

# CAMPUS: WORLD

## One third will fight for freedom

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Peter Warrian doesn't talk about the Canadian Union of Students, he talks about a student movement.

He sees his main task as putting across certain relationships to students which they may not see now - relationships like those he sees in the movie *Rosemary's Baby*.

"How about a film review of *Rosemary's Baby* in terms of liberal consciousness?" he asked Peter Allnutt, editor of CUS' national student magazine, *Issue*. "The just society is going to be *Rosemary's Baby*."

Peter Warrian is president of CUS. The professional media pictures and quotes him as a building-burning revolutionary who intends to knock Canadian universities down to the ground and then move on to level the rest of society in the same way. The media lies.

Warrian said: "My concept of political leadership is not the leaders and the led. Leadership is describing the situation then presenting alternatives."

The student movement has always been hung up on leadership, the charismatic leader like Dutschke or Cohn-Bendit . . . encouraged by the media which builds these people."

For the moment, Warrian would much rather stand on a table in some university cafeteria and talk to students than lead howling masses through the streets. He doesn't deny that someday he may be fighting in the streets but he has no intention of doing it until Canadian students think that's what's required.

When people describe Warrian sympathetically, they say

he is the image of the clean-cut, Canadian kid - one who doesn't smoke or drink, likes football, still plays it occasionally, and was once in training for the priesthood. In short, he becomes the male version of Playboy's "girl next door".

If you want to like Warrian, he's all that and more. When he speaks, he has a sincerity which, at times, becomes too much to believe.

He speaks in quiet tones, but the message is the sort that is supposed to come across only in revolutionary rallies.

He wants CUS to take ideas to people and help them see their position: "We talked a lot at the congress about taking it to the student . . . when we talk about confrontation, we mean not only political confrontation but a confrontation of ideas."

But even Warrian doesn't believe in complete success. Optimistically, he says, "I think it may be possible that by the end of the year 20% to one third of the students in Canada may be involved on a continuing day-to-day basis, with an equal number following them in crisis situations."

If something near Warrian's prediction is not realized, the union may be in trouble. For the past three or four years there have been rumblings throughout Canada that "students aren't getting their money's worth from CUS" and talking to people is not going to produce easily de-

financed financial benefits.

Meanwhile, Warrian will be working for a new sort of university.

"We're sometimes slandered because it is said we want to destroy the university," Warrian says. "In fact we are trying to give it viability and life which can only come from analysis, self-criticism and definition - otherwise we become extinct like some huge grey mushy sort of dinosaur."

"Increasingly there is the feeling we will have an anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist university or no university at all."

Warrian talks about the reaction from administrations to student activity calmly and coolly.

"I don't think they're capable of a common approach across the country," he says.

Recently, at Brandon University and Memorial University, threats have been made to expel students for demonstrations and other activities which were deemed disruptive to university life.

Warrian commented on the threat of expulsion that a more serious error by administrations or a more beneficial act for the students as a whole couldn't be dreamed of.

"There are just too many students to whom the threat of expulsion for political action is a cause for glee rather than dismay."

There was a look of glee in Warrian's face when he said that.

### 17 die in Mexican student strike

#### MEXICO CITY

The embattled capital city of Mexico, the centre of an all week running gun battle between students and police, seems to be quieting down after organizers of anti-government action called for an end to violence Thursday.

At least 17 people were killed and over 500 arrested during the days of violence following army occupation of the University of Mexico last week.

Student leaders of the Student National Strike Committee are reportedly ready to begin talks with the government in order to achieve settlement of the three month old strike.

The students are asking for release of political prisoners; elimination of sections of the criminal code dealing with subversion and public disorder, used by police "to suppress students"; dismissal of the Mexico city police chief and his assistant; elimination of a special corps of riot police; an investigation of brutality against them and indemnity to the victims; and a greater voice in the running of Mexican universities.

### Priests destroy draft records

#### MILWAUKEE

Fourteen people quietly awaited arrest Sept. 24 as they set fire to thousands of draft records stolen from a selective service office.

The group, which included some five Roman Catholic priests, seized the cards in order to prevent induction of an estimated 27,000 draft eligibles. "Some property has no right to exist," said a pamphlet distributed by a member of the "Milwaukee 14".

All were held on bond Wednesday and charged with arson, burglary, and criminal damage to property after the early evening raid.

"We destroy Selective Service system files because men need to be reminded that property is not sacred," the fourteen said in their statement. "If anything tangible is sacred it is the gift of life and flesh, flesh which is daily burned, made homeless, butchered without tears and clamours from most Americans."

### Street fighting closes schools

#### MONTIVIDEO

The Uruguay government closed down universities and secondary schools Sept. 22, while calling out the army to quell days of bloody street fighting against students and workers.

Students and militant labour groups here are demanding an end to President Jorge Pacheco Areco's austerity program, under which prices and wages were frozen. But as fighting grew more intense, the economic issue was largely supplanted by grievances against police.

A man and a woman, identified as student leaders, were killed, and about 100 other students and workers were wounded in last week's fighting alone.

Troops joined policemen at centres of tension throughout the city and took over the various faculties of the National University. A government communique said that university facilities and secondary schools would remain closed until Oct. 15.

### Wallace fans boycott highschool

#### TRENTON N.J.

Trenton High School was closed Friday after racial strife threatened to erupt in violence at the school.

Trenton, a troubled school closed four times in the last nine months over racial incidents, was only one of three New Jersey high schools plagued by student boycotts.

Roland Daniels, Negro principal at Trenton, closed the school after fist fights broke out in the school. Across the street, an angry crowd of boycotting white students threatened to chase out a smaller group of black students who had come to make peace.

The white boycott, involving several hundred students wearing "Wallace for President" buttons, is in its second day. The protest centres about alleged beating administered to whites by militant blacks. Nearly 2,000 of the school's 3,000 students didn't even bother to show up for school today.

Leaders of the boycotting whites and several black student leaders met with Governor Richard J. Hughes Thursday evening in an effort to reach an agreement that would allow classes to resume next week. There was no report from the meeting Friday.

### Versafoods gave free watermelons!

by Anita Levine

York students were neatly niggered Friday night, by, of all people, Versafoods.

Succulent, delicious watermelon was served free to everyone who purchased dinner in the Founders-Vanier servery.

Some students eyed it suspiciously and hesitated to take a piece, not wishing to openly acknowledge their second-class status.

But a few less politically-oriented characters didn't care. One person had to dodge into the Founders music room to escape being trampled to death by six watermelon stealers. They were last seen racing down the hall with giant green footballs tucked under their arms.

### Math notice

Prof. Donald Solitar, acting chairman of the mathematics department, has been invited to give an address at "Algebra Day", Queen's University, Kingston on Fri. Oct. 4 at 2:30 p.m. His talk will be titled "On Abelian Subgroups of Generalized Gree Products."

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