

LEADERS ASK PROFESSOR'S DISCIPLINING

Remarks to Be Referred
to Education Minister,
Says Hepburn as Drew
Joins in Denunciation
ON TRINITY'S STAFF

Disciplinary action by the board of governors of the University of Toronto on Prof. G. M. A. Grube for having, according to report, stated at a C.C.F. convention that Canadian defense appropriations were "a waste of public funds in the interests of British Imperialism" was urged yesterday in the Ontario Legislature. Premier Hepburn promised the House that the incident would be referred to the Minister of Education

Behind the demand for action, in which both leaders joined, lay the conviction that the Trinity College classics professor had transgressed the principles of free speech in his statement, particularly at the present critical time.

T. A. Murphy (Con., Toronto-Beaches) in bringing the issue before the House, reminded that members, but a few weeks ago, had unanimously supported a resolution of loyalty to the Crown. He pointed out that the university, of which he said Professor Grube was an employee, was receiving a provincial grant of some \$2,000,000, and he believed there should be an explanation from the board of governors.

Hepburn Agrees.

"I heartily agree," said Premier Hepburn, "and I think the point is well taken. This government does contribute heavily toward the University of Toronto. Usually when we find communistic activities, we find among them leading spokesmen who are associated with our universities. I feel this man should be disciplined and I will refer it to the Minister of Education, who unfortunately today is away on O.E.A. matters.

"Of course, we must not infringe

on the right of free speech. But I do believe employees of a university should not transgress on the good nature of the people of this province, particularly at this critical time."

Colonel George Drew, Opposition Leader, also emphasized that there must not be a violation of the principles of free speech, but at the same time he held the statement was a "particularly disturbing example of what is constantly being said by people who are in a position to influence the minds of many young people." He said also that because a man was in the government employ he should not be deprived on that ground alone of the right of expression.

"But a man who is a professor in what you will all agree is one of the greatest universities on the continent should have some regard for the things he says, for his words carry weight among the young people," he said.

Declaring that the time was the most critical since the Great War, he asserted it was evident that Professor Grube was "seeking to spread seditious poison among the young people he is supposed to teach and influence," and that he believed an explanation should be made of "such outrageous remarks."

Colonel Fraser Hunter (Lib., St. Patrick), member of the riding in which the university is situated, added his approval to the stand taken by the two Leaders.

Not On University Staff.

Dr. H. J. Cody, president of the University of Toronto, last night pointed out the professor was not on the staff of the university.

"Professor Grube," he said, "is a professor of classics at Trinity College, and is appointed by, supervised by and paid by the Corporation of Trinity College. He is not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto at all.

"I am very sorry Professor Grube made the statement, and I entirely disagree with it. But he is not under our jurisdiction, and I think that matter ought to be made clear."

"Then the members of the Legislature erred in their belief that Professor Grube was paid in part by the province's grant to the University of Toronto?" Dr. Cody was asked.

"He is not paid one cent from the Legislative grant," replied the president. "And the same situation is true of all the federated colleges, such as Trinity, Victoria and St. Michael's."

Professor Grube declined to comment.

CONANT AGREES TO LIMIT POWERS GRANTED POLICE

The shades of Gilbert and Sullivan and their oft-quoted suggestion that "a policeman's lot is not a happy one" were invoked yesterday in the Ontario Legislature to secure from the government an agreement to limit the powers of constables under the proposed Constables Act.

The legislation was designed in part to give a municipal constable authority to "act as a constable throughout Ontario," and was drafted by Hon. Gordon Conant, Attorney-General, with the thought in mind that a wider jurisdiction was required in the modern age of fast transportation and the "get-away," in the interests of law enforcement.

He pointed out that only the provincial police were empowered at the present time to act as constables anywhere in the province. W. J. Stewart (Con., Toronto-Parkdale) raised the question as to responsibility of costs in event a Toronto constable, for example, was injured in the line of duty while outside of the city.

Hon. Leopold Macaulay claimed the act had gone beyond the limit. "It gives, for example, a Toronto policeman who happened to be in Sudbury on a vacation the same rights as a local constable. I think we have gone too far."

Opposition Leader Drew, quoting from the opera, was of the opinion that the only time a constable could really be happy would be in the event that he was far beyond the jurisdiction of his own municipality and took a notion to enforce the law as he thought it should be done. Colonel Drew emphasized that he was not anticipating such a difficulty and that he had faith in police discretion. But at the same time, he said, he was concerned about "what could happen under that section."

Mr. Conant agreed to revise the section so that it would place some restriction on police powers, and Premier Hepburn, accepting the Opposition's suggestion, added: "Some time ago the Club Esquire was raided by the Toronto police, which was perfectly proper because it was within their jurisdiction. At the same time, I don't think it would be proper for the police, say, of Windsor to come down here and raid the club. I am happy that my colleague is prepared to make an amendment to take care of the situation."