to beef up French-Canadian representation.

Daniel LaTouche, former vice-president of Union Generale des

Etudiants du Quebec and now a lecturer at University of British Columbia was to be flown here Wednesday to help balance out a hastily arranged English-French seminar.

The compromise has prompted some French-speaking delegates to accuse SCW of Anglo-Saxon tok-

enism and paternalism toward Quebec.

Last week in Vancouver LaTouche said SCW is "scandalous and an insult to French-speaking Canadians.

"We are not against confederation, but against celebrating it."

UGEQ has refused to send an official delegation, partly because SCW organizers refused to grant them "two-nation" or equal representation at the seminar.

"I think they (UGEQ) were rather misguided in not accepting our invitation," commented Dennis Thomas, chairman of the Second Century Seminar. "The people here from Quebec aren't representing anyone."

Thomas answered criticism about the absence of prominent French-Canadian speakers, saying a "conscious effort" was made to invite articulate Quebec spokesmen to participate in discussions where a "bilingual Canada was the underlying theme."

Invitations were sent to Liberal cabinet ministers Pierre E. Trudeau and Jean Marchand, but both turned them down. Trudeau called the offer "tempting", but declined to accept on the grounds that another cabinet minister—John Turner—was to appear on the same panel.

Cardinal Paul E. Leger, also invited, will receive an honorary degree from U of A but has refused to participate in the seminar for health reasons.

The complaints are nothing new. Last year Alberta students were turned down by Laval students, when they offered to put on an "English Canada Week" at Laval this year.

At least one Quebec delegate saw past narrow mindedness encountered on both sides when he commented, "We must try to achieve something here, even if it's just getting to know each other better. This isn't a table for political fight—it's a table for meeting."

# Indians not celebrating says chief of council

Big daddy is overlooking too much.

"We are tired and fed up with paternal futility. What have we got to celebrate during this centennial year?" said Harold Cardinal of the Canadian Indian Youth Council.

"We are not afraid of using militancy to get social change," he said. "Is there an Indian problem or is it just a white-manufactured problem?"

"I hope that my participation in this seminar is not offered as a token consideration—if it is we will reject and refuse it."

Mr. Cardinal was speaking at the Second Century Seminar Tuesday. Other speakers were Doug Ward, Canadian Union of Students; Alan Clarke, Company of Young Canadians; and John Baigent, Canadian University Services Overseas.

"CUSO is a lot like motherhood. You can't argue against it," said Baigent. "We insist that charity doesn't end at home. That is why we go overseas."

"CUSO has as many philosophies as there are members," he said. "It is a practical organization—idealism is in the back of the mind. Work, not ideas is our immediate demand."

"Alienation and helplessness in the university are our major concerns. It is a problem similar to the CIYC's—an epidemic in our civilization," said national CUS president Doug Ward.

"Mental health, university growth, student relationships with the university, the financial aspects of higher education, and the quality of the educational experience are the problems facing CUS today," said Ward.

"Our project for the next ten years is university reform."

"We don't want a stamping plant, but an organization which turns out creative people," he said. "The average student is disenchanted, living in a world where adolescence is condoned until the individual reaches 25."

"If student government is strong, it uses CUS. If it is weak it does not. Students have a responsibility to develop the educational resources of Canada," Ward said.

"Most of Canada's Indians, the Negroes of Nova Scotia, urban slum families, and the 1,000,000 illiterate adults in Canada are not having a very wonderful time in the Centennial year," Alan Clarke, director of CYC, said.

Clarke urged the delegates to confront some of these problems. "Canada is suffering from its own credibility gap," he said.

# Company is agent to depressed

The Company of Young Canadians volunteers do not want to take credit for much of the work they do, says their president Alan Clarke.

The CYC attempts to be an agent of social change in depressed Canadian communities.

When Clarke visited Alert Bay, Northwest Territories, the local magistrate told him the CYC volunteers had done good work in reducing drunkenness in the community.

Prior to this Clarke was only aware that the volunteers were still in Alert Bay.

Clarke said the biggest problem the first volunteers in the field encountered was culture shock.

"We didn't think this would happen in Canada, but it was devastating living on an Indian reservation for the first time," he said.

Clarke is on campus trying to drum up volunteers for the two year program.

"We are asking an exacting two years out of the volunteers," said Clarke.

"The CYC is an opportunity to get involved in the most exciting social project of the century, and this goes beyond Canada.

"There are no comparable projects elsewhere in the world.

"This may sound trite, but it's the only way to describe it," he said.



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**ANYONE SEEN AN UFO LURKING AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE?**—With a mighty groan, a heaving cry of attack, then a grinding backstretching lurch, the monstrous missile is thrust menacingly through the narrow opening—to hurtle up, up, up—only to drop disheartedly a few measly feet away with a loud ZUMP! The new game is zumping, and here it is being played by Bob Bryks, Sci. 1.

# 'University is ivory tower'

By RON YAKIMCHUK

Contrary to what U of A students think, the Canadian Union of Students should be involved in social reform, says CUS president Doug Ward.

"How can you advance the ideals of education by sitting in your ivory tower and not think about the uses of it?" he asked Tuesday.

"Students are a middle class group and what they do betters only that group. This is selfish.

"If you are getting discounts for the already economic elite, this is unjust," he said.

Ward claimed CUS is particularly interested in getting Canadian students to become aware of their importance to the country, and outlined a four point program now in operation to accomplish these ends.

● Leadership seminars in higher education will be held this year and every year for administration, faculty and students.

● Field workers are visiting all member campuses to take part in the dialogue they can find.

● A focus is being put on implementation of pro-

grams rather than passage of resolutions. For a great part of its existence, Ward feels, CUS just passed resolutions, presented them to the prime minister "on behalf of the students of Canada, and let the issues go. Now there is action."

● Radical expansion is being made in research documentation and publication. A part of this is a bi-weekly news-letter which gives Canadian students a capsule view of what CUS is doing.

Ward denied U of A students' union president Branny Schepanovich's charge that CUS is not financially sound.

"It is interesting that Branny would be concerned," he said.

"The most prominent financial irresponsibility I know of in CUS in the past year was Branny's withdrawal—without a referendum—after he had participated in both the discussion of and the vote on the CUS budget at the last congress.

"Fortunately some member campuses have come through with stiff voluntary fee increases and so, with a revised budget, we should look at least as responsible as the U of A students' union," said Ward.