

# Non-violent activists use leaflets and blood

MONTREAL (CUP)—People must take non-violent direct action and start working towards disarmament without waiting for governments, according to two disarmament activists.

"People need to take back the power they have acquiesced (to governments) over the years and start acting as if they have the power to say 'no'," Tom Shroeter, a Cruise Missile Conversion Project (CMCP) member told a forum sponsored by *Our Generation* magazine recently.

Saying 'no' means taking direct, non-violent action without entrusting governments with the power to act on our behalf, he added.

Since Nov. 11, 1981, the CMCP has staged several demonstrations outside Litton Systems Canada, Ltd., in Rexdale, Ontario, where the guidance system for the American cruise missile is manufactured.

Protesters have used such civil disobedience tactics as blocking the plant's entrance and throwing blood at its gates.

More recently, the CMCP distributed leaflets to Litton workers outlining the implications of their work for peace and the economy.

But Shroeter said distributing leaflets is only partially effective. "With families to support and mortgages to pay, you can't expect them to easily take risks that could mean losing their jobs," he said.

Litton workers are non-unionized and closely watched by plant security, he added.

Shroeter said the anti-cruise missile action is just one of many steps needed to dismantle the military industry and build a peaceful alter-

native.

"It (building a peaceful environment) won't end with the cruise and we are not going to get there by writing letters to MPs," he said.

Both speakers carried the message: Don't trust government reforms.

"It is not possible to change the defense and foreign policy of governments unless the major social and economic institutions of society change...they are a reflection of all

domination," said Dimitri Roussopoulos, a Union des Pacificistes du Quebec member. "The peace movement is married to a movement of fundamental change," he added.

Roussopoulos said that the "alternative" movements of the last decade emerged from the peace campaigns of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Their commitment to fundamental change in the environment, work, sexroles, community control

and the third world has "given rise with new massive strength to the peace movement," he said. Roussopoulos cited the large coalition of groups at the June 12 disarmament march in New York as an example.

Roussopoulos, quoting British social historian and peace activist E.P. Thomson, told the audience, "The point of politics is to act, but to act with effect."

# And another student newspaper disappears

Students at Mount Royal College have had all 1000 papers of their October 29 publication, *Journalism 3009*, confiscated.

They have become soul-mates of the *Gateway* who had their paper seized by the Edmonton Police and Fire Departments last November.

*Journalism 3009* is a curriculum requirement for the Journalism students at Mount Royal College.

Ed Mundt, Editor of the College's sister paper—*The Reflector*—said Monday that the undistributed Friday

edition of the *Journal 3009* contained two controversial front-page stories on the college's \$5 million deficit.

No one has claimed responsibility for the seizure, but Mundt said that the college administration is being widely accused.

A story by Journalism student Ella Kalcounis contained an interview with Faculty association president Jayne Hayes, who was quoted as saying that the president of the College, Don Baker, "is ultimately responsible" for the deficit.

Hayes has since signed an

affidavit swearing she never spoke with the *Journalism 3009* reporter, while three witnesses have come forward claiming to have been present during the interview.

Baker met with journalism instructors and department heads late Monday afternoon.

Mundt said that fear is widespread within the department that the paper may be shut down permanently, resulting in "a serious impairment to the journalism program."

He adds that the staff of the CUP affiliated *Reflector* are skittish about

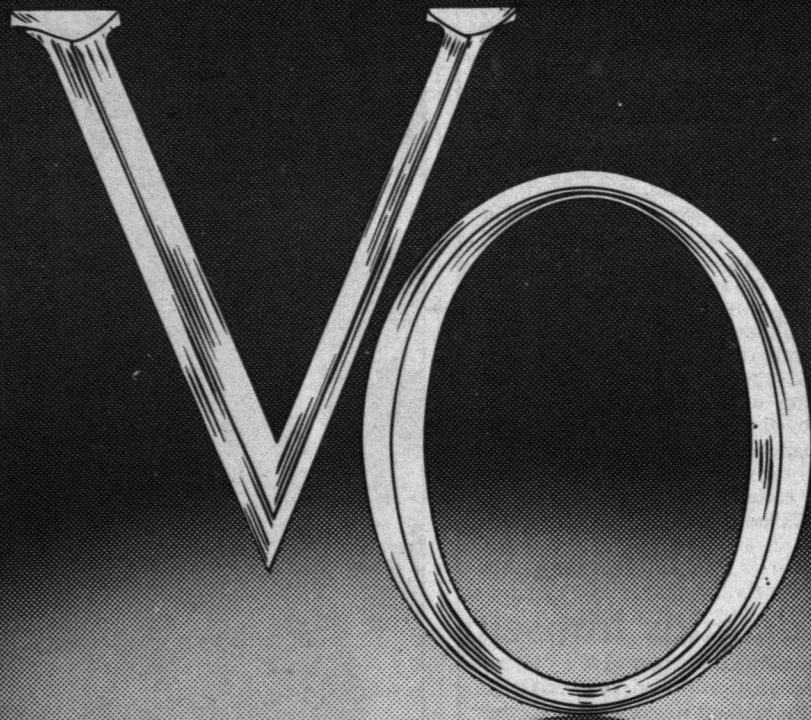
their plans to run a special issue on the incident on Tuesday which will re-run the frontpage of the seized paper.

The *Gateway* was seized last year when the paper reported on a fire in SUB which firemen stated was probably arson.

Fearing they had said too much officers of the Edmonton Police and Fire department stole every copy of that particular issue from the delivery dock.

The U of A Students' Union is currently proceeding with a lawsuit against the Edmonton City Police and Fire Departments.

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