

A tempest blew up in the fall of 1964 when **Kenneth More**, the Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for **Regina**, charged in the House of Commons that a Russian professor was indoctrinating **Regina** Campus students with Communist ideas. A.B. Nicolaev, professor of economics at Moscow State University, was spending a year at the campus as part of a cultural exchange program between Canada and the USSR. **More** said he had received complaints from several parents who were perplexed to learn that a Communist was teaching their children.¹¹ The student council accused the Conservative **MP** of trying to interfere with the academic freedom of the university, and Principal Riddell said that to deny Nicolaev the right to teach would be an action characteristic of totalitarian societies: "... the purpose of education is to develop critical and analytical intelligence and it's automatic that a university must be a place where students may gain the capacity to criticize and analyze all points of view."¹² The storm blew over, and Nicolaev was allowed to stay.