

IUS/CUP International Student Report

GUPS leaders to go before tribunal

JERUSALEM (IUS) -- The Israeli daily Maarive announced last week that the Vice-President for International Affairs of the General Union of Palestine Students, Mr. Taysir Quba, would be tried within a week by an Israeli Military Tribunal. Mr. Quba was arrested last month in occupied Jerusalem and charged with illegally crossing to the Western Bank of Jordan and organizing resistance against the Israeli authorities. The charges could bring Mr. Quba a sentence of 30 years imprisonment. (An Israeli Military Tribunal last week sentenced another Palestinian young man to a similar term on similar charges).

Together with Mr. Quba, seven other leaders and members of GUPS will go on trial. They are: Assad Abdel Rahman, President of GUPS Lebanon branch; Faisal Hussein, former Secretary General of the GUPS Cairo branch; his brother Ghazi Hussein, President of the GUPS Cologne branch; and Ahmed Khalifa, Sagi Salama Khalil, Adel Samara and Aref Shahin. All have been arrested since the end of the aggression and charged with illegally infiltrating into the West Bank and participating in the resistance.

A delegation from the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, composed of Maitre Jules Chome, Lawyer at the Brussels Bar, and Mr. Francesco Fabbri, Assistant in International Law at the University of Naples, who were to study conditions in the occupied territories, were refused entry visas by the Israeli authorities.

A communique by the Association called the refusal "incomprehensible" especially since Israel claims that it has "nothing to hide from the lawyers".

The International Union of Students has strongly protested to the Israeli authorities against the arbitrary measures it has used against inhabitants of the occupied territories and demanded the immediate release of all prisoners. The IUS further called on Israel to withdraw immediately from all occupied Arab territories and to implement the Security Council resolution on the non-annexation of Arab Jerusalem.

Student raid victim

MOSCOW, March 25 (PL) — Jose Varona, leader of the University Federation for the Independence of Puerto Rico, died yesterday in this capital, a victim of wounds received during a U.S. air raid on the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

Varona was seriously wounded on April 18, 1967, in the Than Hoa region, which he was visiting as a member of a delegation of the Continental Organization of Latin America Students (OCLAE), invited by the Government of the DRV.

Following four emergency operations, which placed him out of immediate danger and enabled the doctors to continue the struggle to save his life, Varona was sent to a hospital in Moscow, where every effort was made in his behalf. Despite the efforts of both doctors and nurses, the young patient died on March 24, 1968.

Varona was born in September, 1946, in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. A part of his acquaintance with the U.S. was acquired when he was sent, at the age of 15, to a U.S. military school, which he rejected.

Another part of his acquaintance was obtained in his own country, a colony of the United States. Shortly after enrolling in the University of Puerto Rico, he began to participate actively in the University Federation for the Independence of Puerto Rico (FUPI).

As a FUPI delegate to the Congress of Latin American Students held in Havana in 1966, Varona was elected to the Executive Board of OCLAE, following which he visited several socialist countries.



Howard U. compromise

WASHINGTON (CUP) -- Students at Howard University, who had occupied the school's administration building for five days, vacated the building March 23 after reaching a compromise settlement with the board of trustees.

Classes are scheduled to resume on a regular basis Wednesday (March 27). The settlement, which came after a series of meetings between board representatives and student leaders March 22, includes:

- no disciplinary action against faculty and students involved in the take-over of the building; reconstitution of its faculty and student affairs committee;
- discussion of some of the additional student demands including the establishment of a Black Awareness Institute at Howard;
- a guarantee the 30 students who were to appear before an administration-appointed disciplinary committee for disrupting a university ceremony will appear before a student judicial committee instead.

It was the third issue which led to the take-over of the administration building March 19.

Sofia: IUS festival

Sofia (IUS) -- Preparations for the IX World Festival of Youth and Students for Solidarity, Peace and Friendship which will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, next summer are being stepped up all over the world, announced the International Preparatory Committee (IPC).

The Committee, which is composed of representatives of youth and student organizations from different parts of the world, has established contact with youth and student unions in over 100 countries. In some 70 countries national festival committees have been set up. They are preparing varied cultural, sports and other programmes for the festival.

Last month, IPC transport experts held meetings to discuss the transport of the nearly 18,000 Festival participants to Sofia. In the meantime the sports commission of the IPC met to plan the sport events of the Festival programme. Next month the cultural commission will hold a meeting to discuss the cultural events of the Festival. Other commissions will also meet to finalize the Festival's general programme.

The tradition of the world youth and student festivals originated in 1947, when the first festival was held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, under the slogan of peace and friendship. Consequent festivals were held in Budapest (1949), Berlin (1951), Bucharest (1953), Warsaw (1955), Moscow (1957), Vienna (1959), and Helsinki (1962).

Cameron residents want rebate - Administration: "NO"

By MAUREEN PHINNEY

Last week Cameron House residents demanded a \$50 rebate in residence fees from the university administration. The demand was refused.

Reasons for the demand were stated in full in a four page brief. Discomfort and inconvenience caused by the unfinished residence was the main complaint. Doorknobs, locks, drapes, towelracks, chairs, blankets, headboards, lamps, heat, wash-room facilities, and common room furnishings were not present for at least a month after the beginning of term.

"Other contentious issues include the noise and dirt factors as well as uncompleted facilities," continued the brief. "Many residents who study during the day found this quite difficult to do for several months since they had to read or write to the tune of drills, hammers, and the general dull roar which existed in the building while the workmen were present."

The brief pointed out that "Numerous and repeated cleaning bills can be traced to construction filth."

The University Administration was charged with "confusion and mismanagement" for late arrival and installation of residence furnishings and facilities. "As members of the administration of Dalhousie, you might say that you cannot be blamed and that strikes and late deliveries are to blame. This, we contend, is only semi-truth. Certainly strikes were a delaying factor in construction but they were not to blame for the snail's pace level of construction which was pointed out many, many, times by our representatives-only to go unheeded."

"It is a commonly known fact that some items were ordered long after our arrival," continued the brief. Among these were closet curtains, headboards, phones, washers, and dryers. "In order to ascertain other delivery dates, days of research had to be undertaken."

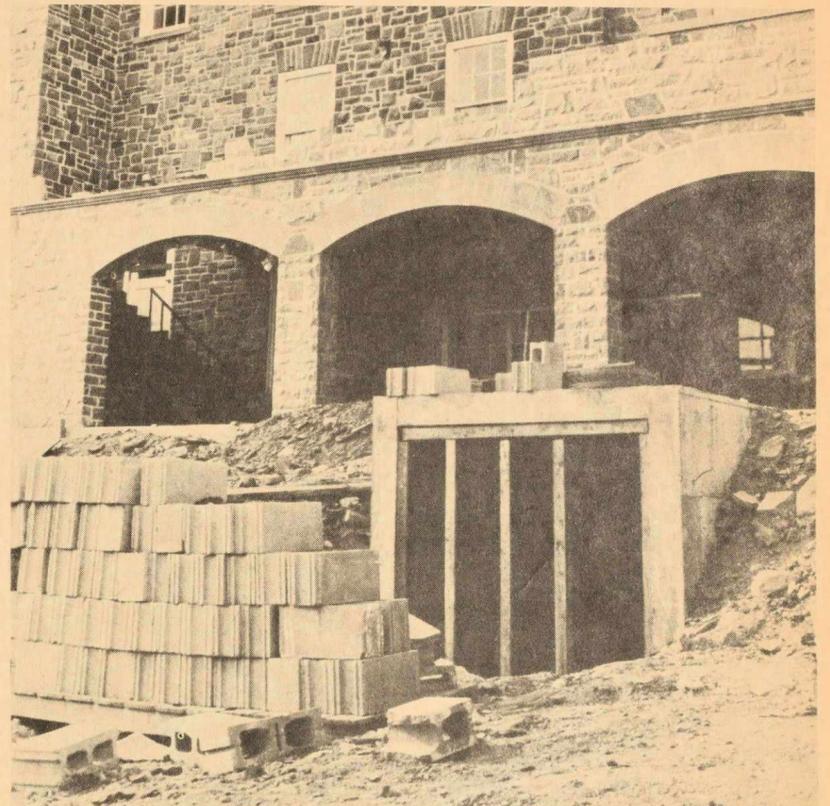
Deadlines for residence completion were extended and even then only one extended deadline was met. "Therefore, it can be said that what we were told in September and what has taken place constitutes a breach of faith, and a breach of an agreement with the residents of Cameron House."

For this "breach of faith" Cameron House made their \$50 fee rebate demand.

In a letter to the residents on behalf of President Hicks, Professor Mercer explained why the demand was turned down. He noted that "though the president has a certain amount of sympathy for the students complaints, he felt that the inconveniences caused by the unfinished residence were beyond the control of the Administration, and that, as members of Dalhousie, we all have to bear with them."

President Hicks checked to determine any precedents established by other local universities in giving a fee rebate for similar reasons. There were none.

He concluded by stating that at present, the residence is operating at a loss per resident greater than \$50. The rebate would be a financial impossibility.



One of the entrances of Cameron House is shown in this picture taken last fall just before the lucky residents were allowed inside.

NORAD

Shoot that missile down, Sam

By JOHN KELSEY

Canadian University Press

Come May 12, Canada will renew her agreement with the US and remain a nuclear dumping ground for the sake of American cities.

It's called NORAD. It started in 1958 and is now up for renewal. NORAD's supposed to defend North America from Soviet bombers. Paul Martin thinks it gives Canada a voice in hemisphere defense policy.

He's kidding us. All it actually does is cost \$130 million a year and sell 4,000 miles of undefended border for a few obsolete Voodoo fighters and Bomarc missiles.

The original NORAD agreement gave away the military control; "Temporary reinforcement from one area to another, including the crossing of the international boundary, to meet operational requirements will be within the authority of commanders having operational control."

The NORAD commander is an American general based in Colorado Springs.

External Affairs minister Paul Martin recognizes the problem of sovereignty—the US's real defense system, the anti-ballistic missile net, doesn't need any bases in Canada and so Canada isn't involved or consulted. They just shoot the junk down over Canada.

Martin wants to be consulted. On November 13 1967, he told the Canadian Club in Toronto: "Unless one is prepared for a complete transformation in our relations with the United States, Canada has two options: to make some contribution to the bomber defense system—and thereby to exercise some control over it—or to give the United States freedom to defend North America, including use of Canadian territory. I, for one, am not prepared to accept the second."

Trouble is, the US doesn't need Canadian territory to shoot down missiles. They just land here. Martin reiterated his statement before the common defense committee on March 7; to have a voice at all, Canada stays in NORAD and worries about bombers.

But what is NORAD and has it given Canada any voice? It's to paste whatever the Soviets use for B-52s as they come over the pole. With our 60 obsolete Voodoo F-101B fighters and our handful of Bomarc B's at La Macaza Quebec and North Bay Ontario. It directly implicates us in Vietnam, where

the NORAD 552nd Wing flies surveillance missions for US forces. And we've got the keys to a little satellite tracking camera at Cold Lake, Alberta.

In July, 1966 the US declared its Bomarc surplus—not merely obsolete, but surplus—and gave them to the navy for target practise. Voodoos were designed for Korea and went out of production in 1960.

Maybe keeping the obsolete junk in order and signing up for more does guarantee Canada some say in US war policy. Martin thinks so. The last near-war crisis was in 1962, when Kennedy nearly bombed hell out of Cuba for having her own defense missiles. Prime Minister Diefenbaker heard it on the news. And Canada's had an enormous say in US Vietnam policy.

If there's an attack threat at all, which is doubtful, it's via missiles. The Soviet Union had 1,000 bombers when NORAD unfolded in 1958; today it's got 150. China hasn't any.

The US main defense is its new, all-American-soil ABM system. It disposes of incoming nuclear junk over Canadian territory with Spartan missiles. Canada gets the intercepted warheads, with all their attendant fall-out, shock waves, radiation, heat, x-rays, debris and force. American cities get the missiles leaking through the ABM umbrella. Good deal. They don't even ask Martin about the ABM net—he reads it in Time.

Since the Strategic Air Command (SAC), the US nuclear defense-attack command, is operated entirely outside both NORAD and NATO, it isn't likely anyone will hear before the big fire starts.

Neither the PM's office, the defense department or the external affairs department will talk about what happens on May 12. Government policy has not yet been formulated.

Just like last time, the agreement will be signed in secret and released later. Just like last August 12, when Canada signed another pact placing the whole continent under US command for the duration of any nuclear emergency. That one was for civil defense purposes and cleaning up after the fire, but even it wasn't released until the daily press sniffed it out in late October.

NORAD's getting a bit of a public airing. It isn't scheduled for common debate at all. But the NDP keeps bringing it up during house sessions of the ways and means committee, currently discussing

ways to chop Sharp's budget. Defense critic Andrew Brewin managed an anti-NORAD speech to save the \$130 million a year last Friday, and Grace McInnes got another off Tuesday. University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon professor John W. Warnock wrote a 29-page brief, which has been mailed to all MPs.

Elsewhere, the Movement for Socialist Liberation in Montreal is preparing pamphlets for a tentative Ottawa demonstration outside the Liberal leadership convention April 6 weekend. Said the Movement: "NORAD, as a defense system, is antiquated, useless and expensive. It represents US manipulation of the whole North American continent and is yet another manifestation of neo-colonialism. Canada's defense policy will be a joke in history books, but somehow it is hard to laugh today."

The Movement is working on an article for Our Generation magazine, and the next issue of Canadian Dimension will have some stuff by Warnock.

Small stuff. Up on parliament hill, Paul Martin's men are drafting the new agreement right now—an exchange of diplomatic notes to make sure Canada will acquiesce to a defense strategy that pops all the ones over her territory, pays for the privilege, and continues to pretend she has a pipeline to the US brass.

Soak that bomber down, boys—after your uncle Sam gets the missile over your head, there.

More Arts News

In an interview with the Gazette, Arts Society president Brian Ashworth has outlined the success of his revitalized group. Seven new clubs have been formed, Psychology, History, Sociology, Spanish, French, Philosophy, and Political Science. Faculty members have been asked to participate in these clubs, and they have generally responded favorably.

Plans are now being considered, Ashworth said for September recruitment of Freshmen and other registering students in the Arts Faculty. The response on campus to the establishment of a debating club will also be surveyed in the fall.

Ashworth said that with the opening of the SUB it is hoped to channel the added enthusiasm into some constructive society—like the new Arts Society.

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More inside on the SUB, including information on the Grand Opening, an exciting interview, and another application form to enable YOU to take part. All this and much more, found only in the Dalhousie Gazette, page 6.