

NUSU banned for allegedly engineering strikes

MASAKA, UGANDA (CUP)—The Ugandan government has banned the National Union of Students of Uganda (NUSU) for allegedly engineering strikes in schools and recruiting members for an anti-government guerilla movement, Uganda Radio said recently.

The broadcast said the government had acted on the advice of the Ugandan Defense Council which met at Masaka under the chairmanship of President Idi Amin.

A council spokesman also announced the disappearance of the Vice Chancellor Makerere University, Frank Kalimuzo, and other prominent Ugandans who, he claimed, had been in contact with the guerilla supporters of ex-president Milton Obote.

After announcing the ban, the Defense Council stressed that other student organizations could be formed, and only the NUSU would no longer be tolerated.

But friction has existed be-

tween the students, who constitute the main bulk of educated people in Uganda, and the government, ever since President Amin overthrew the Obote government in early 1971.

NUSU, once known as a staunch supporter of Dr. Obote and his Common Man's Charter, was dismayed by the "nasty actions and rash policies" of General Amin.

At NUSU's eighth annual congress last July, Ugandan Education Minister Edward Rugumayo praised NUSU leaders and assured the students of his Ministry's desire for close co-operation.

Observers naturally interpreted his presence throughout the four-day congress as an indication the once badly-strained relations between the government and NUSU had markedly improved.

In 1971, Amin appointed a special Commission, headed by Attorney General Nkambo Mugerwa, to investigate the reasons behind the students' antagonistic attitude towards the government,

which had developed a few weeks after the military takeover. In October of that year, Amin threatened to reorganize NUSU himself, and order soldiers to arrange for the elections of new officers.

The Threat was never carried out. But last August 11, General Amin again took Ugandan students to task in a press statement.

He attacked the students, and

especially the NUSU members, failing to appreciate "their country's economic achievements" for their failure to back his efforts to expel the Asians "who sabotaging Uganda's economy."

MUN students staged strike

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Students at Memorial University staged a two-day strike Nov. 23-24 in an attempt to bring their dispute with the administration over student union fees to a head.

More than 3,000 students at a general meeting Nov. 22 voted virtually unanimously to throw up picket lines around all university buildings and try to halt classes for the 48-hour period.

Students have been occupying the arts and administration building since Nov. 14 to protest the unilateral decision of the board of regents and president Lord Stephen Taylor to discontinue collection of student union fees.

The strike may have evoked some favourable administration reaction.

Negotiations between admin-

istrators and students continued for long hours during the strike period.

A referendum Nov. 17 approved the student demands by more than 91 percent. The students agreed that they—and not the administration—should determine the financial structure of the students' union.

The administration also met with the executive of the faculty association, which has offered to mediate the dispute. The association voted narrowly Nov. 20 not

to openly support the student position but to play a mediating role.

Meanwhile, St. John's was locked in a vicious storm which dropped six inches of snow on the Newfoundland capital Nov. 23. The weather gave an added boost to the success of the picket line in enforcing the class boycott. All telephone lines into the university remained closed, as they have been since the occupation began. The campus security office answers the main university phone number.

SRCs' meeting cancelled

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) — A much-heralded meeting of Atlantic province student councils was cancelled this weekend, be-

cause one of its principle characters had to play in a football game.

Placement Schedule

Friday, December 1, Defence Research Board, deadline for acceptance of applications in Ottawa for third year Science honor students and fourth year Engineering students with first or sec-

ond class honors. Applications available at Placement Office.

Thursday, December 7, National Company Ltd., interviewing Business Administration and any degree candidate interested in a Management Position. Enquiries for Manufacturing Division.

Sunday, December 31, Post Service Commission, deadline receipt of applications for co-ordinated summer employment. Submit UCPA forms with list of courses and competition number 73-4200 to Placement Office.

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