

A Visit From Vladimir Kirilov

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The first secretary of the Russian Embassy in Canada, Vladimir Kirilov, spoke in the pit on 22 March, 1988.

Though his first remark was, "I don't know what to talk about," he spoke for roughly a half an hour about the spirit of reform in the Soviet Union. He spoke generally of the economic problems of the Soviet Union, reiterating several times that they lacked "efficient productivity in an age of technological advance".

He attributed the cause of mismanagement and wage levelling. With regard to management he indicated that the traditional habit of commanding inferiors was no longer acceptable. In the past, he said that the economy was centralized but "now every plant are being given their autonomy." An example of such autonomy is the fact that now every plant

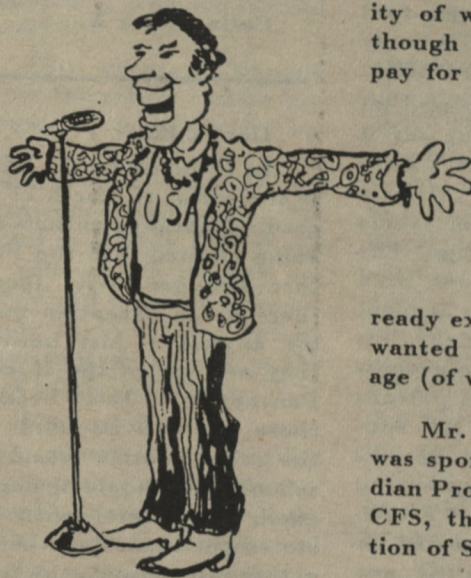
"has the right to sign contracts with foreign countries, as long as fifty-one percent of the capital belongs to the Soviet Union." However, the countries with whom such arrangements were made were primarily Eastern Bloc countries.

With regard to wage levelling, Mr. Kirilov stated that people were being given wages "for what they were not doing." It was common to not arrive at work on Monday morning until 11:00 AM. The new policy advocates the principle that "you have to get what you produce." Mr. Kirilov described the Soviet Union as a "human society, but a practical society".

The Soviet Union's desire to end the arms race stems from two reasons, according to Vladimir Kirilov. One is a desire to live in

peace. The other is the need to channel resources into the development of the economy. He said that socialism and communism would be achieved throughout the world, but, to do so, the Soviet Union had to improve its way of life, so as to make its system more attractive.

For roughly a half an hour, Mr. Vladimir answered questions. During the question period, he mentioned the recent introduction of polls in the Soviet Union to assess public opinion. He indicated that the results of such polls were given to the media. With regard to the equality of women, he said that though a policy of "equal pay for equal work" was al-



ready existent, many women wanted a "greater percentage (of women) on top."

Mr. Kirilov's visit was sponsored by the Canadian Programming Service of CFS, the Canadian Federation of Students.

Man dies on campus

WHILE WALKING his dog, a man died on campus Tuesday evening. The UPEI Security Department says that John Bernard Fleming, a 64 year old Sherwood resident was found laying on a snow bank behind the Utility Building shortly before 6:00pm. He was discovered by Gem staff member Daniel Mullen as he was heading into the building for a meeting.

"I checked for breathing but there wasn't any", said Mullen. "Then I went in to get Security"

An ambulance was called and the man was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. He was pronounced dead on arrival. Ambulance attendants said they thought Mr. Fleming had suffered a heart attack.

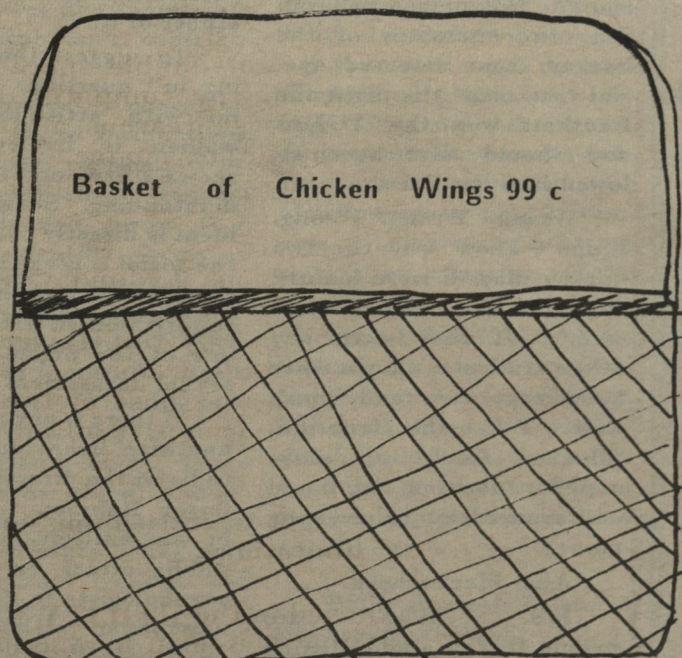
Neither Security nor Mullen knew how much time passed before Fleming was found.

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