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The announcement that William L. Holland is to head the University of British Columbia's department of Asiatic studies has brought memories of U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy to the West Coast. It has also caused a bit of a fuss in the United States, and produces a little more anti-American feeling in U.B.C. faculty circles.

Until recently, Mr. Holland was the long-time secretary-general of the now moribund Institute of Pacific Relations. This is the international group which has its headquarters in New York and which, together with its branch south of the border, the American Institute of Pacific Affairs, was subjected to many investigations by the U.S. House and Senate un-American activities committee, once headed by Sen. McCarthy.

As a result of those investigations, the IPR is being liquidated and, says

Mr. Holland, an official statement of this is expected in the next few weeks. He says the move was made necessary because, following a Government ruling, IPR lost its tax exemption privileges on donations. The ruling was later reversed by court order, but the support stayed away anyway.

To hear the 53-year-old, New Zealand-born American discuss the events leading to his present post is to be taken right into the high-level intrigues of the great American witch-hunt. For example, he has stated Sen. McCarthy was determined to prove that Professor Owen Lattimore, connected with both IPR and the State Department, was the top Soviet spy in the United States.

Sen. McCarthy's efforts failed, and his friend Senator Pat McCarran took up the case where Sen. McCarthy left off. All the investigations proved fruitless, but it appears that in the wind-up of IPR the late senator from Wisconsin has seized victory from the

grave. Unconsoled, the Hearst press has expressed its chagrin at Mr. Holland's appointment by shouting "good riddance."

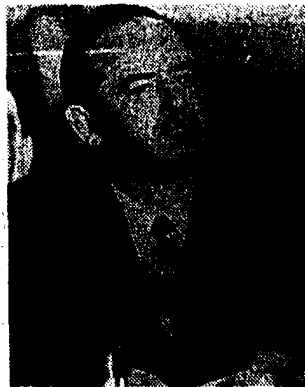
U.B.C. President Norman MacKenzie is unworried by all this, and believes that New York's loss is Canada's gain. The former IPR man brings with him a 3,000-volume library on Asian affairs which reputedly is without peer on this continent, plus stocks of 200 IPR publications. In addition, IPR's famous *Journal of Pacific Affairs* will continue to be edited by Mr. Holland and will be published here by U.B.C.

Contrary to some newspaper reports, however, IPR is not moving to Vancouver, and Mr. Holland will be working for UBC only. For Dr. MacKenzie, the capture of this expert on Asian affairs ends an eight-year search for a suitable head for his beloved department of Asiatic studies. "We have some fine people," he stated, "but getting a department like this off the ground is not easy."

The disappearance of IPR (which was linked with 15 international organizations including the Canadian Institute of International Affairs), will leave a serious gap in the Asiatic fields on this continent. But, says Mr. Holland, this is attributable to deliberate U.S. Government policy. He says the gap will be felt particularly by Allen Dulles' Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. services, all of which were eager purchasers of IPR publications.

Dr. MacKenzie is unconcerned about that, too, but has given vent to some anger on the issue of U.S. criticism of the appointment and of IPR.

"We are not averse to having Mr. Holland and we have had no end of letters from all over the Commonwealth commending us." He furiously rejects the idea that IPR was Communist-infiltrated. "I don't want to sound anti-American," he said, sounding anti-American, "but I was and am against that kind of attack. It is disgraceful."



Senator Joseph McCarthy



William L. Holland: Insight into intrigue.

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