

Pro-Arab Picture Presented

CREATION OF ISRAEL SEEN AS GREIVIOUS INJUSTICE

The arrival of His Excellency Abdel Hamid Seoud, Ambassador to Canada from the United Arab Republic, to address the student body at the conclusion of the SUB Students' Forum, was heralded by masses of students rushing past him out of the room as he walked to the stage, and the departure of Bryon Reid, President of the Students' Council.

Mike Steeves, local chairman of the sponsoring WUSC committee, was forced to apologize to the Ambassador for the fact that neither Dr. Kerr nor any member of the University administration was present to hear his address, and for the hostility and frequent rudeness to him of those students present.

The Ambassador tackled two aspects of the Israeli question: the history of the Jewish people in the Middle East and the circumstances leading to the creation of the state of Israel, and the whys and wherefores of the relationship presently existing between the Arab countries and Israel.

He considered that the "enforcement of the creation of Israel was a grievous injustice to the original inhabitants of the area, and a cause of unprecedented misery and suffering to innocent people who have done nothing to deserve such a fate." He cited as his example the one million Arab refugees, "living now in the cruelest of conditions and deprived of their homes and property, and having been replaced by more than a million Jewish immigrants."

In the Arab view, he continued, Israel is an expansionist power. He quoted the words of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, that Israel "has been resurrected only in part of our small country."

The Ambassador charged that the press in the western world, particularly in North America, is sub-

ject to the influence of pro-Zionist elements in the community, and that the Arab side of the argument is never heard. He cited seven examples of his allegations:

1. It is always heard that Egypt is always flouting the resolutions of the United Nations but, Israel herself has flouted three of the most important: the maintenance of the partition, the creation of an International Zone of Jerusalem, and the resettling of the Arab refugees.

2. That the Arabs originally left their homes in Palestine on the advice of the Arab states, but that the pillaging and murdering of Zionist terrorist gangs was the actual cause.

3. That Zionists say it is "impractical" to resettle the Arab refugees in their original home, but what is more practical than to allow the rightful owners of land and property to go back to their homes, without Jewish immigrants from other lands settling on them?

4. That Israel is surrounded by massive neighbours attempting to destroy her, but, while no attack on Israel soil has been launched by the Arab states, 22 such have been launched by Israel.

5. That Israel has succeeded, by her own efforts, to turn Palestine into a Garden of Eden, while overseas contributions from the Zionist movement totalling over \$1,000,000 daily are the real cause.

6. That the humanitarian views in relation to ages of persecution

Sartre and The Doctrine Of Freedom

"Simone de Beauvoir, in my opinion, is a very brilliant writer and was greatly influenced by Sartre", said Mrs. Usmiani last week in an SCM Open House, during an entertaining and instructive discussion on "Ideas of Sartre in the Writings of Simone de Beauvoir".

Mrs. Usmiani first gave a brief resume of Sartre's life and writings. She described him as a writer with a very morbid, rich imagination. He early determined to live only for writing, to live exactly as the spirit moved him and then to put it into words.

The most important part of his teaching for practical life," stated the speaker, "was his doctrine of freedom." We experience anxiety when we realize we have freedom; nausea results because we realize that we have no purpose in being here. The past is unimportant; fol-

lowing set patterns and convictions is only an attempt to escape freedom.

Related to this is the belief that it is impossible really to love, since once you establish a relationship you infringe on that person's freedom. Therefore all group endeavours are doomed, according to Sartre. Life is completely absurd. The reason why we must then accept our freedom is expressed but not clear," commented the speaker.

Simone de Beauvoir became one of Sartre's followers in her student days; she gradually became convinced that all rules and regulations were purposeless and her only security was found in studying. Questioned as to whether or not Sartre's teachings would lead logically to suicide, Mrs. Usmiani pointed out that Sartre denied this, and that this is one of the many paradoxes in his writings. Her personal reaction to his thought was that, while there is much of value in his writings, much of it is tiresome since it is based so purely on emotional experiences rather than rational thought.

At the conclusion of his Address, the Ambassador submitted to questions from the audience. Some delved more deeply into the causes of the Arab-Israeli ferment. Most were openly hostile and frequently rude.

Debaters Uphold Outlawing of Communist Activity

The intrinsic evil of Communism and its followers was seen last week by St. Dunstan's debaters as the chief defense for an outlawing of Communist activity in Canada.

In Dal's second intercollegiate debate of the season, St. Dunstan's University won in a split decision over Dal debaters in the Moot Court Room a week ago last Monday night.

The Islanders upheld the affirmative of a resolution calling "for Communist activity to be made illegal in Canada."

The affirmative's principal argument, on which they built their entire case, was the intrinsic evil of Communism and its followers' great belief in the eventual revolution of all the masses.

Team captain Bill Kelly from Charlottetown said "since Communism was incompatible with democracy and sought to destroy our way of life, we should not tolerate any Communist activity whatsoever."

To A First Engraving

Applications are now being received by the Council of the Students for the following positions for the 1960-61 college term:

- (1) Editor of Gazette
- (2) Editor of Pharos
- (3) Campus Photographer
- (4) Rink Manager
- (5) Rink Canteen Manager
- (6) Dalhousie Advertising Bureau
- (7) Editor of Student Directory
- (8) Campus Co-ordinator and Publicity Manager

Applications must be sent in writing along with a list of qualifications to Miss Robb, Secretary-Treasurer, Council of the Students, before March 1, 1960.



Bill Somerville, first speaker for the negative, pointed out forcefully that there was no need of such action and that "we accomplish absolutely nothing in our so-called battle with Communism."



Through second speaker Hugh Williams, Dal raised the question of whether or not Canada had the right to outlaw Communism and whether the country did not really have ample control on their activities.

The verbal battle was a drawn-out affair until the final rebuttal, where St. Dunstan's combining sharp talking, a clash of platitudes, and good logic, won the day.

There was a noticeable contrast in the approach of the two teams to their subjects. St. Dunstan's were fully prepared and well-rehearsed, with written speeches, while the Dalhousie team were freer and more flexible. It seems, however, that formal approach still carries the day.

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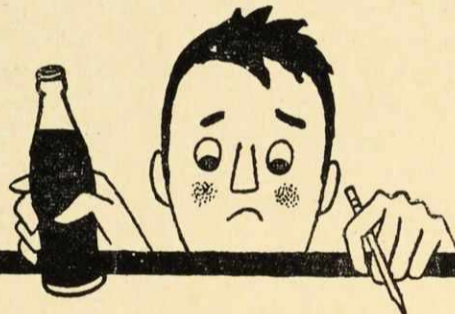
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