

# Amnesty International

## AIMS

Amnesty International is a world-wide human rights movement which is independent of any government, political faction, ideology or religious creed. It works for the release of women and men everywhere who are imprisoned for their beliefs, colour, ethnic origin or religion, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence.

There are hundreds of thousands of such 'prisoners of conscience' throughout the world. In Indonesia alone there are more than 55,000 political prisoners, the vast majority having been detained without trial since 1965. There are being held for their alleged connection with the attempted coup of that year. South Africa and Rhodesia refuse to tolerate opponents of apartheid despite condemnation of this racist policy by the rest of the world. Offenders are held under the notorious Terrorism Act, and face a minimum of five years imprisonment, a maximum sentence of death. In the U.S.S.R. many individuals are arrested for religious activity, the defence of human rights in general, or for attempts to leave the country. Prisoners are confined in corrective labour colonies, prisons and psychiatric hospitals.

For its humanitarian work in more than sixty countries Amnesty International has been dubbed: "...an instrument of Communist terrorism which aids guerillas throughout the world" (a Brazilian

newspaper); an organization "founded in the first place to carry out anti-Soviet propaganda, and by means of treachery and hypocrisy to penetrate... the internal affairs of the Soviet Union and the socialist countries" (a Soviet newspaper); an "imperialist body... a dangerous international political organization which pokes its dirty nose into the affairs of other countries" (a Ghanaian newspaper).

Amnesty International also opposes the use of torture and capital punishment in all cases and without reservation. Governments of some thirty countries throughout the world officially sanction the use of torture in conjunction with political detention. Torture methods range from barbarism and beatings, through all manner of sexual degradation and humiliation, to psychological torture resulting in permanent emotional disturbance. There is now a world trade in sophisticated instruments of torture.

## METHODS

At an international level Amnesty International is concerned with careful research into specific cases of prisoners of conscience and of torture. Its findings are passed on to the local groups, and also publicized widely in the media and in separate documents and books. Missions, both legal and investigative, are sent all over the world to attend trials and represent prisoners. Several major conferences have

been held on political imprisonment and torture.

Locally, the Halifax group is one of nearly 1600 local sections in 31 countries. The group has adopted four prisoners: a Moroccan student, and Indonesian businessman, a Rumanian bricklayer and a Chilean medical student. Letters are written to the governments, lawyers, prisons, embassies, etc. expressing concern about the prisoner in question, reminding the authorities of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, and requesting an early trial and/or release. Contact is also established with the prisoner's family and, where possible, with the prisoner herself, in order to provide moral support and, in some cases, material assistance.

Members also support specific appeals on behalf of the three 'prisoners of the month' whose cases are high-lighted in the newsletter; they are active in the Campaign Against Torture, and in a variety of fund-raising and educational efforts.

Regular luncheon meetings, with speakers, are held every second Friday in the Educational Department, Oxford Street, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. There are also monthly business meetings on the

second Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. in the Dalhousie SUB. For further information, please contact Lynn or Dorrik Stow, 424-3655 (Office) 422-2505 (Home), or Corrie Douma, 463-3498.

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## Intramurals

The Intramural Director and staff are hard at work with fall preparations to bring to the faculty and students an exciting and challenging programme of events.

The Intramural Activities are divided into four divisions: Men's Inter-Faculty, Residence Halls, Co-Ed, and Women's.

Individual tournament sports or special events, i.e. golf, tennis,

canoe races, cross-country, and swimming are offered through the programme and may be entered individually by both men and women. Faculty and staff are also invite to join in the participation.

Entry forms are available from your faculty sports representative or at the Intramural office and must be submitted on the date required

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## Students for part time work

This September the Dal Campus Security force will be looking for able bodied, "responsible" students to work on their staff. The word "responsible" probably needs explanation.

This summer Dalhousie University was exploring the possibility of replacing students on the Campus Police force with full-time non-student personnel. This plan was formulated because of the past record of irresponsibility of student campus police.

However, after some conciliation and consideration, the university has decided to let students remain on the security force mainly due to the guarantee of student responsibility given to them by Dalhousie Student Union President Gord Neal.

If anyone is interested in obtaining part-time employment on the university's security force they should be aware that not only are they working to obtain financial assistance but they are also representing students in a "responsible" light. Their conduct while employed by the security force could determine to continuance or termination of student part-time work on the Campus Security force in the future (conduct meaning tardiness and being available for work when you are called). Interested students should contact Gordon Neal in

Room 222 of the Student Union Building before September 17th, 1976.

While you were away something new came to Halifax.

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