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NFCUS On Earth . . .

It is a long way from Warsaw to the University of New Brunswick campus, but the distance was traversed in a matter of minutes last Wednesday night by NFCUS chairman, Jack Ernst, when he defended the Federation against the Council's reluctance to pass the NFCUS budget at their meeting of October 20th.

Starting with a brief explanation of what NFCUS is, Mr. Ernst's talk included a description of NFCUS operations on the National and International levels, some proof as to the worthiness of continuing to support the Federation (which included a list of reductions of everything except waiflines) and concluded by saying that it was a pity that students did not know much about NFCUS.

Even at the risk of denying what they know to be true, few students would speak out against Christianity and all the brotherly love which goes with it, but it was generally accepted by members of the Council that Mr. Ernst's last statement was the one which they were most willing to listen to. In truth, it is a pity that students don't know more about, and thereby understand, NFCUS.

He concluded saying that the lack of information and the abundance of apathy lies not with the students themselves but with failure of local committees to promote the Federation on the campus.

If Mr. Ernst had said nothing more or less than this in the course of the entire evening, he would have had the Council's assent to the passing of the \$400 budget. As it was, he got it anyway, but not until he had plowed through the subjects of NFCUS refusal to have anything to do with Communism, health centers and reduced plane fares to Europe. Again, it is wise to say that these things are of the utmost importance, but they do not present themselves to the scrutiny of materially minded students. In this always-to-be-faced fact lies the failure of the Federation on the U.N.B. campus.

Stimulated local organization is something else again. It is something in which to participate. It is the only way in which a student can feel his usefulness as a member of NFCUS.

It was not the long list of achievements and ambitions of NFCUS that convinced the Council to give it another try; it was Mr. Ernst's sincerity and his evident conviction that, if local interest can be aroused, NFCUS will become a leading campus organization, which won him a unanimous vote in his favor. In short, it was not ideals but the suggestion that something (no mention of what) could be created here on the campus to which students could look and know that it is a working part of NFCUS which won the Council over.

The creation of this "something" is going to be a task requiring much labor and can only be carried out by a man who has great faith in what he is setting out to do. Mr. Ernst has the faith, but the establishment of the local NFCUS organization depends on student support. It means that you must make it a point to find out what NFCUS is. You must learn that N.F.C.U.S. stands for National Federation of Canadian University Students.

Your local chairman has acquired the support of the Students Representative Council. He must now acquire yours. The Council has demanded local action, and they are your representatives. Take the action demanded.

U. N. Festivities . . .

October 24th came and went almost unnoticed on the U.N.B. campus. Nothing out of the ordinary took place save a feeble attempt by several dextrous freshmen to climb to the roof of the Arts building and hoist a pair of long-johns on the flag pole. Even this venture came to nothing, the door to the roof being locked, and the sun set coldly and quietly in the west. Darkness descended over the provincial university. United Nations day at U.N.B. was over for another year.

Monday witnessed the gathering of some thirty or forty students in Memorial Hall to attend an ill-advertised panel discussion on the merits, demerits and general functions of the United Nations. It wasn't a fruitful meeting. Audience participation was meagre and tended to be of a nature not particularly conducive to discussion. However, everyone in attendance was interested and, what is more important, they WERE in attendance.

What sort of intelligent young men and women of tomorrow is it that won't devote an hour a year to delving into the problems of the greatest democratic organization in the world without which we might well have blown to bits long ago? It is something of a tragedy that students who will soon be stepping out into the world are not more interested in finding out just what is being done to insure that they have a world to step out into.

Nothing more can be said about the matter. Such apathy must be a tremendous burden.

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Dear Folks,

I guess I owe you an apology for not writing last week. I had a busy week and just couldn't seem to find the time.

I moved to a new place to live. I am now living in Lady Beaverbrook's residence, but I haven't seen much of her yet. I guess it keeps her pretty busy running a place like that with all the beds she has to make every morning. That's why she can't stop and talk. It's funny with all the money she has, you wouldn't think she'd bother taking in boarders.

Well, anyway, it wasn't just moving in that kept me so busy. As a matter of fact, I started to write you a letter just after I got settled. I was almost through when a big guy came and knocked on my door and asked me if I wanted to play him a game of pool. I told him I'd be glad to have him a game as soon as I finished my letter. How did I know he was talking about the swimming pool?

When they threw me in I had your letter stuffed in my pants pocket (I think it is against the rules to go swimming here if you have a bathing suit on) and the ink ran all over after being in the water. After they pulled me out I was so mad about my letter being spilt that I just stood still and dripped.

Well, I have found all but two of my classrooms. I also discovered that I am taking an English course in place of a history course because the history lectures were held the same time as the Physics lectures which I had to take in place of Chemistry because it conflicted with maths. If this keeps up I may be the first student at UNB to ever receive a B.A. degree for majoring in Science.

There seem to be a lot of guys on the campus who go around looking through telescopes mounted on long sticks. They seem to like each other quite well because they are always waving at each other even though they know that they aren't going anywhere. When one of them wants to go for a walk, he takes the end of a tape measure with him and his friend lets it unwind. In this way they can always tell how far apart they are, and they know when to start waving. I think they are here to find out which side of the border

CANADA AND THE SEAWAY (The Ryersonian)

Canadians have been waiting patiently for years to get the United States' decision on the St. Lawrence Seaway. When a joint agreement with the United States was finally signed, Canadians thought their organizational worries were over, but last week they were revived.

A sudden turn of events resulted in the Americans urging Canada to revamp the Seaway blueprints to suit their benefit.

Canada has already spent close to a billion dollars on the Seaway channels and locks alone. The United States is asking for oversized canals and locks two-thirds larger than those currently planned. Furthermore she contends that the Welland Canal is out-moded and must be rebuilt. The United States favours locks of 1000 feet long, 100 feet wide and 30 feet deep to the original plan of 800 feet long, 80 feet wide and 30 feet deep.

This sudden American trend is to accommodate the one freighters from Labrador and Africa which will enter American ports. Of course, the freighters are owned by Americans.

The United States has spent seven million dollars less on the Seaway than Canada and is committed to spend another three hundred million dollars.

Under the revised agreement, Canada will spend at once about \$190,000,000 on four canals, and dredging to be done at Lake St. Francis. To agree with the latest United States proposals, new legislation and additional huge expenditures are required.

If this is the case, it is strongly advocated that Canada build the Seaway by itself on its own specifications. Canada has always been co-operating with the United States as much as possible, but it doesn't favour the "new look" waterway introduction of the United States.

It appears there is only one question left in the mind of a Canadian, with regard to the Seaway construction: How far will Ottawa go to appease Washington before it realizes it is being hoodwinked?

the University is on.

Well, I've got to go now. The president wants to see me about something.

Lovingly, your son,
Anthony

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