

LEDAIN REPORT NIXED BY U.N. IMPERIALISM

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Mr. McGaw, a UNB arts student who has been pressing for the reformation of provincial, as well as national, drug laws, has been the author of several articles and brochures with regards to drugs. He was a high school teacher in St. Stephens for the past two years.

The developing third world countries of Asia and Africa are seeking vengeance for being the victims of innumerable international drug control legislations concerning opium and marijuana. They now demand severe controls of "Western" synthetic drugs, the amphetamines and particularly the psychotropics (L.S.D., mescaline, psilocybine). Although Swedish public opinion favors a less rigid attitude, government authorities of that country are aligning themselves with international hard-lines out of the fear of an "amphetamine epidemic". The Soviet Union backed by India and communist countries has taken its traditional and unequivocally strong line during U.N. negotiations on drug advocating powerful legislature controls and strong social coercion.

What implications do these seemingly foreign debates hold for Canadians? Such international theatrics are the molding forces of the Protocol on Psychotropic Substances devised by the U.N. Commission on Narcotic Drugs. Canada's agreement to the Protocol during the final negotiations in January, 1971,

could straight-jacket Canadian law makers for decades to come, and make a farce of the Government's claim that full national debate will take place before major policy changes.

In contrast to the recommendations of the interim Le Dain Report, the protocol would make simple possession of amphetamines and hallucinogens a criminal offense. Envisage compulsory treatment for drug offenders as an alternative to prison, and the banning of all drug research which does not have specific prior governmental approval. Canada could be drawn into this repressive stance before the final Le Dain Report comes out in May, 1971. International pressure and the emerging law and order syndrome in our country could hasten this process. Indeed, there is widespread concern among government experts, but they dare not speak out for political reasons.

Three articles of the protocol stand out as repressive measures on extremely complex and highly controversial issues. Article 6 states, "The Parties shall prohibit all use of substances in Schedule I (i.e., L.S.D., mescaline, D.M.T., psilocybine, D.O.M., tetrahydrocannabinols, and a few other psychotropics), except for medical and scientific purposes by re-

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LARGEST CONVOCAATION IN HISTORY

The largest procession of graduates to ever trail down the hill and into the Lady Beaverbrook Rink for the 18th fall Convocation heard Ex Prime Minister Harold Wilson issue a challenge "to defend the individual against the insouciance of economic power gripping the world" in a speech laced with his famous caustic wit.

Stressing that whatever vocation one achieved he must be prepared to look out for his fellow man the EX - PM outlined his life as example of commitment and urged all those present to make a contribution in helping their neighbour.

There are those who assert that private profit, the search for ever-mounting efficiency, the paramount essentials of individuals or family prosperity,

must override all other considerations. Each of us is responsible, in a modern community, for our neighbours.

Just previous to picking up honorary bachelor of laws degree Mr. Wilson went through a token press conference where non questions were answered by non answers in the best diplomatic style of an European politician who have apparently much more sophistication than a local native.

His previous honorary doctorates include the Universities of: Bridgeport (Connecticut) Lancaster, Liverpool, Oxford, Sussex, Nottingham, Bradford and Essex, and is Chancellor of the University of Bradford.

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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT FALL CONVOCAATION

Wha- Happened to N.B. on Monday ?

By David R. Jonah

He didn't look much like a loser as he sat or stood in the midst of jabbering journalists intent on asking him what he planned to do with the rest of his life, now that he was no longer premier, oblivious to the fact that he had only realized that his ten year old government was being retired with the speed of flashing figures, barely minutes before.

Premier Louis J. Robichaud, although composed was attempting to tell the people that he

was no longer premier of this province and that he was happy that democracy had prevailed in the province.

He casually explained that he was amazed at the results of the election, but he felt that the people had wanted a change and he could understand that reasoning.

However, later in private when whispering condolences to his over whelmingly defeated candidates in Moncton which included Finance Minister L.G. DesBrisay, R.B. Lenihan and L. Cyr; he shook his head in disbelief murmuring

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STUDENT ELECTION RESULTS

Vice President

Donald Olmstead 734 elected
Ronald Gaudet 176 defeated
Spoiled 26

Business Reps.

Richard Fisher 74 elected
Thomas Evans 66 defeated
Spoiled

Cannibus Referendum

Yes 522 56.1 percent
No 399 43.3 percent

Senate Election Results

Paul Carson Campbell 653
Thomas Archer Ekers 511
Donald Alexander MacBeath 444
Michael Richard Cochrane 391
Peter Benmore Ashton 386

Elected from UNBSJ:

Vaughn Harold Alwood by acclamation.