

CIASP Deals with Canadian Problems

The Coordination of Inter-American Programs (CIASP) is becoming increasingly involved with Canadian problems rather than those of Mexico.

In the past eight years of its existence, CIASP dealt solely with Mexico. In the past year the organization, aware that there are pressing problems in Canada, decided to expand operations to cover both countries.

The organization is composed of Canadian university students and working individuals who aid regional community development programs by working with people directly involved.

CIASP describes its aims as "a movement of the people which immerses itself in a cross-cultural environment in order to understand its life-style and then to use its experience at home to further the social change needed in today's world."

Previously, CIASP was motivated by a "blind good-will feeling" of sharing. The tendency was to give oneself unconditionally without really realizing that the organization was patronizing and alienating the receiver. In an

attempt to end this, the community development program became a goal rather than a tool.

Expansion is one of the keys of the new movement; the main change being evident in the fact that it will not continue as a Canada - Mexico rural movement, but will take a continental approach instead. It plans to approach social problems on an east-west basis as well as the traditional north-south basis.

The immediate plan for involvement on the Canadian scene includes living and working with Indians on or near reservations, working in "half-way houses" which help adjust Indians who are moving from reservations to urban areas, and working with the Ottawa Youth Service Bureau in what is called a "Post Program", which deals mostly with teen-aged youth. Also planned is a summer research team which will carry on further studies of the Indian problems.

There are several programs planned for Mexico. One of these is a type of exchange program where a Canadian student takes a full-credit course of study at the Uni-

versity of Mexico while working in close contact with CIASP. Students in this program aid in organizing other programs for regional and rural development, and maintain close contact with agencies and other students engaged in these programs.

The regional program consists working with government officials and church leaders in rural and urban surveys. The rural program is perhaps the most educational of all, as the students in this program live and work with the natives themselves in such fields as teaching, medical assistance, and other projects.

The money for these programs is raised by the student volunteers themselves before they begin work in the field. Last year, three Island students, Judy MacKay, Anne Marie MacDonald, and Dolores MacIntyre joined the Mexican program.

UPEI students who wish to participate in the program and receive a rewarding educational experience either in Canada or Mexico may find out more about the program by contacting Dolores MacIntyre.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM "THE BOYS"

YPC President Questions Aid Policy

Provincial Young Progressive Conservative President, Vimy Gregory, has expressed grave concern about a statement by Education Minister, Gordon Bennett carried on the CBC Regional News recently.

Bennett is reported to have said in part that "it maybe better to loan money to university students rather than give them outright grants."

In commenting on this statement, Gregory said: "It seems apparent that the present government does not intend to fulfill its commitment made on April 2, 1968 to the young people of this Province."

Gregory was referring to Premier Campbell's April 2, 1968 "Policy Statement on Post-Secondary Education" which stated that there would be an \$18 million program of student aid in the form of bursaries and scholarships provided under the Comprehensive Development Plan.

He went on to say that "even with the present availability of Canada Student Loans to a maximum of \$1000 many students are still finding it financially impossible to continue their education beyond high school."

He noted that this Student Loan amount only covers about half of the \$2,000 required by P.E.I. students to finance one year at U.P.E.I. or Holland College.

"The whole situation has been made even worse," Gregory continued, "in the fact that since April 1968, two summers of low student employment levels have occurred and, with the present inflationary trend, a third such summer is likely to occur."

In concluding his remarks, the YPC President openly challenged the present government "to reveal the full details of its student aid program at once and to stop any further disillusioning of the young people of this Province."

"A Fair deal needed"- says MacKay

I was very disappointed in the "Direction of the Union" address by Mr. Keaveny. While he did point out a major problem, lack of student involvement in the community, his programs were merely welfare programs (except tenants union) These people do not need more welfare, more handouts. Paintings, Christmas dinners for the poor, do not even recognize the problems let alone solve them.

The welfare system is an ugly diseased growth that must be removed from our society. It takes away men's dignity, crushes their spirit and maintains them in their present situation. What the president of the student union is setting up is another welfare agency, treating the symptoms of poverty instead of working on the causes.

Instead of trying to teach maladjusted individuals like delinquents and alcoholics how to adopt themselves to a society which has been screwing them, we should be trying to change society so that everyone gets a fair deal.

These people are tired of being treated as wards of society and clients of welfare agencies. They want to be treated as human beings not as THINGS to be manipulated. Self-help programs which allow the poor to solve their own problems are what is needed. The Tenants Union now in its formative stages is an example of this.

The problem is that indigent leaders of the slum areas are not in touch with each other, without training, they lack the skills needed to keep a large organization run-

ning, and in most cases it has never occurred to any of them to lead a mass organization. Students can provide the initiative. If you are too proud to advise, to remain in the background, to do research or whatever they ask you, then you can do something meaningful.

I have been attacked because I am so negative, but if you went to some of the houses where four families shared a bathroom, where it was so cold the cockroaches complained and where fire

escapes consist of a rope, then you would be angry with welfare also. It's not hard to see what welfare does to people; just talk to the people on welfare.

I really feel sorry for people who can't or won't distinguish between causes and symptoms.

SMASH WELFARE,
SMASH PATERNALISM
UP WITH PEOPLE

—Dennis MacKay

Poverty meeting held at Rec. Centre

By Alex Burke

A meeting was held Monday night at the Recreation Center at 8 p.m. This meeting was to form a tenants union. The meeting numbered 250 people of all levels of society. The main topic was to unite, and the tenants were told they must play their part in society by keeping the house or apartment in which they lived in first class order. The meeting was told of the regulations being presented to the Minister of Health, and a meeting with the Premier. Regarding these regulations, the Premier sent a memo to the Minister of Health to act on these regulations immediately. Two members of the group told of the conditions they lived in,

cockroaches, rats, etc.

Rev. William Simpson of the Catholic Church spoke of being well organized. Larry McPherson asked that the poor unite together with their committee in order to combat their situations and conditions.

Mr. Murphy, from a union in Charlottetown, spoke about the proper way to bargain with their committee within the union. The meeting was well represented by the press and CFCY radio station. The next meeting is to be called for December 16 at 8 p.m. to select an executive to carry out the commitments of the union. This meeting is open to the public.

'Frisco may die

SAN FRANCISCO (CUP-CPS) — A Stanford Professor has predicted that the Bay area "will die soon".

"Ecological catastrophe is here now and we need only to open our eyes and see it," Dr. Robert Driback, a professor at Stanford's Medical school claimed.

He called for legislation to control population growth in the San Francisco area, reusing post-resource fuel sources rather than consuming more natural resources, banning individual automobiles, and taxing combustible engines 50 cents per mile.

The ecologist announced his

program at a news conference for his soon-to-be-published 576 page survey, "Handbook of the San Francisco Region."

But the doctor was pessimistic. "I'm not sure I'd like living with all those restrictions," he said, "I don't expect many reforms."

He charged the American consumer with fondling his automobile "as though it was a sacred cow."

He cited figures that the amount of waste dumped into the Bay annually could build a wall 36 feet wide and 30 feet high from downtown San Francisco to San Jose (nearly 60 miles).

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