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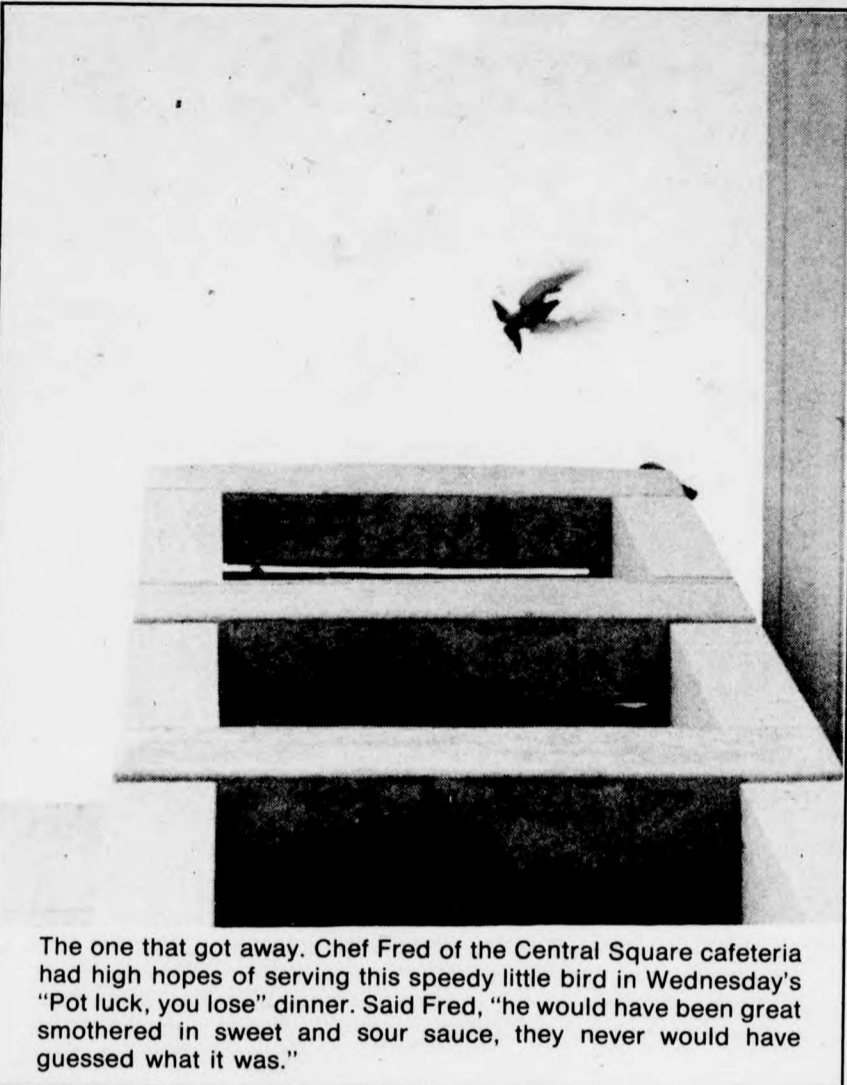
**RCMP investigate threat to exec
Pacifists demand industry pay**

TORONTO (CUP) — The RCMP is investigating a threat to arrest a Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd. executives because of the company's mining operation in Namibia. Thirty-one European and 12 American industrialists have received the same threat from a group supporting United Nations' policy in Namibia, formerly Southwest Africa. In letters posted from Manchester, England, the Friends of the United Nations Executive (FUNE) demanded that the companies controlled by the

industrialists pay taxes for their Namibian operations directly to the UN, instead of to South Africa. This conforms with a 1968 UN ruling that all foreign companies are operating illegally in Namibia, and should withdraw altogether or pay taxes directly to the world body. The General Assembly had terminated South Africa's mandate over the former trust territory, and at the same time declared South Africa to be in illegal occupation of Namibia. Subsequently, the World Court upheld the

UN ruling to declare that foreign firms were operating illegally. FUNE is described as "a clandestine network of concerned individuals" which claims to be "a new organization formed to enforce respect for international law, and to warn, re-educate, and if necessary, arrest and imprison some of the persons in power responsible for the worst violations." It appears to be a widely based group of committed intellectuals from Europe. The warning sent to the industrialists read, "The Friends of the UN Executive with this letter give you notice that if, by August 1, 1974, your company has not declared publically, via the UN Council of Namibia, that it will no longer violate international law regarding Namibia, then you will be subject to arrest and imprisonment as of Aug. 1, 1974. The absolute minimum force will be used to arrest and detain you, and the conditions of the workers in Namibia you are exploiting. Your companies will be able to get your release quite easily by petitioning the UN Council for Namibia. Immediately after this body publicly declares that they are satisfied with your company's future policies regarding Namibia, you will be released..."

Among the other companies hit are British Leyland Motor Corporation and Shell Oil.



The one that got away. Chef Fred of the Central Square cafeteria had high hopes of serving this speedy little bird in Wednesday's "Pot luck, you lose" dinner. Said Fred, "he would have been great smothered in sweet and sour sauce, they never would have guessed what it was."

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