

CAMPUS: WORLD

Opts out of occupation treaty

SAN FRANCISCO

The acting president of a California college refused to honor an agreement he made with students occupying the administrative centre of the school because he claimed the agreement had been signed "under duress".

Dr. Paul Blomgren, acting president of San Fernando State College, declared "null and void" an agreement which provided for amnesty for the occupiers and changes in curricular and administrative spheres.

He also announced that he would press for arrest of the demonstrators and suspend them pending a college judicial hearing. The students had barricaded him, two aides, and 34 administrative personnel in the building.

The 300 students, members of Students for a Democratic Society and the Black Students Union, were protesting racial discrimination in the university's athletic program.

"Any document arrived at when people are held hostage or force is being used is not a mutual agreement," Blomgren said. "It appeared to me that the safety of the college personnel was definitely in jeopardy. From that point on, my first and only consideration was the safety of those individuals."

Schools seized in frantic France

PARIS

Student dissatisfaction continues in France as schools in three French cities were occupied Nov. 5.

Rebels seized several administration offices at the National College of Fine Arts in Paris in a demand for curriculum changes.

Science students were driven from administrative offices in the University of Grenoble in a protest over the lack of student representation in decision-making in the school. They produced a newspaper and distributed leaflets to publicize their complaints.

Cops cart hoses to Madrid campus

MADRID

The University of Madrid was occupied Nov. 4 by hundreds of police called on campus by the school administration to prevent further student violence.

The university has been plagued with student unrest over university expulsion of two law school student leaders. About 30 cops entered the school of law and tore down posters denouncing "repression" by administration officials.

Outside the school, two busloads of policemen, 10 police cars and two armored water tanks with jet hoses stood ready to quell any outbreak.

Last week, student rebels ransacked the dean of law's office and burned portraits of General Franco.

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Our cities built in ugly period : expert



Dr. Chester Rapkin

Photo by Dave Cooper

Small militant groups are perhaps the greatest threat to the city, Dr. Chester Rapkin told 300 people at Burton Auditorium last Wednesday night.

Rapkin, an economist and statistician at Columbia University, was the first lecturer in this year's Gerstein Lecture Series. The series is devoted to the future of the city and the university.

Rapkin said there is no safeguard against such groups, except mass disapproval of their actions.

Poverty, inequality and social injustice are the greatest problems facing the future of the city, and the key to defeating this is full employment and rapid growth, said Rapkin.

Rapkin called the lack of enforcing building codes in Canada and the United States "a national scandal." He said we must eliminate sub-standard housing in the next decade.

In our modern society, said Rapkin, it continues to be honorable to make money by land ownership. His solution to this is that when land is redeveloped it should be bought by the city and leased for urban renewal. He said he was pessimistic about this, but maintained that it must be done.

Rapkin said we have had the misfortune to have had our cities built during the ugliest period of architecture in the history of man.

The construction market, he said, functions well for new buildings but it doesn't solve the problem for rebuilding.

Give blood!

A Red Cross blood donor's clinic will be held in the McLaughlin junior common room Nov. 20 and 21 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Entertainment will be provided all day. There is an annual competition at stake for the corpuscle. Last year Winters won it.

Free coffee and cookies will be served by charming nurses (so we're told).

Vanier not really sinking

The Vanier College building is not sinking into the ground after all.

Cracked walls, sagging ceilings, and doors that suddenly wouldn't fit recently led to some apprehension that the structure wouldn't last until the completion of the university in 1980.

However, A. Arcand, project co-ordinator at Vanier said that, according to structural engineers who were called in to investigate, there is no danger to the building and that the problem appears to be more serious than it really is.

The damage was caused, he said, by the deflection of a reinforced concrete structural slab, which caused the hall walls to be pulled away from the internal partitions. This slight movement

was normal and expected.

The slab had been designed to deflect to compensate for the weight of the structure built on it. But, Arcand said, the hung ceiling, composed of a grid of metal strips on which the tiles are placed, was installed too tightly, leaving no allowance for any movement of the walls. When movement did occur, the ceiling had to buckle.

The building contractors will have to tear down the old ceiling and replace it with one that has slightly shorter T-bars to prevent a repetition of the problem. Arcand pointed out, however, that the maximum deflection has now occurred and that once the present repairs have been completed, no new ones should be needed.



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