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A group of 30 UNB students were received by Quebec Prime Minister Robert Bourassa in the National Assembly Building earlier this week. The one-day fact finding trip, organized by the political science department, provided the students with an opportunity to meet Mr. Bourassa and two of his cabinet ministers. Shown here, from left to right, are: Bruce Bartlett, Arthur Slipp, Premier Bourassa and Susan Hawkins. For Story please turn to page 6.

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Councils To Buy Publishing Firm ?

VANCOUVER (CUP) - Student councils across the country are being asked to support a scheme to keep the McClelland and Stewart Ltd. publishing firm in Canadian hands.

The proposal, hatched last week by a committee of students at the University of British Columbia, calls for purchase of the company by a consortium of student societies, university administrations and the public through debenture sales and operation as a non-profit foundation.

The proposal would preserve publishing of important Canadian authors and would make Canadian content textbooks available at a more reasonable cost to students.

Bob Poore, the President of the UNB Students Representative Council when contacted shortly before press time said that he wouldn't make any commitment to the proposal "until I know more about it."

"It sounds really good in theory - I can see it would save a lot of people a lot of money." The proposal may be brought up by the President at Sunday's SRC meeting, but only for discussion, and not to ask the SRC for any firm commitment to the proposal.

The Ryerson publishing company was recently purchased by American interests and it is feared the McClelland and Stewart firm may suffer the same fate.

Jack McClelland sole owner of the 63-year-old family firm, which was offered for sale last month told the committee here Wednesday that it would take between three and 3.5 million dollars to take over the financially ailing business which has debts of about \$2 million.

The student committee believes it is possible to raise the money and McClelland has indicated he is "intrigued" by the proposal.

"McClelland considered it a serious idea. When we make a concrete proposal, he will be willing to consider it a serious proposal," said committee chairman Jerry Owen. "We have to show him within the next month that the funds are available."

Councils across the country have been asked to consider the proposal in principal and commit themselves tentatively.

"With commitments, we can get short term bank loans and be in a position to bargain," Owen said.

There are no formal plans yet as to how the company would operate but it is clear that a university financed national publishing house would go heavily into textbook publishing for elementary and secondary schools as well as universities.

Owen said the Canadian publishing of textbooks -- an ever-increasing number of which are being published by American controlled firms -- is essential to an independent Canada.

"When you start talking about elementary and high school texts -- that has a lot to do with forming a Canadian identity."

"And if the company were associated with the universities, it would go a long way to increasing outright Canadian content in course," he said.

McClelland, who is heavily involved in the Committee for an Independent Canada, told the committee he has two other serious offers from Canadian interests and indication of interest from American sources.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Canadian Association of University Teachers will be approached for support.

"A lot of these associations have supported Canadian control of the economy in principle, and this is a specific case where we can ask them to put their money where their mouths are," Owen said.

Mackay Gets \$132,000. UNB Pension

Although the administration is reacting heavily against rising costs and diminishing revenue, this paper has learned that an ex-official

of the corporation has been granted an unusually large retirement annuity.

The controversial past president of the University of New Brunswick, Colin MacKay, an independently wealthy lawyer from Rothesay, St. John has been granted \$1,000 a month as a pension. MacKay was president here for the past twenty years and resigned his term of office due to pressures of open faculty and student displeasure of his tenure.

"A member of the UNB business department has computed the \$1,000 a month pension payment to amount to \$132,000 annuity, which is incredible for any corporation to grant" said one faculty member.

MacKay is 49 and has not assumed any positions after his removal here two years ago. When he resigned the campus was split on the issue of his handling of the so-called Strax affair.

The controversy on campus drew national attention through coverage of the national media.

Contacted concerning the pension, President James Dineen denied any knowledge of the actions of the Board of Governors stating that he had not heard of the action but said that it could have occurred before he assumed the presidency.

Campus Jobs

by Tom McMullen

The various departments of the University of New Brunswick have quickly denied the rumor that Canada Manpower applicants would have preference over UNB students for summer jobs on campus this summer.

Professor O.T. Page, Dean J.W. Ker and Mrs. D.A. Sedgewick, secretary to the Dean of Engineering, Dr. L.G. Jaeger stated to the Bruns that only students would be working for their respective departments.

"We want people familiar with the work that has to be done," said Professor Page, "For that reason, the department (biology) is hiring mostly graduate students."

Dean Ker felt that possibly the Government's Winter Works Program had something to do with the rumor. Under this program, Manpower applicants work for the Forestry department but are paid by the Federal Government.

He then summed up the situation this summer by saying that "we look after our own."

SDC Findings

Findings: March 8/71

1. Ronald W. McDonald (A)

Charged by Board of Deans for taking property (4 turkeys) from Lady Dunn Hall (Jan 30/71). McDonald pleaded guilty and was subjected to a fine of \$25., suspension of student privileges and publication of offense.

2. Gregory J. Lund

Charged by Board of Deans for taking a book from UNB Bookstore. Lund entered a pleas of guilty and was subjected to a \$10., fine, suspension of student privileges and publication of offense.

3. Jacques Robichaud

Charged by the Board of Deans for taking a book from the UNB Bookstore. Robichaud also entered a pleas of guilty and was fined \$10., student privileges were suspended as well as publication of offense.

Exercise of penalty by the S.D.C. is necessary in lieu of the administration's laying formal charges against alleged offenders in a court of law.