

Radical Nader now a consultant: US businessmen

OTTAWA (CUP) - Ralph Nader is no longer a threat to American big business.

In fact, the highest institutional authority of US capitalism now pictures Nader more as an efficiency consultant to Wall Street and Madison Avenue than as a radical advocate of consumers' rights.

Edward Rust, president of the US Chamber of Commerce told businessmen attending a recent Chicago conference that it is only when products do not live up to their advertising and to buyers' expectations that Nader seeks to have them regulated by the government.

"That suggests a considerable degree of faith in the system and contrasts sharply with the revolutionary who would tear it down,"

he explained.

Rust, who is also president of the six companies in the State Farm insurance group, assured the conference that he was not siding with Nader against business because Nader "is not on the other side."

He believed that it was "inevitable that sooner or later someone like Nader would arise to focus and articulate the dissatisfactions and frustrations that are widespread among American consumers." However, when business sees consumerism and its spokesmen as its enemies, then "business is demonstrating its own failure to understand the healthy tensions and competing pressures that must always be present in that system if it is to survive."

A leading business newspaper,

the Wall Street Journal agreed that "Nader has proven himself an excellent diagnostician of the ills of the marketplace" and American businessmen would do well to listen to him.

Nader began his crusades in 1966 with his attack on the US automobile industry for their unsafe cars.

At that time, he was still a threat to the industry. Private detectives, hired by General Motors, investigated his monastic life, but were unable to uncover anything to discredit him. The then-GM president, James Roch, was forced to publicly apologize for the snooping.

A week before Rust's speech, Nader spoke at the UN, attacking

the multinational corporations. He suggested that host countries could insist, as a condition of entry, that a multinational firm provide a plan

to turn over some percentage of ownership over to the state or some private group within a certain period of time.

Deep Throat raided at U of T

TORONTO (CUP) - Three university of Toronto students face criminal charges of "exposing an obscene movie to public view" following a Friday night (October 12) raid by Metro Toronto police.

The movie *Deep Throat*, has been declared obscene in some US court districts, but it has never been ruled on by a Canadian court, said Clayton Ruby, a lawyer representing two of the students.

The arrests were made Friday night after the second showing of the film at the Medical Sciences Anatomy lecture hall. Plainclothes police, who had watched both screenings, seized the film and laid the charge.

Ruby said his defence of the charges will be based on the distinction between profit and nonprofit ventures.

"Admission was only one dollar and nobody made a profit. The distributor only asked for 500 dollars or half the gate."

"It's unfair to put all the blame on

the three students who were arrested," Ruby said. "The movie was brought in by the Student's Administrative Council

"The university is no Yonge Street. It's the proper function of a university to educate people... It's not criminal to educate them." The showing of movies like this, which are part of an ongoing educational film series comprising classic and uncontroversial films, is not directed at pornographic and purulent interests.

Ruby said the three charged students are to appear in court, Oct. 26, to be remanded to a day at which a trial date will be set. He expects the trial to take place sometime early next year.

Before the accused could be convicted, two points would have to be established. First the court would have to rule the film as obscene, and second, the accused would have to be found guilty. Ruby plans to fight both points.

Ruby says SAC is footing their legal defence costs.

UBC paper clashes with Straight

VANCOUVER (CUP) - Vancouver area university and college student councils have banned the free distribution of the Georgia Straight on their campuses. The University of British Columbia (UBC) student council seized copies of *The Straight* October 4 and Straight owner Dan McLeod is threatening to sue them.

McLeod claimed the student councils are limiting freedom of the press. "The whole thing smacks of fascism," he said.

Since the student council constitution bars the free distribution of unauthorized publications, UBC student officials explained they are well within their rights in seizing the Straight in the Student Union Building.

UBC student publications' business manager, John Dufort, said

The student papers, Dufort pointed out, are published as non-profit services to students and are subsidized by the student councils. The Straight is distributing free on campuses strictly to tap the lucrative student advertising market, he contended.

that UBC's student newspaper, the *Ubsysey*, stands to lose 30-50 per cent of its advertising revenue if the Straight is allowed to distribute free on campus. He said that by distributing free on all Vancouver-area campuses, the Straight can make such an attractive appeal to advertisers that the individual student newspapers will not be able to compete.

The *Ubsysey* said the student council "is perfectly willing to let the Straight distribute on campus

as long as they charge the standard downtown price."

The UBC student council claimed to have the support of all the other student councils in the area. The Simon Fraser University Student Society voted unanimously to support the UBC position, October 10.

In an effort to solve the dispute, Dan McLeod offered to subsidize the student papers for revenue lost because of the Straight, but no agreement has been reached in methods of determining amounts of compensation and the students' councils have not said they are willing to negotiate on these terms. Even if a compromise is reached, McLeod said he will seek a court ruling on the right of the students' councils to ban a newspaper.

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National news briefs

LONDON - The British are getting dire warnings these days that they not only may become the poorest people in Europe by 1985 but also the drunkest.

A forecast by Lord Rothschild, head of Prime Minister Edward Heath's central review policy staff, predicted that unless Britain stops spending as though it were still a rich and powerful nation it will surely end up on Skid Road.

(Toronto Star)

TORONTO - Watch your cookies - they may be made of human wastes before too long.

Toronto engineer Johann Sollinger has discovered a system which treats sewage in such a way that the end products can light our cities and perhaps feed the world's starving millions. It can even be used to make cookies, said Sollinger.

(Toronto Star)

VICTORIA - A naked woman on horseback appeared at the British Columbia legislature building yesterday to protest Liquor Control Board regulations.

As about 100 persons gaped, a long-haired "Miss Alexis MacDonald" named for Attorney-General Alex MacDonald - strode from a camper truck parked outside the legislative building and mounted a white horse.

The 23-year-old woman plays bagpipes in a three-woman nude orchestra at a Vancouver cabaret. Owner Bob Reeds earlier protested the liquor board requirement that an orchestra be present whenever a nude performance is given.

(Toronto Star)

In just 28 years there will be probably 16.5 million people living between Windsor and Kingston, Ontario, compared to the present 5.7 million making the Toronto megalopolis the largest in Canada.

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