

"Lolita" linked to child abuse

[ZNS]—A group of 10 professional women in New York City has launched a picket protest against the Broadway play "Lolita," charging that the play "gives encouragement and permission to men to engage in sexual activity" with a child without regard to its harmful effects.

The women charge that what they call the "Lolita syndrome" is rapidly growing in the U.S. A syndrome which "makes sexual objects out of little girls and legitimizes their sexual abuse."

Dr. Helen Rodriguez-Triaz, a Manhattan pediatrician who has worked with many sexually abused children, says the group denounces the

erotocized images of little girls in Calvin Klein jeans ads, in magazines such as "Playboy, Penthouse and Hustler,



in cosmetic ads, and especially in the play "Lolita."

"Lolita," which is currently being previewed in New York and is scheduled to open on March 19th, stars Donald Sutherland as Humbert Humbert and Blanche Baker as the 12-year-old Lolita with whom Humbert is infatuated.

The protestors, who include a social worker specializing in child abuse, as well as two authors who have written books on the subject, say that of three-and-a-half million children born each year, 600,000 will have a sexual experience with an adult before their 14th birthdays.

Who likes Ronnie? Bonzo?

OTTAWA [CUP]—More than 4000 people gathered on Parliament Hill, March 10 to protest U.S. president Ronald Reagan's visit to Canada.

The crowd, carrying placards and banners and shouting slogans such as "Yankee

go home" and "U.S. imperialism out of Canada," marched around the lawn in front of the Parliament buildings while Regan met with Trudeau inside.

Two separate demonstrations were organized to pro-

test acid rain, and U.S. intervention in El Salvador, and drew people from Montreal, Toronto and local regions.

When Reagan left the hill in a motorcade, the crowd lined the barricades and shouted, booed and jeered at the president they addressed as "Bonzo."

David Langille, an Ottawa resident, and the person responsible for the El Salvador 'groups' sound system, was arrested on charges of "causing a disturbance by shouting."

Ottawa police said Langille was "telling people to do something that would have been illegal, so we thought we'd do something to stop it before it happened." The sound system, a loud speaker connected to a power pack, was held as evidence.

Langille was released after one hour, and was to appear in court March 11. He was unavailable for comment.

Tom McMillan, PC energy critic, warned the crowd that the damage the U.S. is causing to their own environment is affecting the Canadian environment. He said four million metric tons of acid rain have fallen on Canada in the last year and over half of this is caused by American industrial waste.

Marguerita Sanborn from the Revolutionary Democratic Front of El Salvador called on Prime Minister Trudeau to listen to "Canadian public opinion" and "take a definite stand and denounce American intervention in El Salvador."

NDP leader Ed Broadbent denounced the American government for providing increased aid to the military junta.

"We must let these people solve their own problems," he said.

Following the speeches, organizers asked the protestors to march to the Prime Minister's residence, where the Reagans were dining with Trudeau.

NEWS BRIEFS

Class valedictorians cometh

Students wishing to be valedictorians for their graduating class should pass their nominations in to their student society before March 27, says Michelle McKenzie, Graduating Class president and chairperson of the Graduating Week Committee.

Class valedictorians for Administrative Studies, Health Professions and Arts and Science will be expected to prepare and present a brief speech to their faculty during convocations.

"I think that valedictorians will be very visible persons", says McKenzie. "There will be one student representative up there during convocation and that will be the valedictorian."

She says the Valedictorian selection committee, which consists of McKenzie, Student Union President Gord Owen and two reps from the Graduating Class Committee, will be looking for several qualities in applicants.

"We're basically looking for someone who has been involved in students societies, who has good marks and who can provide good representation for other students in the class. We want someone they can get along with and who can express the feelings of the graduates."

McKenzie says nominations should first be given to the appropriate society. Societies will then each forward five nominations to the selections committee from which they can make their decisions. Enabling societies to participate in the selection process should improve and facilitate the screening process, she says.

Committee on Women is founded

On Tuesday, March 17, a founding committee defined the structure of the new **Committee on Women**, which is subject to ratification at the next Student Council meeting. The committee was approved in principle by Council last Sunday.

Anne Balandis initiated the idea for a committee on women, to investigate and propose solutions to issues concerning women students at Dalhousie. The founding meeting elected people to fill the executive positions. Membership will be open to any Dalhousie student.

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