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Wardell Under Fire

Why is it that a man like Michael Wardell who is so strong a law and order man objects to the proper execution of the duties of the Combines Investigation Department?

The girl in the picture lead a raid in which Michael Wardell said: "Both the Gleaner office and his home were raided, desks of executives were rifled and he was treated as if he was a member of the Mafia."

If Michael Wardell and his paper are so innocent why should he object to a search by a Federal Government Department which had a formal order to go in? But if he has something to hide, we see a reason for wanting any and all investigators kept out. A recurrent theme in Gleaner editorials is that the police and other related agencies should have more power to uphold the law. Mr. Wardell places himself above the law. That's not cricket, sir.

OTTAWA - An attractive brunette in a bright green dress, Mrs. Susannah Dalfen blushed yesterday at a Senate Committee on Mass Media hearing when she was described as leader of "a vice squad."

Mrs. Dalfen, a McGill-trained economist, is with combines investigation.

Her boss, D.H.W. Henry, director of investigation and research under the Combines Investigation Act, said she led a raid complained of earlier by Brig. Michael Wardell, publisher of the Fredericton Gleaner in New Brunswick.

Later, committee counsel Yves Fortier referred to the team as a vice squad and asked Henry if he instructed such teams to look through newspapers for a certain period and find out what was and was not published and what was given prominence.

Henry said he hadn't done this, "but perhaps we should." He would be reluctant to second-guess an editor, but he'd certainly try to find out if there had been any deliberate burying of important news for social reasons.

Senator C.R. McElman (Liberal-N.B.) who was the target of the wrath of Wardell and millionaire N.B. industrialist K.C. Irving last month at the hearings, asked Henry if he sent notice of the information he required before sending in the squad.

Henry said it was normal procedure "not to say we're coming... The reason is simple: We don't want evidence removed."

The director said a search is normal in alleged conspiracy cases and in some merger cases.

Brig. Wardell complained to the committee that both the Gleaner office and his home were raided, desks of executives were rifled and he was treated "as if I were a member of the Mafia." He called the combines investigation raid "a gross, insupportable insult."

Irving's brief said he owns all five English-language newspapers in N.B., but he testified the deal for Wardell's Gleaner had not actually been consummated, however, he had "access to control" of it.

McElman said to Henry, "You didn't break down the door...?"

"We try not to," said Henry. "We go in with a formal order."

The lady in green smiled mischievously.



Would Abolish Churches

by willa dawsonhenderson

The Student Christian Movement, on twenty or more campuses throughout Canada, is headed by Tom Murphy (interviewed in Bruns last week).

The SCM has a history dating from 1921 when it began as a critic of the church. In the 1930's it became involved with the Canadian Communist Movement. Today the SCM has aligned itself with the student movement.

It is a small organization in that it is run on a volunteer basis. There are about three hundred members at present. It is run on a different system than was CUS says Mr. Murphy.

He, "Challenges anyone to show me where CUS presence was felt in any given university campus. At least in half of the Canadian campuses the SCM is a factor on campus."

It is a non-sectarian group, in that it does not adhere to any single ideology. It is in essence a left wing organization.

Murphy feels that for a movement to succeed it has to begin from the bottom up and not the top down which he thinks is another failing of CUS.

One of the main objects of the SCM is to overthrow the church, because the members firmly believe that the established church is of no relevance in our society.

Murphy sees himself as having two primary functions. He feels he is a communications link between campuses, relating what goes on on other campuses. Secondly, he does not see it his job to work particularly with the SCM's on a given campus, if that SCM tends to be a "irrelevant organization."

Murphy's interpretation of revolution relates that there can be a society which is not based on a three per cent unemployment rate. One in which exists in Canada. A society in which pollution doesn't have to be made profitable, and racial discrimination is not a bonus. Murray says, "We can be a co-operative animal as easily as a competitive one," and therefore he advocates a change of attitude within society. He does not condone violence but feels if it is necessary it is all right.

He has doubts as to how long the SCM will survive, seeing as "it is the only

national student organization still standing."

Murphy a former student of UNB, and writer for the Brunswickan, feels that CUS had the structure of a national organization, which could have been changed, but instead it has been destroyed. He does not think that student organizations based on SRC's are relevant. He adds to this by saying that "SRC's pretty well depend on petty sandbox politicians playing little games and don't really get into the issues involved." He feels that a national student organization is going to have to depend on volunteer support at the local base. The real test for the availability of the SRC would be to stop the organization for a few months and observe the changes on campus. If there were none, the the SRC was totally irrelevant.

Murphy himself has damned our political structure, and our law courts, and was put in jail for contempt of court. He has travelled to the Far East where he made intensive studies of both Japan and China.

Murphy sympathizes with the Japanese student revolutionary movement. He would like to see one of similar intensity here.