

Martin Loney

# Former student leader blacklisted

OTTAWA (CUP)--Martin Loney, president of the Canadian Union of Students (CUS) in 1969, was named as the leader of a subversive "Extra-Parliamentary Opposition" (EPO) in a 1971 letter sent by the then solicitor general, Jean Pierre Goyer, to five other federal cabinet ministers.

CUS was the National Student Organization which existed before the establishment of the National Union of Students (NUS) in 1972.

The letter listing 21 people, warned the cabinet ministers of this group "who appear to have as their aim the destruction of the existing political and social structure in Canada."

Loney, who left Canada last fall when his teaching contract at Carleton University in Ottawa was not renewed, now lives in London, England. Loney has denied any knowledge of this EPO group and labelled it a "Fantasy."

"I feel that while one might excuse the RCMP for generating fantasies like this, for a government minister to believe them indicates that he must be living on another planet."

The Goyer letter said the list of names was being circulated so that "steps (could) be taken to ensure that these people have been fully briefed as to their responsibilities for ensuring the security of government information and that their activities be watched with more than normal care."

Loney said he had worked on government jobs in the early 70's and worked for Manpower and Immigration as a summer student. But Loney said he was not surprised about the existence of such a blacklist.



Pierre Trudeau knew of the blacklist which was a violation of civil liberties and opposition members allege that this is a basis for criminal libel.

"I've known for a long time that the Canadian Intelligence Services and the Immigration Services have been collecting information on me and have been essentially blacklisting me for various jobs and giving me a hard time when I wanted to return to Canada."

In the House of Commons both the present Solicitor General, Francis Fox, and the president of the Privy Council, Allan MacEachen, had at first denied the existence of such a list.

According to the letter the "short-term political objectives of... group include the organizing of sympathetic civil servants and getting them to support its long-term political program of socialist revolution."

At a press conference Jan. 26, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau attempted to play down the importance of the list and its contents.

Trudeau said "some of the people on that list, which I have since seen--this morning, as a matter of fact--are occupying fairly senior posts in government, so obviously it did not harm their careers."

Members of the opposition parties say that it did harm to some civil servants. They gave as an example another person who is named on the list, Walter Rudnicki, a senior policy planner with Central Mortgage and Housing who was allegedly fired for giving out "classified" information. MP Frank Oberle (PC Prince George-Peace River BC) said Jan. 26 that "I am prepared to allege that this senior civil servant was fired for the reason for being on this list."

Other opposition members said the list was a violation of civil liberties and constituted a basis for criminal libel.

## Increased wages needed

by Donna Treen

The Dalhousie Student Union has agreed to lobby the government for an increase in wages in the Young Canada Works Program. The federal program is designed to alleviate student summer unemployment.

The matter was brought before Council on January 23, by Joan Conrad and Jeff Hawkins, students

at the Maritime School of Social Work. They provided a list of figures to support their claim that students could not be expected to live, as well as save money, on the present wages of a project employee. The wages are based on the provincial minimum wage which in Nova Scotia is \$2.25/hr. The Works Program earnings would be

\$110.00/week.

The hardest hit student would be the graduate who, in most cases, is married and would have to hold another job in order to support a family and save at the same time.

Students who work on a Young Canada Works project would need to supplement their earnings with a loan of some kind. Conrad said that

many students receive students loans but with the amount of earnings saved, would have to enter an appeal. "By the time the appeals are carried through, the student, in many cases has had to borrow money elsewhere. If it is a bank loan interest will have to be paid."

The salary is lower than many students would receive if they drew unemployment. The low salaries would not attract students with expertise or generate much en-

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