

"Will be one of the dirtiest in history"

Lawyer claims plot to deport Pagan

By ANDY MICHALSKI

The lawyer for Puerto Rican Independentist Humberto Pagan Hernandez, Roberto Maldonado told a small group of students Thursday that there was a U.S. - Canadian plot to deport Hernandez back to Puerto Rico where he may face death.

Maldonado charged that "If this is allowed to go on, then this will be one of the dirtiest plots in International history."

Just before a three-man appeal board hearing would deliver its judgment on Monday, an extradition hearing was called for Monday by the U.S. under the terms of the U.S. - Canadian treaty.

Maldonado explained that under Canada's immigration laws, Hernandez could never be deported unless it could be proven he was under no danger. At the proceedings so far, witnesses such as the Roman Catholic arch-bishop of Puerto Rico Antulio Bonilla-Parilla said Hernandez would face certain death from either the police or right-wing vigilante squads.

One witness the crown brought in was a Puerto Rican attorney (also a noted law professor) but he was never called to the witness box. Maldonado said this was because the attorney would admit that the law applied to everyone except Hernandez.

His lawyers have now applied for a postponement of extradition proceedings by the Carleton county judge who will decide with written statements whether there's enough evidence to have Hernandez sent back to stand trial.

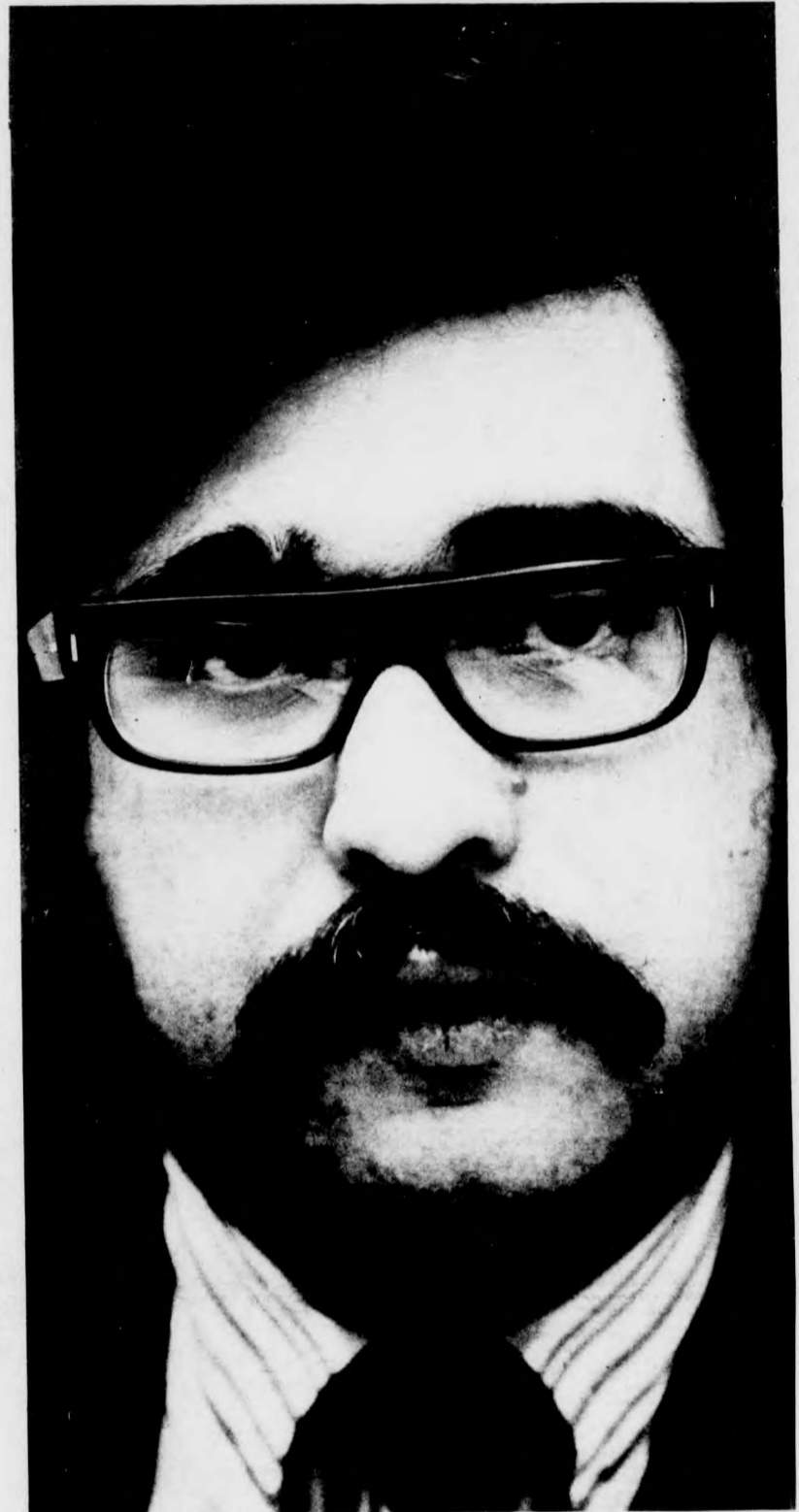
Since the U.S. has made the extradition request, Hernandez' lawyers feel that if his case is defeated, Hernandez would be placed in chains and sent on a flight to Puerto Rico. If the extradition warrant is refused, Hernandez could be deported to Chile or Cuba which say they would accept him.

Maldonado told the York students that it's not Hernandez himself that the U.S. in Puerto Rico want, but rather the ideas he represents.

Hernandez is accused of killing a police officer at a riot at the University of Puerto Rico March 11 last year. Two police officers and an ROTC cadet were also killed.

Maldonado is known for his defence of radicals and political prisoners in Puerto Rico. He testified at the Hernandez' hearing that he was beaten by police at their station when he tried to reach students arrested in the March riots. The beating resulted in a fractured spine, two skull fractures and multiple contusions.

He was secretly moved among apartments of friends to keep him hidden from hostile police, right wing agents or even right wing doctors. (See pages 10 and 11).



Humberto Pagan's lawyer Roberto Maldonado.

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Versafood faced with large deficit of \$69,000 in next year's budget

By HARRY STINSON

Versafood's planned \$20,000 profit for this year has been cut to \$10,000 with the 20 percent instead of the usual 12 percent vacancy rate in residences.

Versafood is now faced with a \$69,000 deficit in next year's \$2,000,000 budget which is absorbed by York after Versafood gets its management fee of about five percent.

Ancillary services assistant director Charles Kirk offered last Wednesday a new 10 meal per week plan at \$385 per year to the food services committee but he says he hopes it won't catch on because it means less profit with administration costs the same on all plans. Students free to pick 10 out of any 21 meals would create a more unpredictable volume of turnover. The 21 meal per week plan is \$525 per year (\$16.94 per week), the 19 meal plan, \$480 (\$16.45 per week) and the 14 meal plan, \$480 (\$15.48 per week).

York maintains a \$50,000 back-up fund but Versafood fears shortages on the monthly cash balance when it comes time to cover food orders worth more than this cushion.

Versafood director Ed James said the 10 meal plan would not get seconds. He estimates that York day students are making off with \$20,000 of illicit second helpings and side orders every year.

Several other universities have experimented with the 10 meal plan and all-cash set-ups. According to Versafood and York administrators, too many problems result from this plan. York would have to start from scratch if such flexibility was to work, Versafood says.

Day students are already offered a \$360 seven meal per week scheme. If resident students were to sign up for the 10 meal plan and make their own lunches, student committee members estimated the savings to be \$95.

Underlying the whole predicament is a groundswell of discontent among residents over the cost of campus living. Many vow they will return only as a last resort if food plan costs and board fees do not drop.

An average 83 cent meal available under the plan represents better nutritional and monetary value compared with the average 75 cent

counter-snack meal. The snack prices help subsidize pay for the 140 Versafood employees.

Twenty-one and 19 meal plans offer a 22 percent discount, with 15 and 10 percent on the 14 and 10 meal plans. Versafood makes this up in a missed meals factor. Introducing more subsistence level plans might reduce this factor, Versafood says.

With an eight month lease on a nearby townhouse, students calculate that three people can enjoy better accommodation and feed themselves for \$900 compared with \$1200 residence fees. York is challenged to make up the \$300

difference in services and attractions.

A recent report by Kirk speculated on the conversion of residences into small apartments and the provision of large kitchens on varying floors. A close watch is out on the Glendon proposal to install kitchens in D and E wings of Hilliard Residence. However, the Glendon plan forces residents to accept a 10 meal plan plus kitchen fees. The final cost works out to be \$15 more per year than the 19 meal plan. That extra cost does not include costs for food to be prepared in the kitchens. Glendon residents want a no meal plan to accompany the kitchen proposal and are rejecting the Versafood proposal.

Coffee rises to 15 cents Versa will make \$23,000

Coffee will cost 15 cents a cup beginning May 1. Ancillary services assistant director Charles Kirk made the announcement last Wednesday in the food services committee meeting. He says the move would cause an immediate increase in student coffee shop business and increase Versafood revenues by \$23,000.

He said he expects the protest to subside with the York's population increase. No reactions on the scale of last year's 15 cent coffee boycott are expected. Last year, Council of the York Student Federation blocked the move by setting up a 10 cent coffee booth outside the Central Square coffee shop.

By the terms of the Versafood

contract, York sets Versafood policy, bears the debts, or reaps the profits.

Although the price of coffee remains constant, Versafood points to rising cream and sugar prices coupled with overhead wage squeezes. They claim it costs seven and a half cents to turn out a 10 cent product. This is inconsistent with their cost proportion policies, they said.

A student committee member said the equivalent figure for student coffee shops is closer to five and a half cents per cup.

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