

Mounties search naked woman's apartment, find nothing

LONDON (CUP) - A member of the RCMP has been disciplined after he and two other members of the drug squad here entered the apartment of an unclad University of Western Ontario student as she was getting ready for a shower last April.

The officers used a writ of assistance, a blanket search warrant, on a raid which both Solicitor General Allmand and the London RCMP term "a mistake."

But Dee Lewis, a 29 year old graduate student, won't be content with the disciplining of one officer, a rare practice in the RCMP.

She wants writs of assistance banned altogether. The writs give RCMP officers the right to enter any residence where they have reasonable and probable grounds to suspect a crime has been or is being committed.

Lewis feels the writs give the RCMP too much discretionary power about who, where, and when to search.

But Sergeant Edward Crystal of the RCMP said the writs are "jealously guarded" by the RCMP and are not abused by officers because they are essential in apprehending hard drug pushers.

Only four of the 14 members of the London drug squad have writs of assistance, which are issued by the Exchequer Court in Ottawa.

To guard against abuse,

members who use writs of assistance in searches where they don't find any kind of drugs must appear before a Justice of the Peace to explain the actions, Crystal said.

But Lewis believes there is too much secrecy around the writs of assistance. She still doesn't know what action was taken against the officer or even what the writ of assistance said.

"They just walked in with the writ and then didn't search the place. I was so upset I couldn't remember what was on the writ, just that it said writ of assistance and had an officer's name on it."

Lewis said she did not know why the officers were in her apartment and only later learned that they had mistaken her husband for another man by the same name who they suspected of trafficking.

Sgt. Crystal admitted no drugs were found in the apartment nor was a search undertaken.

"In this case, the writ was a matter of experience. We were going to get a search warrant for the place anyways, but the unfortunate part was the lady was naked."

After the raid, three RCMP officers came over to apologize

to the Lewis' for the embarrassment and tried to persuade Mrs. Lewis not to complain about their mistaken raid.

"They asked me if I was going to the papers and I hadn't really thought of that, but if they didn't want me to, I figured I'd better," she said.

"They wanted me to think it was an honest mistake but I don't think it was an honest mistake, without a writ they probably wouldn't have come."

Lewis asked Solicitor General Allmand for an inquiry into the use of writs but in a letter informing her of the disciplinary action against the

officer, the minister refused to grant an inquiry into the blanket search warrant.

The solicitor general also rejected requests from Lewis for copies of the writ, policy statements on how the writs are to be used, and statistics on how many writs have led to drug convictions.

She is pleased with the disciplinary action, but is bothered by the secrecy of the federal government.

According to Lewis, writs mean "they can just walk in anywhere they want on the grounds suspicion, and that's dangerous."

Faculty unions new trend

IP - SAN FRANCISCO: The next item on the labour scene appears to be organized faculty unions at universities.

Notre Dame University in Nelson, B.C. has one of the few faculty unions in Canada, and now the non-law faculty at the University of San Francisco has organized as an independent union.

Commenting on the formation of this new union, Fr. William C. McInnes, president of USF, said "The faculty has chosen a new mode of conducting its business. The administration respects its choice and will work with the faculty in implementing its decisions."

"It is my hope that all parties will still keep in mind the overriding interests of the common good of the university as opposed to any narrow and individual self-interest," he said. "Without a strong university, none of us can survive."

"There still exist many demanding academic challenges that faculty, administration, staff and students must face in common in the days ahead. We will have to work harder to act as a community - even though we are now arranged in different constituencies - in order to adapt to changes, to strengthen our enrollments, to increase the attractiveness of our existing academic programs and to develop new faculty offerings."

The non-law faculty voted 155 to 48 to organize as an independent union. In an election mandated by the National Labor Relations Board, 203 of the 248 member USF full-time faculty chose as their official collective bargaining representative the Non-Law Faculty Association.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Winter Session 1976-77

Students who are currently registered for daytime classes, may secure their Advance Registration Forms as shown below:

Faculty	Building	Room	Time
Agriculture	Agriculture	250	March 1-12
Arts	Humanities	6-7	March 1-April 30
Business Administration & Commerce	Central Academic	379	March 1-April 30
Education	Education	Lobby	March 1-5
Engineering			
Students entering 2nd year	Mechanical Engineering	5-1	March 1-15
Students entering 3rd and 4th year			
Chemical	Chemical & Mineral Engineering	536	March 1-15
Civil	Civil & Electrical Engineering	220	March 1-15
Electrical	Civil & Electrical Engineering	238	March 1-15
Mechanical	Mechanical Engineering	4-9	March 1-15
Mineral	Chemical & Mineral Engineering	606	March 1-15
Household Economics	Household Economics	115	March 1-10
Nursing	Clinical Sciences	3-120	March 4-10
Physical Education			
Physical Education Students	Physical Education	Staff Counsellor' Office	March 15-April 2
Recreation Administration students			
Students entering 4th year	Physical Education	W114	March 12
Students entering 3rd year	Physical Education	W114	March 19
Students entering 2nd year	Physical Education	W114	March 26
Science	Biological Sciences	CW223	March 1-April 30
College Universitaire St. Jean	8406-91 Street	Reception	March 1-April 1

Other Faculties - forms will be distributed as described in the Course Registration Procedure Book.