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Baptist Fight Over Acadia Heading For Early Climax

By DAL WARRINGTON
 WOLFVILLE, N.S. (CP) — A fight to restrict Baptist control over Acadia University here may reach a climax soon with introduction of a bill to revise its charter in the Nova Scotia legislature.

The bill, sponsored by representatives of the university alumni, faculty and board of governors, would cut to 25 per cent the proportion of board members appointed by the Atlantic Baptist Convention. The convention now appoints all 30 governors, although 14 are nominated by the alumni.

So far there has been no hint how legislative members will treat the bill.

The convention executive headed by President Kenneth E. Spencer of Moncton, N.B., has announced it will fight "a change which would deprive this convention of historic rights."

RESULT OF CONTROVERSY
 The bill is the product of controversy over "a threat to academic freedom" at the Annapolis Valley university. The dispute broke into the open in August when the convention adopted a recommendation that non-Christians be barred from the faculty and that governors' terms in office be limited to six years instead of nine.

The present faculty includes Jews and avowed agnostics, who, in the light of the convention's action, are said to be uneasy about their future at Acadia. Some critics see the proposed shortening of governors' terms as a move to replace some "liberal" board members in the shortest possible time.

However, Erik S. Hansen, president of Acadia's Associated Alumni, says the bill to revise the university's act of incorporation will provide for a six-year term with eligibility for reappointment.

Writing in the latest issue of The Bulletin, an alumni publication, he says the bill will increase the number of governors to 36 from 30. Nine would be appointed by the Baptist convention, nine by the alumni, nine by the governing board itself and nine by the Nova Scotia government. The Acadia president, Dr. James Beveridge, would also be a member, ex-officio.

OPPOSED RULE
 After the Baptist convention adopted its "Christian faculty" rule last summer the alumni executive, faculty and board of governors issued statements opposing it. Dr. Beveridge and the faculty condemned it as "incompatible with the principle of academic integrity" and "an affront to the democratic tradition of freedom and of intellectual liberty."

The alumni organization polled its membership and announced that 51 per cent voted 9-0-1 in favor of limiting Baptist control.

Founded in 1838 by the Nova Scotia Baptist Educational Society, Acadia University this year enrolled about 1,500 students. It is co-educational and offers degrees and diplomas in arts and science, theology, home economics, engineering, education, secretarial science, music and commerce.

Walpole Is. Indian Council Approves Self-Government

WALLACEBURG, Ont. (CP) — Walpole Island's more than 1,500 Indian reserve residents, the first in Canada to be granted self-government on a one-year trial basis, have asked Ottawa to make the changeover permanent, following a meeting of the band's 10-member council.

The vote was not unanimous. Seven approved continuing self-government and three were opposed on grounds certain Indian rights might be lost under the system.

After the ballot was taken, councillors met with officials of the Indian affairs branch.

T. L. Bonnah, regional supervisor for the branch, expressed satisfaction with the decision made by the Walpole band and said residents of five other Indian reserves now are seeking self-government.

Most of these, he said, had been waiting to see how successful the Walpole plan would be. Walpole Island is offshore Wallaceburg, 30 miles south of Sarnia.

Ottawa Plans Automobile Safety Code

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government is developing an automobile safety code which should "influence the development of safe automobiles," Industry Minister Drury told the Commons Monday.

Answering a question from Howard Graftey (PC—Brome-Missisquoi) Mr. Drury said the code will contain information on characteristics of drivers and roads which are related to accident frequency.

"The vehicle section will contain information, including standards to govern safety features which is intended to reduce the number of accidents and to reduce the severity of injuries when accidents do occur."

The code "could also serve as the basis for achieving uniformity of vehicle legislation and regulations."

The code is being developed by the federal government's specifications board in co-operation with provincial government and interested industrial, professional, safety and research organizations.

"It is proposed to give a high priority to the vehicle section, but sections dealing with human and environmental factors will be proceeded with simultaneously."

Mr. Drury said that there is no governmental authority in Canada that exercises active control over the safer production of cars in Canada.

Peace March Is Planned

OTTAWA (CP) — Plans for a march on Ottawa, Easter Sunday, April 10, to present a brief to the government outlining means of achieving peace in Viet Nam have been announced by the New Democratic Youth, the young people's arm of the New Democratic Party.

The announcement said similar demonstrations would take place in major urban centres across Canada by those "who are disappointed by the leadership provided by the Canadian government" over the Viet Nam question.

Terry Morley, national president of the group, said in a statement: "Our duty is clearly to fight for a practical solution within the framework of the Geneva agreement—treaty that calls for free elections in Viet Nam."

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