

Beware of College Shop stake-out

The College Shop (the bookstore in the basement of the SUB) has been staked out for the past two weeks in an attempt to cut down on shoplifting. Several other means of control were attempted, with little or no success, before the present system was adopted. To keep the stake-out effective, specifics on it are not available. It is known that the persons involved are experienced in this particular "line of work." They replaced

another, less successful secret means of watching the store. There are no definite figures to indicate the extent of the thefts, since so much of the stock is cards, books, records and magazines. These are the most easily stolen items, yet their absence is not noticeable. A large loss was noticed in goods such as games and sunglasses which are either few in number or easily kept track of. The improved stake-out has

had a certain success, in that charges have been laid in one case. The accused is a Dalhousie student, and a plea of "Not Guilty" has been entered. The trial is scheduled to take place in about three weeks. There are reliable rumours to the effect that the charges were laid by the Campus Security Force. They were relying on preliminary instructions given them by the Administrator of the university's bookstores when theft-prevention

measures were started. It appears that the operation has been under the general supervision of Campus Security, although the persons employed have not necessarily been campus police. The Student Union made attempts to have the charges dropped because pressing them would benefit no one, yet give the student a criminal record. However, some of those in charge of Dal's security and discipline arrangements seem to feel that the legal penalty

should follow every infraction of the law, regardless of extenuating circumstances. In this case at least, they have prevailed over those not anxious to see a student brought into court on a criminal charge because of on-campus activity. It is believed that this incident will lead to renewed Student Union interest in the establishment of new procedures for handling disciplinary problems of a non-academic nature. An ad hoc committee will be formed shortly.

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Don Luce speaks at Dal

Saigon gov't. commits atrocities

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March 13 Don Luce was at the Dal Green Room to speak on the political prisoners of the Saigon government. There are between 200,000 and 300,000 political prisoners in South Vietnam at the present moment, including men, women, children, Roman Catholic priests, Buddhist priests and nuns, in fact anyone who has been brave enough to speak up against the corrupt regime of President Thieu, or against the inhumane treatment of other prisoners. Even the relatives of those who have spoken out have been imprisoned.

Don Luce went to Vietnam as a volunteer agriculturist with International Voluntary Services, of which he

became South Vietnam director until his resignation in 1967. He returned in 1968 for the World Council of Churches and made world headlines when he discovered the notorious tiger cages in a large S. Vietnam prison. A tiger cage, which is a prison for three men, is 5 x 10. The atrocities committed in these pits include, besides the regular beatings and tortures, such innovations as water torture in which the captive's stomach is filled with soapy and filthy water, which is then forced up and then the process is started again.

After exposure of the tiger pits the Saigon Gov't said they would be eliminated. However, since that time prisoners

have been forced to build their own pits. The United States has since been contracted to build more pits, only these are to be 2 ft. smaller than those used before.

The people languishing in these jails have committed for the most part no crimes. They are known for speaking out against injustice, taking part in peace demonstrations or being student leaders. In addition there are people there solely because they could not pay the bribes demanded by the corrupt police and government.

The best example of the prisoners of bribery are the "shoeshine boys". These are children who have been arrested for shining shoes of soldiers to make money. If the children have enough money to bribe the police, they are set free. If not, they are sent to these tiger pits.

Mr. Luce also spoke for awhile on the problems he has encountered in exposing these things. When he began making these things known the U.S. Embassy made a security check on him, then took his press pass. When this failed to stop him a plan was made by the Saigon government to assassinate him, which he discovered and publicized. Consequently, he was forced to leave Vietnam.

The cease fire is supposed to insure the



(Martin Feisky/Dal photo)

Don Luce, in the Green Room, March 13, spoke on the measures taken by the Saigon gov't towards political prisoners.

democratic rights of the people and also to insure the release of all political prisoners. Accordingly, the supposedly free Saigon government is hastily changing the nature of the charges from political crimes to murders and rapes, etc.

Mr. Luce also pointed out that the time Canada agreed to spend in Vietnam was just long enough to insure the release of the American P.O.W.'s, with no concern for the other political prisoners.

What action can Dal take? You can write to: The International Committee to free South Vietnamese political prisoners from detention, torture and death, 52 Elgin Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

Ask for the names of known political prisoners and then write your M.P., Michael Gauvin (Canadian Com-

missioner, International Control Commission, Saigon) by Air Mail, President of the Senate, (Republic of Vietnam, Saigon, Air Mail), Kurt Waldheim (Secretary General, United Nations, New York) and ask about these prisoners, if they're still alive.

Your letters will help. "Immediate Intervention is necessary and effective for at least those prisoners whose names we have. This has been verified by Jean Pierre Debris and Andre Menras, the two Frenchmen who have just been released from CHI HOA prison in Saigon, who have witnessed the change in treatment of prisoners who have had intervention in their behalf."

If you can find time in your busy schedule to write a few letters you could save a life!

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