

UAVAC organizes Amchitka protest

The University of Alberta Vietnam Action Committee will sponsor a march to the Federal Building Wednesday in protest of the proposed American nuclear explosion at Amchitka, in the Aleutian Islands. The Amchitka blast has been tentatively delayed by President Nixon until after Premier Kosygin's visit to Canada at the end of October.

Protestors will meet in front of the Students' Union Building tomorrow at noon for a brief rally, then will march (hopefully across the newly-reopened High Level Bridge) to the Federal Building, 9820-107 Street.

Last year a similar protest was planned to voice the people's concern over the war; however, a request for a permit to march down Jasper Avenue was refused by the City of Edmonton, and finally, according to committee spokesmen, the committee was forbidden from marching anywhere in the city, at any time. "This is blatant discrimination," claimed a

member. "Just after we were refused permission to hold a march anywhere in the city, the Shriners were granted permission to hold a parade right down Jasper Avenue, on a Saturday afternoon no less, and all traffic was rerouted down 102 Ave. If this sort of thing happens again this year, we'll have to take drastic action."

The decision to stage the protest march was made at a U.A.C. conference Saturday. George Addison of the Toronto Vietnam Mobilization Committee spoke to an audience of about 50 persons on Amchitka and the Viet Nam war. Addison said that the blast is "quite closely related to the war" because there is a strong possibility that nuclear weapons may be used in Viet Nam!!

He said that any objections the Canadian government has made aren't strong enough and besides, "they won't be taken seriously. After all, Canada is a part of the American empire, and how can the objections of

one of the empire's outposts be taken seriously?"

Addison said that it is time the Canadian government stood on its own two feet, stopped aiding the U.S. effort in Viet Nam, took a positive stand against the Amchitka test, and generally started "getteng itself out from under the domination of the United States."

Addison also lashed out at

what he called "Canadian complacency in the war in Vietnam". He said the Canadian government was up to its ears in the war by selling \$300 million in arms annually to the U.S., plus countless other supplies of nickel, machine components, and the like. He said that Prime Minister Trudeau had claimed that stopping these sales to the U.S. would ruin the economy.

"So," charged Addison, "what he's saying is, 'Well, we know war is bad, but it's good for business, so we won't disassociate ourselves from it.'"

Addison in conclusion blamed most of the world's current financial woes on the war, labelling the U.S.'s \$80 billion annual defense budget "a sum based on deficit spending, which is ruining the world's economy."

Gateway staff refuses to work on Gazette

The Gateway will now contain up to one half page per issue of Students' Council agendas, minutes and notices.

Students' Council voted 19-3 Monday in favor of the Gazette By-law on second reading. An amendment to the motion under which the Students' Union would buy advertising in the Gateway for the Gazette was defeated.

SU President Don McKenzie explained that the students' union has the right to dictate to the Gateway by virtue of the

fact that they are the newspaper's publishers. He also stated that the Gateway has been abrogating its responsibility by not providing comprehensive coverage of students' union activities.

Gateway editor, Bob Beal delivered a statement to council following the approval of the motion. The statement outlined the position of the Gateway staff, and requirements that the Students' Union must comply with in order that the Gazette be printed.

The volunteer staff had voted

overwhelmingly in favour of a motion that all submissions for the Gazette must be in the office by a set deadline and must be ready for printing. This would mean typed into columns, edited and proofread. Several volunteer staffers stated they would have no part whatsoever in the Gazette's publication.

CKSR Radio news director, Joanna Myajka, then questioned whether or not council would dictate similar restrictions in editorial and news content to CKSR.

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restructuring of the Student's Assistance Act is necessary to enable every student to attend university if he wishes. Negotiations with the provincial government to alter the aid structure are the most important plans for the coming year, according to Mr. Christian.

Mr. Christian sees the purpose of the AAS as threefold: it should conduct research related to student concerns, represent the students to the provincial government, and assist members with problems on their own campuses (for instance, in the field of student-administration

relations).

Due to decreases in enrollment which seem to have been experienced by all of the post-secondary educational institutions in Alberta this year, Mr. Christian feels that the major difficulty facing the AAS in the coming months will be simply a matter of keeping the body functioning. This difficulty arises because the students' unions have not received as much money from student fees as their projections led them to expect and some may have a hard time meeting requirements on their own campuses, let alone commitments to the AAS.

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The greater need of student housing combined with declining student enrollment contributed to the decision to delay or scrap SUB expansion.

In addition, the resignation of Trevor Peach, SUB executive chairman, has brought the project to a standstill.

There are alternatives to SUB expansion however. The Students' Union has requested 30 rooms in Athabasca Hall, which is

scheduled for renovation at a cost of \$6,000. These will be converted into offices for student clubs if the University gives its approval. This will ease the lack of space for CKSR Radio for example, which will require more space if granted an FM license. Another possibility is the construction of a new SUB in a more easterly location.

The most interesting suggestion is the concept of a University

Center, to be patterned after those on eastern campuses. It would be financed by the University to provide the necessary facilities and services that are presently, but not properly, the concern of the Students' Union. The Center would serve faculty, administrative staff and students by providing recreational areas, lounges, cafeterias, offices, and perhaps even a PUB!

PROTEST AMCHITKA

Don't be complacent while Nixon

escalates the arms race that threatens to destroy us all.

MARCH

Wednesday noon

in front of SUB

to the federal building