

WE WILL MARCH THIS FALL

Go home and vote PM tells students

But legal advisors are investigating

OTTAWA (CUP) - Prime Minister Pearson...

He was commenting on the fact that residence students...

The issue arose because the writs for the election were issued September 8...

This means that they cannot take advantage of the section of the Canada Elections Act...

Richard Good, vice president of the Canadian Union of Students...

Elect Ward CUS Chief

Douglas Ward, 27, was elected president of the Canadian Union of Students...

He defeated Bruce Doern, a former student union president...

Mr. Ward will take office next summer at the end of the term of current CUS president Patrick Kenniff...

A divinity graduate, Mr. Ward has been international affairs secretary of CUS for the last year...

In accepting his nomination, Mr. Ward pointed out that his first priority, universal accessibility...

Mr. Ward said: "The easy part (resolutions) is over. From now on, it's all method and program..."

"My role is with you in your work, not wheeling and dealing in Ottawa," he told the delegates...

Mr. Ward also set forth his personal belief that "education at all levels is a right which must be provided by society..."

"The implications of universal accessibility to education start in the pre-school years and in the very fabric of our society..."

He summed up his ultimate goal for CUS as the creation of "a free university and a relevant university..."

"I take strong exception to the Prime Minister's statement that the necessity for a student to return to his home riding should not deter him from voting..."

"With many party leaders stressing the need for youthful participation in the political process and some advocating the lowering of the voting age to 18, it is dismaying that this situation should arise..."

Mr. Pearson further denied that there was any connection between the possible loss of the vote by some students, because of the election date, and the Liberal Party's advice to campaign workers...

Whether students will, in fact, be forced to travel home remains in some doubt.

When asked whether a student could claim his university residence as his normal residence, since he lives there for more than half the year...

Since the student would then fall under a different section of the Act, being enumerated at his normal place of residence, the spokesman said, "there's no problem..."

However, enumeration will take place from September 20 to 25, at the very beginning of term. Some students, especially if they did not previously attend the same university, may consider their parents' home as their normal residence.

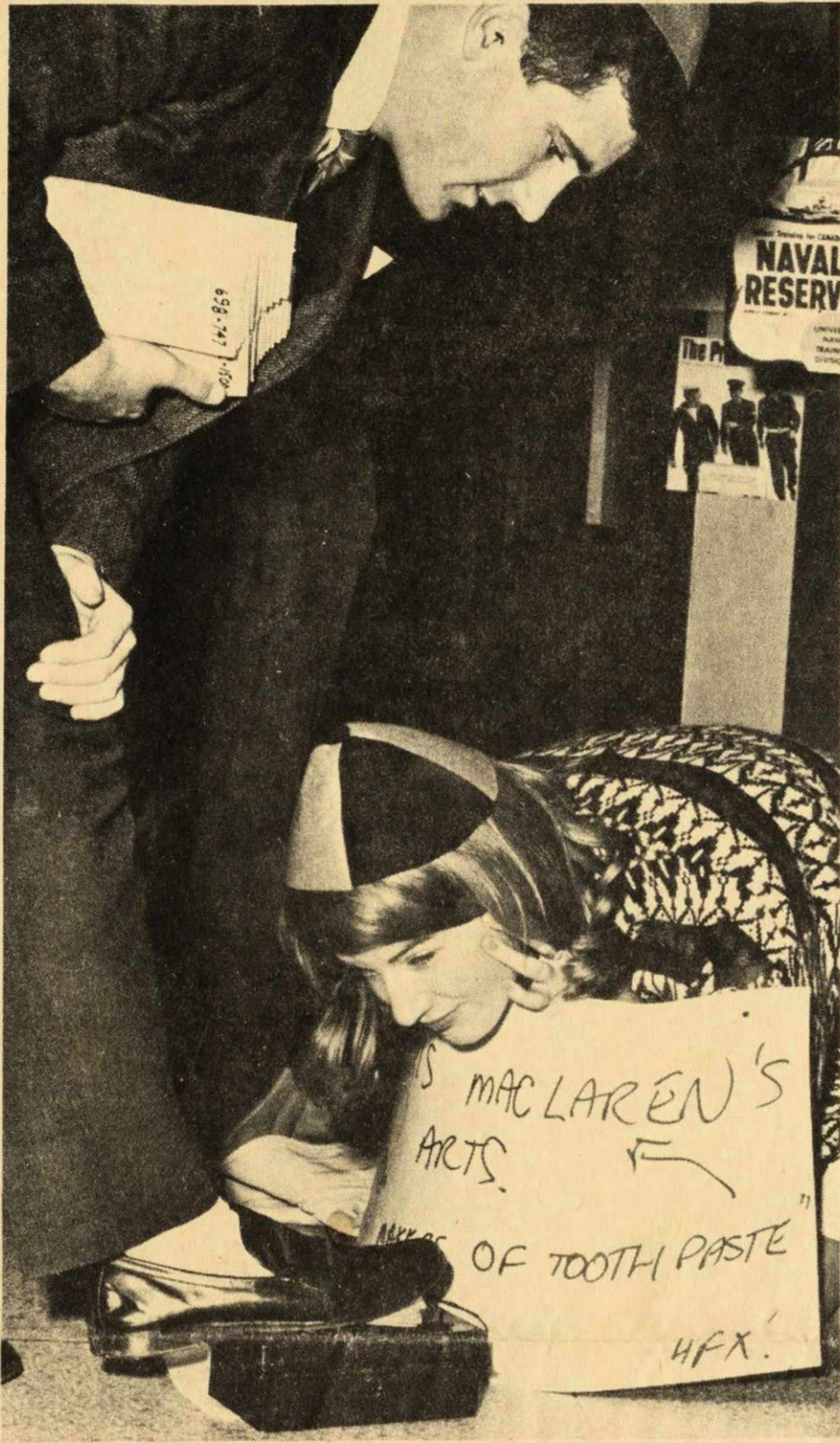
In this case they will be forced to have their parents put them on the voters list, and will have to travel home in order to vote. Students who fail to be enumerated in September can do so at the courts of revision on October 21, 22, and 23.

The Canadian Union of Students has appealed to the Chief Electoral Officer to interpret the Act more loosely so that no student will be "deprived of a democratic right..."

The electoral office spokesman said the meaning of the act was clear and can be changed only by act of Parliament.

In Vancouver, a spokesman for the University of British Columbia contended this week "if you paid a residence deposit before coming to register that is sufficient to give you the franchise..."

Meanwhile, government legal officers are believed to be studying the possibility of permitting all students of voting age to exercise the franchise.



Though she seems to be having some trouble properly expressing her undying affection, we are sure that Chris MacLaren and her cohorts will learn quickly here at Dal.

Two-Nation theory accepted by CUS

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) - The Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec is "a legitimate national union of students within the latter's own definition" according to a resolution passed at the recent congress of the Canadian Union of Students at Bishop's University.

Patrick Kenniff, president of CUS, commented: "This implies a recognition on the part of English-speaking students of the legitimate aspirations of UGEQ and a significant desire to work in a spirit of equality and mutual understanding with it..."

He related the policy to the national scene stating "the future of the country depends on the desire of all segments of the population to discuss, co-operate and implement programs beneficial to all..."

UGEQ was founded last November after the withdrawal of the universities of Montreal, Sherbrooke and Laval from the Canadian Union of Students at the

1964 congress. Students of these three universities together with those of the French-language classical colleges, normal schools and technical institutes, make up the 55,000 members of UGEQ.

CUS represents the students of 45 other universities and institutes of higher education throughout Canada.

The resolution on UGEQ emphasized the seeking out of areas of co-operation between the two unions. An overwhelming majority of the members present voted in favor of this recognition. A foreign student, Jos Williams, from Dalhousie University, expressed the concern of a few of the delegates present stating, "If French-Canadian students do have different aspirations just as CUS has recognized them now, as being different, then English-Canadians must also recognize them as being different at the citizen-level and accept the duality of the nation..."

Hees calls for frankness

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) - The Canadian people deserve to be taken into the confidence of the country's political leaders far more than has been done in the past.

Hon. George Hees, president of the Montreal and Canadian stock exchanges, and honorary national president of The Canadian Union of Students, expressed this view in a speech on September 1, during the union's annual congress at Bishop's University.

Referring to the leadership displayed by Roosevelt during the financial panic in 1933, Churchill in 1940, and Kennedy during the Cuban crisis, Mr. Hees said:

"These three leaders told their people of the grave situation which their country faced, and minced no words about the part their countrymen would have to play in meeting the situation. As you know, the response in every case was magnificent..."

He maintained that past Canadian governments have relied far too heavily on the advice of their civil servants, and far too little on the knowledge possessed by leaders in the fields of national endeavor.

"Business, agriculture, labor, education, the sciences, and so on... have a wealth of information readily available," he said, "but it must be asked for. If it is not asked for, and that is unfortunately the case, the country loses..."

Asked about American policy (Please turn to Page 5)

Propose scholarship

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) - The Canadian Union of Students will attempt to establish scholarships to bring students from southern Africa to Canada.

A motion passed at the recent CUS congress at Bishop's University recognized "the near impossibility of non-white students in South Africa obtaining adequate education because of racial-political reasons..."

CUS adopts free education; Atlantic Region initiates national solidarity day

We march this fall.

The Canadian Union of Students has called for a national demonstration to be held October 27th in which students on campuses all across Canada will protest the rising cost of higher education.

The initiative for the national day came from the Atlantic Region with the actual resolution presented to the CUS Congress proposed by John Cleveland, President of the King's College Student Union.

The march will be aimed at gradually eliminating tuition fees for university though many of the marchers will undoubtedly have the McGill resolution in the back of their minds as they demonstrate.

As far as the Congress delegates were concerned "universal accessibility" was the keynote phrase of the entire gathering.

Delegates from 45 member institutions.....

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) - The Canadian Union of Students has adopted as its first priority "the abolition of all social and financial barriers to post-secondary education..."

"Universal accessibility" became the keynote phrase of the 29th annual congress of CUS held at Bishop's University, earlier this month.

Delegates from 45 member institutions adopted the new standing resolution with only one dissenting vote, and decided to seek the abolition of tuition fees as a first step toward these principles.

The form of the action to be taken on this day will be decided by each local council. The manifestations are to be preceded and followed by an education and publicity campaign on the problem of higher education. The date will be set by the national secretariat.

The long-term policy statement moved by McGill and seconded by the University of British Columbia, declares "the sole determinant of the undertaking of post-secondary education should be academic qualification..."

A clause stating "earnings foregone represent a real and serious cost..." created some controversy. In calling for the elimination of this barrier, it was felt that the congress implicitly came out for student salaries.

Defending this section, Sharon Sholzberg, president of the McGill Students' Society, said that ultimately "university doors will be open to the student even if he hasn't got a penny in his pocket..."

Gary Smith, a delegate from Waterloo University College, said rich parents would rather pay directly than have sky-high income tax.

Miss Sholzberg said that one must consider the question of accessibility for the student who is independent of his family. The parent should not be forced to play any role in university education other than the creation of a home environment conducive to higher learning.

Another CUS resolution moved by Victoria University, stated "after the abolition of tuition fees there is still a discrepancy between annual student revenue and annual student expenditure on education..."

It called for modification of existing student loan schemes "as an initial step toward the elimination of loans" by making loans refundable upon successful completion of each academic year.

The congress also adopted a comprehensive 13-point educational action program including socio-economic studies on motivational factors and on cybernation.

Congress has "theme" song

One of the highlights of the recent CUS Congress held at Bishop's was the party on the last night of the gathering.

It was an unexpectedly sober affair no doubt due to the serious attitude that all the delegates (particularly those from the Press) assumed at all times and because not everyone had the foresight to obtain sufficient spirituous liquors.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the lusty singing of the official Congress song. At Press time the Gazette was not able to obtain the words, but we are informed that interested students should contact Liz Campbell or Charles Henderson or Ann Rungas who we understand have all the words and versions completely memorized.

It seems that the decision to march has been taken. The Gazette has learned from a reliable source that the date is October 27th.

It is significant that this is only a week and a half before the November 8th Federal election.

This move by the Board of Directors could very well have important ramifications for the political make-up of the next parliament.

For other stories on the Congress and free education see pages two, four, and five.

At Memorial:

Smallwood surprise is more free fees

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) - Newfoundland Premier J.R. Smallwood says that provision of free tuition for second year students attending Memorial University will be announced in the next session of the provincial legislature.

The announcement came the same day that Premier Smallwood lashed out at Rex Murphy, a Memorial delegate to the recent congress of the Canadian Union of Students, for his statement that free education for first year students in Newfoundland was a "half-truth"...

Mr. Murphy went on to say: "The Premier did not bother to explain the important fact that more than half of Memorial's first year students already have their first year tuition paid by the province's well established system of grants..."

Totaling the more than 700 education students, the pre-medical students, and others entering with scholarships and bursaries, the number who in fact benefit from Mr. Smallwood's plan is relatively small, he argued. Also, students who come from outside the province do not receive free tuition.

In answer to Mr. Murphy's charges, Premier Smallwood stated:

"It is inconceivable that a young Newfoundland should go away to the province of Quebec and in the hearing of many university students from many parts of Canada declare that first year tuition is a fraud, and a mere political move on the part of the government, and that Newfoundland should hang her head in shame..."

Immediately following Mr. Smallwood's announcement that action would be taken to abolish fees for second year students, the CUS congress at Bishop's University voted him a congratulatory message.

It read in part: "It is our feeling that this genuine and complete move to remove tuition fees for second year students is in accord with the policies of the CUS as expressed at this congress in the concept of universal accessibility to post-secondary education - the primary and most immediate barrier to such accessibility being tuition fees..."

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Educated have special duty, - Aitchison

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) - Students should be more than passive consumers of education.

Dr. James H. Aitchison, head of the political science department of Dalhousie University, voiced this view in his keynote address to the 29th annual congress of the Canadian Union of Students at Bishop's University on August 29.

He warned, however, that many students, alumni and university teachers are parasites for deciding to have nothing to do with politics. He stated that universities should make it as easy as possible for their teachers to run for political office.

"The training of a political elite is among the functions of a Liberal Arts College," he said.

He criticized many academics for using arguments of objectivity as excuses for self-imposed political self-sterilization.

Dr. Aitchison said students often claim their studies are too demanding to allow them to participate in political activities.

"The unexamined society is a mindless society not worth living in," he said.

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Congress studies withdrawal from world student group conference

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) - The Canadian Union of Students is considering withdrawing from the American financed International Student Conference. The ISC is one of the two major international student unions.

A resolution passed at the recent CUS congress at Bishop's University said the union would reconsider its role within the ISC.

The resolution stated that ISC must show it is a politically viable organization and that its policies are not inconsistent with those of CUS.

The opinion of delegates was that CUS should remain a member of the ISC and if the organization fails to "fulfill the purpose expressed in its charter," CUS should withdraw.

At the same time the congress served notice it would continue its role as an observer in the East European dominated International Union of Students.

It was hoped CUS could serve as a bridge between the two ideologically separated unions.

Douglas Ward, president elect of CUS, said there was little hope the ISC could be financed without heavy American grants.

Mr. Ward told the delegates they were participating in a congress to obtain universal accessibility to higher education and the time was not ripe for a decision on membership in the ISC.

Jean Baxin, past president of CUS, told the delegates the board of directors of CUS would have to study the problem of their position in the IUS and the ISC very carefully in the next year.

A University of Waterloo delegate said, "most of the emerging Afro-Asian nations belong to both the ISC and the IUS and if we

are to have influence with these nations we must be in the same position..."

CUS, along with the United States National Student Association, was a founding member of the ISC. The British National Union of Students, also a founding member, is no longer in the ISC, while the Union Nationale des Etudiants de la France is a member of the IUS alone.

The representative will attempt to establish relations with south east Asian students during his stay which will not last longer than one year.

The tour will also include other south east Asian countries and the people's republic of China. The motion proposing CUS send the representative to south

east Asia was introduced at the 29th annual congress of CUS, held at Bishop's University, August 30 to September 4.

Henry Tarvainen, a University of Toronto delegate who introduced the motion, said its benefits would be mainly educational. The representative would be instructed to offer copy to the student press.

In connection with the program the representative would have to make a cross-Canada speaking tour on his return home.

Later the congress passed a resolution recognizing "the dangerous implications of the Vietnamese conflict" and indicated its "strong concern over the Vietnamese conflict and its desires for peace in Vietnam..."

A representative of the Canadian Union of Students will go to Vietnam to provide the funds for his expenses can be raised from other sources than the CUS budget.

Vote to send student to Viet Nam