

The bitter fruit of slavery

by Allen Young

"The people of Canada who could know that fruit is produced by slaves," warned Kate Molale, a representative from the African National Congress (ANC) at a CUSO sponsored forum Tuesday.

Molale, on a cross-Canada speaking tour, described some of the humiliating conditions imposed on black people by the dominating white minority in South Africa. Her associate, Mpho Thoeabale, a sixteen year old student from the South African township of Soweto, talked about her personal experiences during the riots there in June.

"Police opened fire without warning, indiscriminately shooting and killing young students," said Thoeabale, describing the clash with police that took the lives of almost 200 people and wounded over 1000

others.

Thoeabale told the crowded forum that she saw several of her friends killed in the riots, and that she was later arrested and held for six weeks by the South African police. During her detention, she was subjected to several beatings, tortured by electric shocks, deprived of sleep, suspended upside down



Kate Molale

for long periods of time and beaten about the genitals which left her barren. Finally she was threatened with being thrown out of a window if she would not sign a confession to the charges of destroying public property in the riot before her.

Mpho was later released, and escaped from South Africa to join the ANC, and is currently living in Tanzania.

Kate Molale, pointed out that the entire history of South Africa in the modern era has been characterized by a total disregard for the rights of the blacks by the ruling whites. Since all attempts at gaining consideration by way of negotiation both within the country and through international organizations have failed, rebellion is necessary.

"The racial laws are so inhuman, so humiliating to our people, we have no alternative but to fight to eradicate the apartheid system," she said.

According to Molale, the



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recent opening up of some black representation consists of forcing the blacks out of the cities into barren wasteland areas known as the "Homelands." They are able to elect their own leaders in those wastelands, but live without any benefits of decent housing, food, medical attention or employment.

The country's extensive

reference book pass system of controlling people is one of the most deep-seated grievances. It controls where blacks are supposed to be at any time, frequently keeping husbands from their wives, and children from their parents, serving to break up family life.

Similarly, women are forced to live in prison-like buildings with barred windows and locked doors when they work in the textile industries and on farms, where they are underpaid and continually abused.

Responding to a question at the conclusion of the public lecture, Molale said, though the struggle in Africa depends largely on the availability of outside help, the people are prepared to fight for themselves. There was overwhelming applause when she said the rebelling black Africans would welcome arms from outside sources only if they come with no strings attached.

Your temperament,
like Catholic morality...

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is mainly sexual.
Stanislaus to
James Joyce

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CHANGES

...B of G approves Breakey dismissal

The U of A's director of campus security, C.A. Breakey, has been relieved of his duties.

"He hasn't been fired, as one might usually associate an action with the term 'firing' — he's been replaced," said R.E. Phillips, the university's vp planning and development and the man Breakey answered to in the administration.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Phillips said the Board of Governors (B of G) approved a month ago a new policy designed to reduce the "police" aspect of the university's security force.

"In light of Mr. Breakey's past record and qualifications—which were considered in light of the police aspect of the force—we decided we needed a new man," Phillips said.

Breakey had implemented a policy of releasing no information to media and refused, throughout his period of directorship, to explain his policy.

In January a formal request for information concerning the incidence of sexual assault on campus had to be made through General Faculties Council to release the relevant statistics.

Breakey came to the U of A in 1968 to fill the post of campus security director, after serving in the Canadian Provost Corps, the "army police force," Phillips said.

Phillips indicated the university would look outside the personnel presently employed in the force for Breakey's replacement. He did not indicate when the new director would be named.

As the B of G approved policy de-emphasizing the police aspect of the force, Phillips said, there was also a move switching

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Lister Hall fees increase

Students planning to live in the Lister Hall complex next fall face a 10.6 per cent fee increase.

A proposal passed by the

General Faculties Council Food and Housing Committee Tuesday recommends raising residence fees from \$1,407 to \$1,555 for the winter session. Rates at Pembina Hall would go up 10 per cent for room and 9.7 per cent for board, from \$1,402.3 to \$1,542. Rates at College St. Jean would go up 32 per cent, from \$1,060 to \$1,400.

Students' Union vp executive Howard Hoggins, a member of the committee, said the fee increases are unreasonable and questioned whether the Lister Hall students' committee has a fair say in the matter.

"They were supposed to meet with the Food Services department director on Monday," Hoggins remarked, "but he didn't show up and an assistant was sent instead."

The proposal will go before the Finance committee of the

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Access wants S.U. \$ support

The Alberta Committee for Equal Access to Education (ACEAE), formed to campaign against advanced education minister Bert Hohol's proposed foreign student fee increase, is being financially hampered.

Nick Cook, co-ordinator for ACEAE, said Wednesday the Students' Union will not allow a planned \$500 allocation to the committee to be used for financial support of an upcoming April

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Night Watch

To try to alleviate sexual assaults on campus, the university has begun a Night Watch student patrol. Story, more photos page six.

Second Annual Native Land Claims Week will be held next week. See advance page 12.