

a joint venture to Duncan Rattray Peters Searle, Architects, and McAllister Contracting Co. Ltd. of Winnipeg. The hotel, the first to be built in Ceylon since 1905, is being developed by Pegasus Hotel Co. of Ceylon. It will be built on the site of Hendala Farms, a former coconut plantation located about four miles north of Colombo, Ceylon.

A prestige building, the hotel will have 60,000 square feet of space in guest-rooms with 30,000 square feet of space in public rooms. It will feature exterior recreational facilities including a swimming pool, tennis and shuffleboard courts, as well as access to 2,000 yards of ocean beach, well protected by a reef, which affords excellent sea bathing. Total construction cost of the building will involve \$2 million, with furniture and fittings amounting to another \$500,000.

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conventional forms customarily chosen. Moreover, as more and more dissent emanates from the young and the deprived, it can be expected to be more and more vigorous, and increasingly to take the form of mass demonstrations. Such mass demonstrations have the potential for escalation into violence. Accordingly, they must be confined to its functions which, as Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas has pointed out, are: "to communicate a point of view, to arouse enthusiasm and group cohesiveness among participants, to attract others to joining, and to impress upon the public and the authorities the point advocated by the protesters, the urgency of the demand and the power behind it. *These forms do not include terror, riot or pillage.*"...

These, then, are suggested guide-lines for legitimate protest and constructive dissent. These are the limiting principles against which the right of dissent or any legitimacy of civil disobedience must be tested. But there will be no solution unless we deal with the root cause of that dissent - both at the university level and in society.

#### ROOT OF PROBLEM

Let's deal with the university. I can understand the anger and disillusionment that students feel when legitimate grievances are frustrated. The university administration should not reply to legitimate student protest by trying to repress it. Indeed, the inadequate response within the university hierarchy to the pressure of responsible students has sometimes made it possible for irresponsible elements to turn the issue to their demagogic advantage.

The real core of the problem is one of meaningful participation. Students have a right to participate in determining what happens to them during their tenure at university. The student is consumer of the educational process. It is time that we look at the matter from the "consumer perspective".

What thinking there has been in the academic community about the relations of students to the university has primarily centred on theories that no longer seem relevant. The poverty of the concepts is nowhere more apparent than in the area of student conduct and discipline. Accordingly, the university must develop a basic rationale for university regulations of student conduct that would allow the students as much freedom as possible in the pursuit of their educational objectives.

What is needed is more flexibility on the part of university administrators and a better understanding by faculties that one of the prime purposes of the university is undergraduate teaching and that the student is what it's all about....