

Protest sparked by imprisoned Mexican students

MEXICO CITY (CUPI) — Approximately 80 imprisoned students ended a 40-day hunger strike Monday, after inspiring protest demonstrations at Mexican universities and criticism of the country's judicial system among Roman Catholic priests.

The students have been held for a year without sentencing since their arrest for participation in massive political demonstrations during the summer of 1968.

The demonstrations, against police-state conditions within Mexico, threatened to disrupt the Olympic Games, held in Mexico

City in October, 1968.

The students called off their hunger strike after it failed to move the Mexican government to bring their cases to trial more quickly, but the action prompted recurrences of unrest at several Mexican universities.

Classes in several schools of the National University here were halted, along with some classes at the National Polytechnical Institute. At the Iberoamerican University, two-thirds of the students stopped classes for two days, and eight students staged a sympathy hunger strike for five days.

The level of the protests in-

creased considerably as reports filtered out of the students' prison that some of the other inmates, including convicted murderers, were turned loose by prison guards on New Year's Day to attack the students.

Two defence lawyers said three students were hospitalized, one with knife wounds in the abdomen.

A signed statement by the students said two of the three cell blocks where they are held had been ransacked by the attackers, who stole bed-rolls, clothing and personal belongings.

Mexican news media have imposed a total blackout on the stu-

dent's hunger strike, the prison assaults, and on sympathy protests. The silence reportedly reflects instructions from Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, who began a campaign of severe repression Oct. 2, 1968, when the Mexican army killed approximately 600 students and workers at a protest rally.

The students have found one supporter in Sergio Mendez Arceo, Roman Catholic Bishop of Guernavaca, a church reformist who visited the student political prisoners before Christmas.

Arceo circulated a public statement through its diocese referring to the indefinite imprisonment of

the students and other political prisoners as a "national event demonstrating abuse in the administration of justice."

The rest of Mexico's church hierarchy has confined itself to statements urging Mexicans to "preserve our nation from anything that would alter peace among us, and fulfill, in the light of truth, the duties of justice and charity."

The hierarchy has not yet responded to a recent plea from 20 young priests and members of religious orders, asking bishops to take a public stand for release of the prisoners.

\$150,000 may be withheld to support Loyola refund

MONTREAL (CUP)—After a one-week ban on all campus activity, the doors of Loyola College opened again Monday with an unauthorized faculty-student rally, and the announcement of new, restrictive hours of business for the campus.

Approximately 900 students and faculty filled the Loyola auditorium during the early afternoon, and agreed to ask students who have not paid their second term tuition fees to withhold the money in protest against the Loyola administration's firing of 27 professors.

If successful, the protest could withhold as much as \$150,000 from the University administration: money owed by about 600 of Loyola's 4,600 students.

Immediately following the rally, approximately 75 students filed over to the Loyola bursar's office, to demand a \$25 refund on their

fees—their approximation of the portion of tuition lost during the administration's one-week ban on classes.

The students arrived at the office to discover it was barred by a security guard.

The one-week ban was announced to "facilitate a freer and more profitable exchange of views of all concerned" with the current students and faculty sitting-in at the Loyola administration building.

In a press release Monday administration president Patrick Malone declared that current security regulations on the campus were inadequate, and announced new, early closing times for all campus buildings "in the best interests of the college community."

Henceforth, the college will close at 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 1 p.m. Saturdays, and all day Sunday.

Security guards have been stationed in most campus buildings.

Students return to soc. caucus

MONTREAL (CUP) — McGill sociology students Friday decided to shift their emphasis on reform from the committee to the classroom, while negotiating a new form of government in their department.

Approximately 150 students attended a mass meeting which made that decision, while agreeing to return student representatives to a joint student-faculty caucus which previously ruled the department by consensus.

Students withdrew from the caucus last Monday, January 12, after faculty unilaterally dissolved the body and then attempted to reconstitute it without consulting the students.

Neither side is in favor of the current consensus procedure, but many faculty would like to see the caucus, originally formed on a parity basis, replaced by a formal structure in which students would have only one-third representation.

Opinion . . .

By ELLEN NYGAARD

Well, the effects of the tenure system have come home to roost again, this time in the Philosophy department.

The question is, what happens now? There are a lot of people around who say Ted Kemp is a fine teacher, one who has devoted his career to teaching his students, not to asslicking, paper-publishing, and other sure-fire ways of achieving tenure. They want him to stay. After all, a really good, dedicated teacher is a rarity.

So what are they going to do about it? Probably no one can do much now to save Ted Kemp's academic skin on this campus. That is only one facet of a wider issue—that of the whole system of granting tenure. And it stinks.

It stinks because teaching ability is the third item on the list of criteria. It stinks because students do not have parity on the tenure committees, and even the representatives that they have are sometimes fallible in their responsibility.

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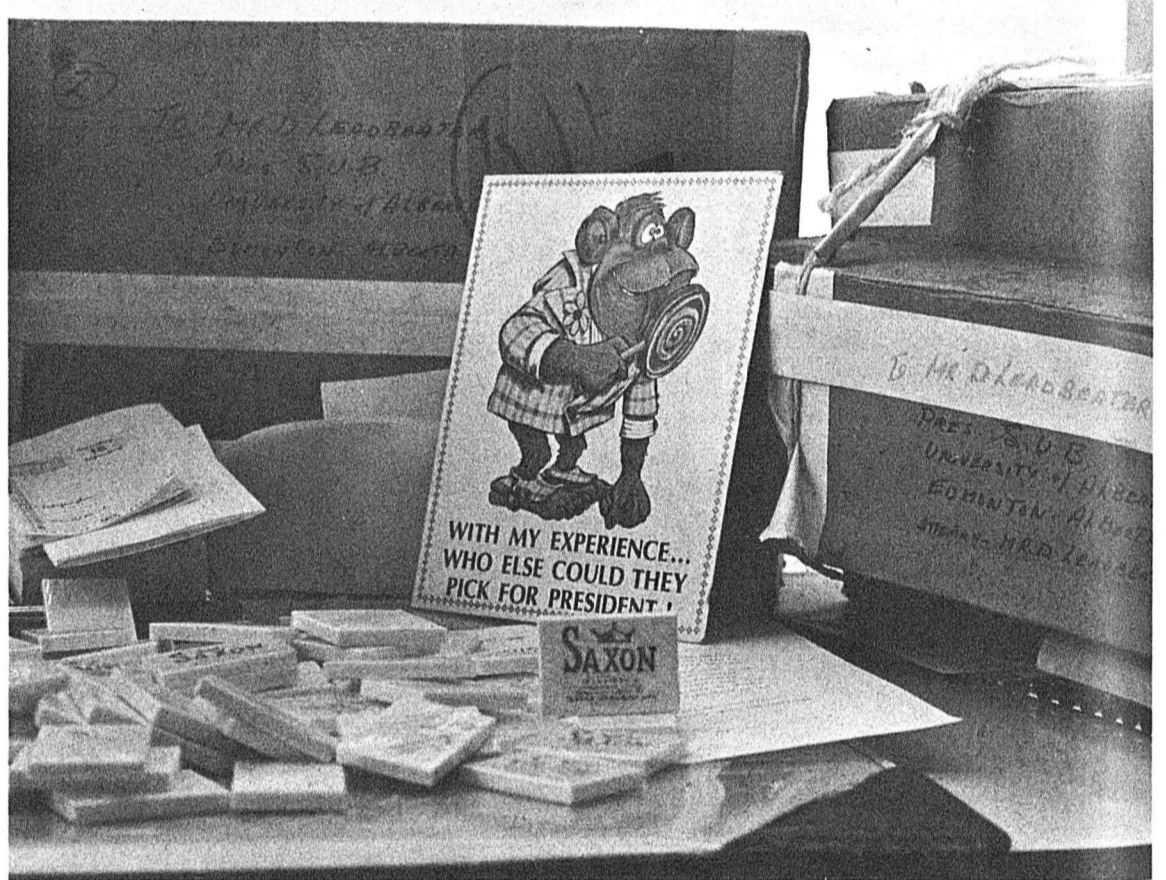
And that leaves students facing an appalling reality. Are they going to sit on their asses and let good teachers leave, those who hand them one tiny particle of what they thought they were going to get at university?

Or are they going to demand that this empty shell of pedantry give them what they came to receive?

This probability still doesn't mean anything to YOU. But it should. How long are YOU going to believe that YOU should have no say in what YOU learn and how YOU learn it? How long are YOU going to let THEM stuff your head with shit just because that's the only way to get a "9"?

To put it still more bluntly, YOU are a consumer, and you're getting an inferior product. YOU are paying for it, not just with the \$2,000 it may cost you for a year, but with the gradual decay of YOUR brain. This is no quick frontal lobotomy. It is a slow syphilitic rotting.

So what are YOU going to do: rot, or act?



—Dave Hebditch photo

NO, OUR PRESIDENT is not stocking up for the long, cold winter. Men, take note: No need to panic! If she forgot her PILL. You too can be prepared—with students' council's new motto—"Down with the PILL—up with the SAFE"—Support SUB—only 25 cents (Sorry David No. 493).

SCM to initiate action on Kemp case

Action on the Ted Kemp tenure case will soon be forthcoming from the Student Christian Movement.

At an SCM meeting in SUB last night, members decided to launch a campaign within the philosophy department and on campus in general to inform students of the issue and to rally student support for an appeal of the case.

The general consensus seemed to support the view of SCM national president Tom Murphy, that taking action on Mr. Kemp's particular case might serve to increase student awareness of the larger issue.

Member Carl Jensen emphasized that "we've got to rally student support because (the tenure committee) are not going to change their minds because of a few people. Due process is a hard thing to overturn."

He added that the problem was whether to "go for winning the battle" or "just to keep punching away". In attempting to succeed on a wider level, the movement should begin on the undergraduate level and extend to include

anyone who wants to keep Mr. Kemp on campus, said Mr. Jensen.

Members decided that the campaign would be based on telling students why Mr. Kemp was denied tenure and asking their support for

Kemp on the basis of his teaching ability.

Specific action may include a letter-writing campaign, "small-scale harassment", a rally, and appeals to individual classes.

Canada in East African Development

Agriculture has no political sex appeal. That is particularly true in Canada with our increasing grain surpluses.

Elsewhere, development of food supplies can determine life or death. That has lots of appeal, and Canadians help decide the question.

If nothing else, your taxes pay for Canada's foreign aid program. If you want to get directly involved, why not learn what that money is doing? Next Thursday, the campus CUSO committee makes it possible at a teach-in on Canada's role in East African development.

Six speakers—African students, a home economist, and two widely-travelled Canadians will comment on:

- What Canadians are doing in East Africa
- Social aspects of international aid
- Trends in development and aid programs
- Agricultural development in Tanzania
- Problems of nutrition

Jim Ward and Andy Hamilton, the two Canadian panelists, have first-hand experience overseas with CUSO. They have just finished a tour of CUSO agriculturalists working around the world, and are now reporting their observations at campuses across Canada.

"Why Help? — Canada in East African Development" will happen in the Education Building, Room 129, Thursday, Jan. 22 at 8:00 p.m.