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Resignation protests Vietnam

MONTREAL—University of Montreal student Michel Forand has resigned from the organizing committee of the Company of Young Canadians to protest Canada's support for United States Vietnam policy.

The CYC organizing committee was appointed by the government last spring and plans to present its report about the formation of the Company directly to the Prime Minister.

In a letter to Prime Minister Pearson Nov. 4, Mr. Forand explained that in his view the position of the Pearson administration contradicts the spirit of the Speech from the Throne which announced the establishment of the CYC.

Quoting statements of members of the company's organizing committee, he said this body had hoped to set up "an agency which will contribute to establishing the foundation of a world community, i.e. justice, freedom, and peace."

"The war going on in Vietnam is all the more reprehensible because it is waged by those who proclaim loudly their belief in democracy as a basis for world peace," said Mr. Forand.

"By granting its support to the U.S. government's policy in Vietnam your government is undermining the whole moral foundation of the Company of Young Canadians," he told Mr. Pearson.

More girls needed on campus

VANCOUVER—There should be more girls at university, thinks Dr. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan, president of Simon Fraser University.

He said that only 30 per cent of Canada's university population are female.

"That is a carryover from the Victorian era which is no longer valid," he said to the Vancouver chapter of the National Secretaries' Association.

Coke cans youth pavillion

MONTREAL—The Coca-Cola company has pulled out of its \$600,000 deal with Expo '67 to cover most of the cost of the proposed youth pavillion.

An anonymous spokesman for the company said the plans drawn up by the Youth Advisory Committee for the pavillion were "just incompatible with the needs of our company."

The pavillion was to represent a cross-section of the world's youth at work and at play; Coca-Cola's plans tended to favor the latter.

It was rumored a dispute between Coke and Expo '67 about monopoly rights on drinks sold in the pavillion was also a factor in the company's decision to withdraw funds.

All officials of Coke International refused comment on Nov. 1 when asked about the decision.

Expo information officer Bruce Kroll said that the pavillion could be salvaged with help from other companies. Expo itself can only pay a third of the cost of the pavillion.

New UGEQ president elected

QUEBEC—Robert Nelson, a fifth year engineering student at the University of Montreal, was elected president of the Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec.

Last summer he was coordinator of the Travailleurs Etudiants du Quebec, a provincial Peace Corps, begun by U of M students and assisted financially by the Lesage government.

Generally considered a pragmatist, Mr. Nelson told a post-election press conference that UGEQ will probably lose its image as an apparent strong supporter of separatism, but will retain its drive for a better society in Quebec.

UGEQ, now one year old, represents 70,000 Quebec students, about 15,000 of these being English speaking.

Action slow on Bladen

VANCOUVER—Quick government action on the Bladen committee's recommendations is unlikely says Canada's deputy minister of finance.

R. B. Bryce told the Association of Universities and Colleges that whatever party wins on Nov. 8 will have a great many issues awaiting decision.

"I hesitate to predict where the matter of the Bladen Commission will line up in the queue," he said.

The AUCC passed a resolution "urgently requesting the government to authorize this increase within the present fiscal year."



—R. Smith photo

WELCOME—Guests at the Viennese Valse, this year's Wauneita Society formal were greeted efficiently by four receiving lines. This one included Mrs. J. Grant Sparling, dean of women, and Karma Hirsche, Women's Athletic Association representative.

The easy way out-1

No narcotic problem here -- Ryan

Doug Walker, *The Gateway's* associate editor, has undertaken a study on the use of narcotic stimulants at U of A. The following is the first of a three-part series on the subject.

By DOUG WALKER

As you enter a room in the basement of a U of A campus fraternity house, the five people studying intently don't even look up.

They do not realize you are there until you clap your hands; then they all jump sharply.

They are using mild narcotic stimulants—pep pills—to cram all night for examinations, and they are very nervous.

Two years ago, a student at the University of Toronto died from what a coroner's jury called an overdose of such pills.

Pep pills are part of a larger

narcotic problem, common on many university campuses, ranging from the smoking of marijuana to the use of morning glory seeds.

Fortunately, the problem here is not serious yet, according to Provost A. A. Ryan.

You have to view the problem as one belonging to society in general, not restricted to the university community alone, he said.

There is, however, the presence of students under pressure and willing to experiment, and this could lead to the use of these pills.

NO MARIJUANA

Marijuana, on the other hand, is seldom heard of on the Edmonton campus.

Although the weed grows wild in the province, few people could recognize it, says one student who has had considerable experience with it.

One enterprising group, now in prison, even cultivated a plot of marijuana near the Banff-Calgary highway.

The usual sources, according to this student however, are people returning from abroad who bring it back for their own personal use.

The distribution is infrequent and poorly organized, with word being passed on by mouth from friend to friend when a fresh supply is in.

Although the possession or use of marijuana is a criminal offence, obviously outside the law, pep pills are obtained by prescription, and are much harder to control, according to Provost Ryan.

Even so, they can not be legislated out of existence. The best control is an education program illustrating their dangers, he said.

To legislate against pep pills would be an attempt to control an aspect of the students' personal life, and this would prove ineffective, he said.

(Next week the writer examines the effects of these narcotics, and possible outcomes of their use.)

Students' union discusses B of G hopes with premier

U of A students' council representatives were to meet Premier E. C. Manning this week to discuss student representation on the university's Board of Governors.

Council prepared a brief which was to be sent to Premier Manning last week; however, the premier was out of town and council was forced to wait for his return this week.

The brief clarified students'

reasons for the demand for 25 per cent representation.

Council decided against merely sending the brief because "we felt it was essential to talk personally with Premier Manning and answer any questions which he might have regarding the brief," said Richard Price, students' council president.

"This is not a serious delay," he said.

We still have a chance to adequately express our views before the recommendations of the committee reviewing amendments to the University Act go forward, Price added.

MEET MINISTER

Council is also attempting to meet with Hon. R. H. McKinnon, minister of education, Price told *The Gateway*.

This meeting would also involve council's attempt to gain student representation on the Board of Governors or the General Faculty Council and its standing committees, said Price.

"It should be noted this is not a student attempt to gain complete control, but a desire to obtain some degree of influence and responsibility with regard to those affairs which are of ultimate concern to the university," Price stated.

BUILDING RE-NAMED

The Old Education Building at U of A will be re-named E. A. Corbett Hall in memory of E. A. Corbett, a prominent U of A educator.

He was director of the university's department of extension from 1920 to 1936, founder and director of the Banff School of Fine Arts, and director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education.

A noted author, Dr. Corbett, who died a year ago, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from U of A in May 1963.

E. A. Corbett Hall houses the departments of drama and extension, the schools of nursing and rehabilitation medicine, and Studio Theatre.