

Foreign job rip-off exposed

from the Martlet

Students who want to go to Europe should read the letter 18-year-old Julie Driver sent to the Vancouver Sun before they get involved with companies that promise to get them a job and a place to stay overseas.

Julie wanted to go to Europe and made arrangements to get a job and a place to live through a company called Youth Exchange Services based in Belgium. She made the arrangements through a prof at Queens University who says he was as taken in as Julie and the other students who ended up getting taken.

Julie sent a cheque for \$135 and according to her mother, the Mr. Effruttis who runs the company tried to get another cheque from Julie when she got to Belgium by claiming the first cheque had not arrived when in fact the cheque had been cashed, cancelled and sent to Julie's home in Cranbrook.

Mrs. Driver told the Martlet Julie had written home that not only did she have to find her own job but that Effruttis had placed them in really shabby accommodation and some of the girls had money and jewellery stolen. Effruttis would only meet them on the street and when a number of the people got together to confront him, he told them he would simply go bankrupt.

Eventually Julie wrote a letter to the editor of the Vancouver Sun and her home town paper, The Daily Townsman picked that up.

Following is the letter Julie wrote to The Sun:

"I'm a 18-year-old Canadian girl from Kimberley who has had a bad experience in Europe. I want to warn other young innocents.

"I decided to take a year off before going to university to search a bit of adventure in Europe. And adventure I found....

"I worked through an overseas student job-finding service which called itself 'non-profit'. This 'non-profit' organization sent me a nice little booklet of propaganda. 'Over 10,000 students have been happily placed, etc.'"

"I wrote with many questions and told them I wanted to join. The only replies I ever received were vaguely general and completely non-binding.

"But I was too excited to notice (me! IN Europe!). I eagerly mailed off a cheque for \$135 and awaited my promised preparation material.

"I was phoned one morning by the Canadian correspondent and told that I was two weeks late for work, to take the next plane. He assured me that the 'preparation material' had been in the mail for days. I have yet to receive it, four months later.

"This way nothing binding was ever signed by them. Me, I'd signed by life away!

"So, I arrived in Belgium, \$25 in my pocket, not knowing anything about the money, customs, work-stay permits, etc. I was not met at the airport (I'd paid \$16 for a 'reception') but received a curt telegram with a youth hostel address and an appointment time to be at the office the next day.

"I arrived as the 'director' was leaving. He stopped just long enough to ask me what the hell I was doing there two weeks early and left for more pressing business.

"I found out later that his pressing business included avoiding a great variety of other 'customers' including eight Canadian university students who had paid \$1,500 each.

"The bureau did not have a job for me, not in two weeks, not even in six. I finally smartened up and looked for myself. Now, I'm an au pair with a really nice French family and quite happy.

"I was lucky - I ran into all sorts of nice people. But some of the other kids have been really hurt. So, I'd like to offer some pointers to other young people travelling abroad:

"Investigate any organization you have dealings with; don't let them be your sole source of information (write the Canadian Embassy and a better business bureau);

"Be very careful where and what you sign; make sure you have their official signature.

"Hang on to your hard-earned money; don't pay before the contract is fulfilled as stipulated;

"Don't be scared of Europe; it's an exciting place, full of wonderful people. But as anywhere, there are crooks ready to prey on supposedly 'rich' Canadians. So, be one percent hard-core sophistication and 99 percent youthful innocence and enjoy yourself."

NUS guide to takeovers

(ENS) - More than 700 college and university student leaders in Britain received pamphlets last week on how to occupy and take over their campuses.

The booklet, called a "Direct Action Briefing", was written and distributed by the National Union of Students. The guide offers detailed instructions on how student leaders should go about organizing occupations of campus facilities, how to lawfully picket and trespass, and how to prepare for a takeover by laying political groundwork and propaganda.

The booklet also includes instructions on occupying government buildings and how to pull off a sneak occupation without alerting police.

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A world renowned cancer researcher will present the Shevchenko Memorial Lecture at the University of Alberta Thursday, March 20 at 8 p.m.

Dr. Leon Dmochowski, professor of virology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital, will speak on "Cancer and Cancer Research: Present Status and Future Outlook."

The public lecture will be held in Room TL-11 of the Henry Marshall Tory Building located on Saskatchewan Drive and 112 Street. It is sponsored by the Ukrainian Professional and Business Men's Club, the Provincial Cancer Hospitals Board and the Canadian Cancer Society.

The focal point of Dr. Dmochowski's work is tumors and viruses and their relationship to cancer. He joined

ed the staff of the M.D. Anderson Hospital in 1955 as chief of the virology and electron microscopy section, a position he held until 1965.

Dr. Dmochowski, who holds Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, was professor of experimental pathology at the University of Texas Post Graduate School of Medicine from 1955 to 1964. He was also clinical professor of microbiology at Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston from 1955 to 1965.

He has been a member of the United States Public Health Service Acute Leukemia Task Force since 1964 and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, London; the London Society of Tropical Medicine

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