

Now just a large sewer

# 150 mourn Don's passing

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The Don River was laid to rest on Sunday by about 150 mourners paying their last respects.

The mourners, members of the University of Toronto's Pollution Probe supported by many spectators, said, the Don had ceased being a river and had become a sewer.

The procession led by two girls carrying placards inviting onlookers to join in the long line of mourners, curled its way down from Convocation Hall at U of T to the proposed burial sight. There police refused entry to the burial area because, they said, construction in the area made it dangerous for such a large group of people.

Undaunted, the members of the procession forged onwards to the alternate site just north of the Prince Edward Viaduct.

Organizer Martin Daly addressed the members of the procession. "Dearly beloved, we

are gathered here today to mourn the passing of our late dear friend, the Don River."

Daly spoke of the similarities between the Don and a large sewer. Nineteen years ago experts warned that the lower Don was the most grossly polluted stream in Ontario. There has been so much progress since then that the river of 1950 looks like a virgin trout stream he said. His eulogy was augmented by the wails of a black-clad woman playing the part of Lady John Graves Simcoe.

"Lady Simcoe" read from her diary of the days when the Don was a virgin trout stream surrounded by farms and beautiful trees.

Daly then addressed the crowd to deliver the final section of the eulogy. In 1830 there were four breweries on the Don he said. In 1860 there were more than 10 and they loved the crystal clear water of the Don.

In 1920 there were two breweries on the Don, both getting many complaints about the quality of

their brew. Industrial property had depleted the wheat fields and caused the trees to disappear Daly said, leaving a barren wasteland with a half dead stream running through it.

Suspended solids flow through the Don at the rate of 20,000 pounds a day. This fact is augmented, Daly said, by the fact that the Don has a pollution rating of 61 million per 100 millilitres as compared to the maximum allowable rate of 2,400 for swimming.

All was not lost though. "Mr. Greed", a representative for business and industry, drove up to the crowd in his chauffeur driven Cadillac. He was escorted to the pulpit, complete with a dollar sign on his top hat, by two beautifully fur-clad polluters. He spoke of the great Don and how industry could not get along without it. This was agreed by a roar of boos and Mr. Greed was pelted with garbage.

Signs expressing the general feeling towards pollution were predominant — "Fosfo kills where it cleans", "Pollution is Sinful", "Bleed for the Don", and "R.I.P. Don".

One young man was taking the task to hand and started burying the Don with a shovel. The corpse, represented by a beautiful bouquet of flowers was escorted to the edge of the Don by Lady Simcoe and the death march played on two muffled sousaphones. Lady Simcoe, sobbing, and being comforted by a friend, then threw a wreath into the deceased to end the ceremony.

Reverend James Cunningham, chaplain of Hart House, predicted that concern about pollution being demonstrated by the younger generation will lead to the restoration of the Don. The chaplain used a glass of pure spring water to drink a toast to the "future of the Don".

## World Briefs

### Dow stops making napalm

MIDLAND, Mich. (CUPI) -- Dow Chemical, the sparkplug for countless demonstrations on university campuses in the last three years, has stopped making napalm. Company spokesmen said the U.S. government awarded the contract for the jellied gasoline several weeks ago to another company, American Electric of Los Angeles, when Dow was an unsuccessful bidder for the new contract. The contract was worth about \$10 million.

### Okinawans want the U.S. out

KADENA, Okinawa (Special) — About 40,000 students clashed with riot police here Monday after a giant rally to demand "immediate, unconditional" return of Okinawa to Japan. The students, worried that Japanese prime minister Eisaku Sato will agree to turn Okinawa into "a permanent base for U.S. aggression" at talks with U.S. president Richard Nixon this week in Washington, fought off police with fire bombs, stones and bottles of sulphuric acid. From the rally, the students marched to the nearby Kadena U.S. Air Force base, carrying banners reading, Withdraw B-52s and Reject the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty. The eight-engine B-52 bombers, which take off daily from Kadena on bombing runs to Vietnam, are especially unpopular in Okinawa and Japan because they link the islands with the war in Vietnam. The U.S.-Japan security treaty is the target of students in Japan as well as Okinawa, where it likely will apply after Okinawa becomes a part of Japan again. The treaty provides for the United States to defend Japan in return for the presence of U.S. bases in the country.

### Gulf asks halt to Bolivian aid

WASHINGTON (Guardian) -- The Gulf Corporation, fearing the example of Bolivia's recent nationalization of its property, called on the Nixon administration to invoke the Hickenlooper Amendment against that country. The amendment, which enables the U.S. president to withhold foreign aid payments, was originally passed in retaliation for seizures of U.S. property by revolutionary governments. Although Gulf's Bolivian production is only 1.1 per cent of the worldwide output, the Bolivia nationalization coupled with Peru's seizure of the U.S. owned International Petroleum Corp., poses serious threats to Gulf's future investment in South America.

### Peru's fishermen on strike

LIMA (Guardian) -- Between 20,000 and 30,000 Peruvian fishermen went on strike Oct. 27 demanding nationalization of foreign fisheries, the largest of which is the U.S. owned Fishing Company of Peru, owning 60 vessels and six processing plants. The strike which has paralysed the entire Peruvian fishing industry, was preceded by large demonstrations Oct. 21-22.

### Cleaver talks of 'death cells'

PYONG YANG, Korea (INS) -- Eldridge Cleaver, in a recent tour of North Korea, was shown the remains of what could only be described as the U.S. Auschwitz in Sinchon, North Korea. In an address to a press conference in Pyong Yang, Cleaver described the camp as a series of "horror chambers" into which U.S. troops had "herded the beautiful Korean children ... by the hundreds, poured gas on them, and burned them alive." He described the "death cells" as being similar to the solitary confinement cells where he spent the bulk of his jail sentence in the U.S. No U.S. official in either the state department or the department of defence has made any statement challenging the validity of Cleaver's remarks.

### 21 Panthers go on trial

NEW YORK (Guardian) -- Twenty-one Black Panthers accused of plotting to kill police, conspiring to blow up five major department stores, some New Haven Railroad tracks and the Bronx Botanical Gardens, went on trial Monday in New York City. The Panthers dismiss the charges as a complete hoax. Arrested April 2, the Panther party members have been held in seven different jails on \$100,000 bail each. Efforts to reduce the bail have been frustrated in several appeals courts.

### Brazilian guerrilla killed

SAO PAULO (Guardian) -- Carlos Marighella, 58, leader of the National Liberation Action -- one of two guerilla groups operating in Brazil -- was killed last week by federal police here. Marighella is said to have planned the kidnapping of U.S. ambassador Charles Burk Elbrick in September. He was also involved in several firebombings, hijacking of a Brazilian airliner to Cuba, at least eight bank holdups and most spectacularly with the armed takeover of a Brazilian radio station and the subsequent broadcast of an attack on the dictatorship of Brazilian President Arthur da Costa e Silva. The Brazilian federal police have, over the past year, been carrying out an off duty campaign to wipe out the Brazilian left.

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