

Peace-seeker says aid creates corrupt society

By GREG GERTZ

Forty Toronto peace seekers gathered last Thursday night to discuss their efforts to bring peace to the world.

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She described the use of "aid" to third world countries as a form of imperialism, and spoke specifically of the role of the United States in South Vietnam.

"US aid has created a distorted society and a corrupt bourgeoisie interested only in making more money," she charged.

"Most of the aid was for military purposes and did nothing to help the poor. Even the food that was sent was sold by the government to get money for arms."

"The South Vietnamese government used the money to balance their budget, 80 per cent of which goes to the military," she said. "Very little

goes to aid in development, to build industries, strengthen agriculture and train technicians."

Duff, 63, said the US would spend two billion dollars in South Vietnam this year "for arms, for training police, for prisons and for very low wages."

She said the Vietnamese hate the society that has been created, where inflation is rampant, the women have been made prostitutes, the government is corrupt and food is short.

"We must educate people about what the big countries mean by aid, and develop a system of aid that will really help people," she said.

Representatives of local activist organizations spoke briefly on the political situations in Greece, Chile, the Portuguese colonies and the Middle East, and on the plight of "prisoners of conscience" throughout the world.

The meeting was sponsored by the Voice of Women.

TCLPAC backs new African state

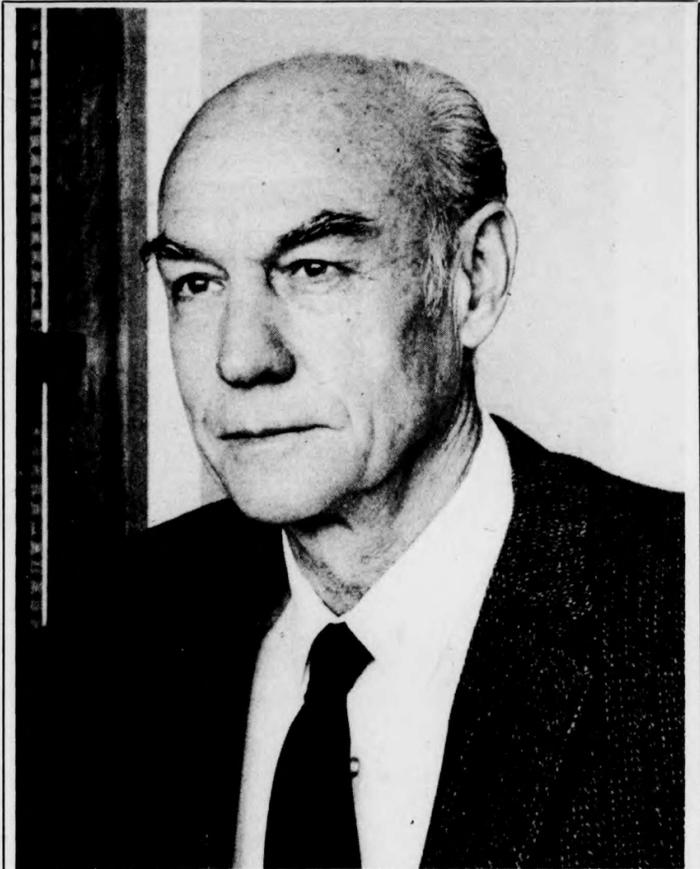
The Toronto Committee for the Liberation of Portugal's African Colonies is calling on the Canadian government to recognize Guine-Bissau, the West African country which declared its independence Sept. 24.

The new state, parts of which are still controlled by Portugal, has been recognized by 59 countries. Portugal also controls Angola and Mozambique, which have their own liberation movements.

Canada, a co-member with Portugal in NATO trades extensively with the African colonies.

Groups like TCLPAC are urging Canadians to boycott products from these countries, and especially Angolan coffee (General, Nestles and Standard brands), which are important to Portugal's continued domination of the colonies.

According to TCLPAC, the Canadian government has stated that it will not aid liberation movements engaged in violence, but that it deplores Portuguese colonialism.



Dr. Roger Sperry, professor of psychobiology at the California Institute of Technology, will speak on Changing concepts of Mind: Some Value Implications, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in moot court, Osgoode Hall.

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Excalibur trekked over this week and found the fare tasty and filling, with a \$3.25 combination platter able to feed two quite handsomely — a nice change from Versa.

The licensed tavern has live folk entertainment and a beautiful room downstairs (currently unused) for student groups. If you have an hour to check it out, take the bus from under the Ross ramp hourly between noon and 1 am.



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