

American Influence topic at conference

Last week, Harold Geltman and Clyde McElman represented UNB at the fourth Congress Des Affaires Canadiennes sponsored by Laval University.

Summary of the subject of the debate is "are there here in Canada French Canadians and Americans and are not these French Canadians more Americanized than they believe?"

Geltman wrote the following statement:

The conference was boycotted by the western universities, primarily, one suspects, because of the hard feelings generated by the recent withdrawal of Laval and other French universities from CUS. This was unfortunate as the conference was a focus on a common Canadian concern: the omnipresence of our "big brother" neighbour — or what does one do about a giant sleeping on the doorstep? From among the eminent guest speakers featured, the comments of the following three are extremely noteworthy:

WILLIAM E. GRIFFITH (Professor, MIT), said that the U.S., on the whole, is completely ignorant of Canadian affairs and Canada should consider herself lucky, as American concern in foreign affairs tends to be in reaction to a crisis. You would do well to work out your own solutions to your problems before you become an aid project of the "ugly Americans".

ERIC KIERANS (Quebec Minister of Revenue), said of ownership of Canadian industry by Americans: Corporations are artificially created, inhuman entities whose basis for existence is profit, not the pursuit of any particular national policy. In this context, any corporation will struggle with government to the extent that it seeks higher profits through favorable government treatment, whereas government always has the prerogative of policy, through which it controls no particular corporation but the industry as a whole. Hence we need not fear the high percentage of American ownership in Canada as our government is free to determine that any and all industries act in the national interest, without regard to the intentions of shareholders.

JAMES M. MINIFIE (CBC Washington correspondent),

told the conference that in Canada today, especially young Quebec, there is a new burst of enthusiasm; the "virus" of the "quiet revolution" in Quebec is spreading. Les Quebecois are very impatient and reluctant to wait for English Canada to undergo her "prise de conscience". Equally, the rest of Canada is growing a bit intolerant toward the impetuosity of the Quebecois. It is the burden and honor of the youth of Canada to develop a new national philosophy, striving for the "equality plus" recognition of the rights of minority opinion such that this might yet prove to be "Canada's Century".

The Laval Congress was in itself a symbol of the rapport which the two "nations" can reach a discussion, particularly outside the plenary sessions would alternate from English to French, French to English with great facility, with give and take not just in language, but also in ideas and the shattering of stereotype images.

PLAYBOY syndrome

MONTREAL (CUP) — Academia seems to be down on playboys this year.

"One of the basic problems of contemporary playboys is their appreciation of low frequency and high fidelity in sound, and high frequency and low fidelity in women," an audience at McGill University's United Theological College was told last week.

Dr. Andrew Walsh knocked the "playboy syndrome", saying the modern man of pleasure in his flashy sports car and "cool" dress is a pleasure oriented, hedonistic sort, "victimized by anxiety and frustration and playing at masculinity in the shadows."

He said the luxurious Playboy Clubs provide the playboy with an emotional outlet while the scantily dressed bunnies act as infantile sex-objects.

Earlier this year, American students at Xavier University picketed a Cincinnati Playboy Club, explaining, "The entire Playboy philosophy not only opposes the basic Judeo-Christian principles of our society, but openly advocates their overthrow."

CONTRACEPTIVES ON CAMPUS

Stoke, England (CUP) — Authorities at a northern England university last week clamped down firmly on a student plan to sell contraceptives in a university shop.

Dr. H. M. Taylor, vice-chancellor of Keele University said "I have told the president of the Student's Union that the proposal must be abandoned."

Student leaders said that a census was made of 1,000 students and professors before deciding that contraceptives should go on sale.

Third year student Roy Moore, 20, president of the Student's Union, said contraceptives would be available to those who want them.

"We want to deal with modern problems in a modern way and we don't want to impose a morality ban," he said.

"Not only are contraceptives to be sold but we are trying to arrange for a family planning concern to give sex guidance lectures to the students," he added.

Moore said he had found no objection from religious bodies on the campus.

The university's Church of England Chaplain, the Venerable George Youell said, "I am violently opposed to it. So far as I am aware, religious organizations have not been consulted. A facility of this kind is quite out of place on the university campus."



Anti-semitic groups enlisting high school students

TORONTO (CUP) — Four anti-semitic Canada Youth Corps groups in Toronto are enrolling students from the city's high schools, Corps Leader John De Cock told a "secret" meeting in Toronto on Nov. 22.

Mr. De Cock told an audience of 50, a third of whom were college and high school

aged, that the Canada Youth Corps was necessary to combat the left-wing curriculum and teachers in the Canadian high school system.

He cited Alan Paton's "Cry the Beloved Country", a book denouncing racism in South Africa, as an example of left-wing curriculum. He said African "coons" wanted to rape the white women of South Africa.

The meeting at the King Edward Hotel was conducted by David Stanley, a Scarborough youth whose mailbox was recently closed after he was accused of mailing anti-Jewish literature.

The audience was called upon to support an appeal on behalf of the National States' Rights Party (NSRP) of the United States, whose publications, including "Thunderbolt" have been banned from the mails by the Canada Post Office Department.

Displaying a number of left-wing publications, Mr. Stanley argued that the right should have the same privileges as the left. He said he would oppose the ban on the grounds of freedom of speech.

A hearing on the ban began in Toronto the same week.

Mr. Stanley promised followers that an organization to unite all "patriotic groups" in Canada would be formed in the near future. He said 20 Canada Youth Corps groups were now operating throughout the nation.

A youth called for the formation of national armies to remove Jews from positions of power. His descriptions of Jews as "serpents of the earth" and "filthy bloodsuckers" drew support from the audience.

Members of the audience recounted stories of "Jewish political control".

Two reporters from the University of Toronto's student newspaper, The Varsity, gained admission to the "invitation-only" meeting by posing as supporters. One was warned, "If you're a spy, you'll be sorry."

A Varsity reporter was later threatened with libel if he connected Mr. De Cock with the rightist group. A Globe and Mail reporter was barred from the meeting.

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