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McGill gets out of South Africa

MONTREAL (CUP) - Two year's of lobbying by a student divestment group at McGill University has resulted in the University selling all its shares in two companies which have heavy investments in South Africa.

Vice-principal Finance John Armour said the McGill Board of Governors decided to divest from

the Mobil and Royal Dutch Shell oil companies in a closed session on February 15.

The action was announced only on March 10 in the University's public relations newsletter, *The Reporter*. Armour said publicity was delayed until March 5, when the university officially divested.

"The agreement was that it would be publicized after the shares were sold," he said.

Liz Norman, Students' Society president and a member of the Board's Committee on Social and Moral Responsibility (CSMR) was critical of the apparent lack of publicity the decision received.

"The Committee specifically asked to have a lot of publicity," said Norman. "It's a scandal." She said publicity is essential to make the divestment process effective.

When the CSMR presented its report on divestment to the board in January, it recommended that financial considerations should play a large part in the timing of the decision. The committee suggested publicity should wait until after the "expiration of a reasonable delay."

Robert Sullivan, information coordinator for the student divestment group, the South Africa Committee, was sceptical of the Board's decision.

"I applaud the fact that they've divested, but the Board promised to give ample coverage if they divested," he said. "For divestment to be effective, it has to get a lot of publicity."

Sullivan said the decision to divest may have involved other motives. "The reason that they sold the shares may have something to do with oil prices hitting rock bottom because of the international oil glut."

McGill owned \$979,000 worth of Shell Canada (Royal Dutch) shares in 1979. Figures on the University's investment in Mobil stock were not available. Mobil and Shell together control a large share of the foreign oil operations in South Africa.

According to Sullivan, Mobil and Shell are "unequivocally supplying vital supplies to the (South African) army which supports the present apartheid regime."

The United Nations has recommended an oil embargo on South Africa which both Mobil and Shell have consistently ignored.

A petition with more than 3,000 signatures of McGill students demanding divestment from all companies with links to South Africa will be introduced by Norman at an upcoming Board meeting.



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Experience of Poland

Stan Persky, a political economist at Northwest College in British Columbia, and author of "At the Lenin Shipyards", will be speaking in Edmonton this Wednesday on his experiences in Poland last summer.

During his extended visit to the birthplace of Solidarnosc, Mr. Persky held extensive discussions with leading members of the first independent trade union in Eastern Europe. He will be a guest speaker on behalf of the University History Department in Tory 2-28 at 2 p.m. on Wednesday March 17. On the same evening, he is to speak at a forum sponsored by the East European Solidarity Committee and the Erewhon Books Collective and will address the issue of why socialists should support Solidarnosc. This forum is being held at the Erewhon Bookstore, 10815 82 Avenue and begins at 7:30 p.m.