

Canadian councils to discuss new national student union

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Representatives from at least 16 major universities including York will meet here late next month to discuss starting another national student union.

Hugh Segal, vice-president of the University of Ottawa student

council, said last Thursday he sent invitations to all Canadian universities after the Canadian Union of Students folded last month.

So far Segal says he has received affirmative replies from 15 universities. Council of the York Student Federation president Paul Koster will represent York.

The conference was called to see if Canadian university students want some kind of national organization, Segal said, but it will be up to the individual universities to make recommendations.

"Whatever is proposed, we must steer clear of the political pitfalls that destroyed CUS," he said.

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Product suppression charged

WASHINGTON (CUP) -- A major pharmaceutical company may have suppressed an effective new drug to protect the profits of an inferior product already on the market, a federal grand jury was told Nov. 13. The new product is reported twice as effective as the company's drug now on the market in the treatment of athletes foot, said an attorney with the anti-trust department of the U.S. justice department. Records of the company, Johnson and Johnson, and two other drug firms that also distribute the allegedly inferior product, were subpoenaed by the justice department in October. Johnson and Johnson may also have obtained a patent on the new drug illegally, the attorney said. "It appears from documents in possession of the government that Johnson and Johnson procured the patent knowing it had no legal right to it because of earlier printed disclosures on the same subject matter," he said.

Police look for Eric Mann

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (LNS) -- Twenty-three members of the Boston area Weatherman faction of the Students for a Democratic Society were arrested Nov. 17-18 in a series of raids by Cambridge police. They are being held on a variety of charges, including conspiracy to commit murder and illegal possession of weapons. Eric Mann, veteran SDSer and leader of the Boston Weathermen, was still being sought. He is charged with assault to commit murder. Police say Mann, who visited York in September, was one of the key figures in a Nov. 8 shooting incident in which two bullets were fired into the windows of the Cambridge police station, narrowly missing a desk sergeant.

Spanish students repressed

MADRID (Guardian) -- Spanish police dispersed groups of demonstrators shouting "out with the police" at the University of Madrid law school Nov. 11. The police have a commissariat in each school of the university in order to repress political activity. The same day police entered the school of philosophy and letters at the University of Barcelona to expel 400 students who had locked themselves inside.

Kenyan government critic held

KISUMU (Guardian) -- Jomo Kenyatta's government in Kenya is trying to eliminate its left-wing opposition by unleashing a wave of repression against the Kenya People's Union. KPU leader Oginga Odinga was placed under house arrest Oct. 27 while other leading party members, including six members of parliament, were also detained. Kenya has been in turmoil since the killing of Tom Mboya and this latest move is widely viewed as an attempt by the ruling party to silence its critics as skirmishing begins for a general election in 1970. On Oct. 27, Kenyatta addressed a rally here, Odinga's home town. In his speech he openly attacked Odinga, whose party has criticized government corruption and called for non-tribalistic socialist development. Odinga's supporters jeered the president's comments and shouted support for their leader. Kenyatta then lost his temper, shouting "Stop there or I'll crush you!" and left the meeting. As Kenyatta motored off, troops opened fire on the angry crowd, leaving 11 dead and 70 injured.

Blind want underground papers

ATLANTA (LNS) -- Georgia State officials moved recently to stop the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped from sending out tapes of the Great Speckled Bird, Atlanta's radical newsweekly. The federally-financed library had been sending out tapes of the Bird in response to the request of blind people throughout Georgia. Staffers of the paper are continuing distribution of Bird tapes to the blind through private channels.

U.S. installations occupied

LA PAZ (Guardian) -- Bolivian gold miners have begun an occupation of installations of the U.S.-owned South American Placers, the largest gold mining company in the country. Besides protesting against their own conditions the workers have accused the company of smuggling out a portion of the gold to evade taxes. The workers want the government to nationalize the U.S. firm without providing compensation.

Police attack strikers

KARACHI (Guardian) -- Police using clubs and tear gas attacked and dispersed striking workers and arrested trade union leaders and some of the demonstrators here Nov. 10. Pakistan has been experiencing worker agitation since the government decided to permit trade union activity two months ago.

Stanford salaries revealed

PALO ALTO, Calif. (LNS) -- Stanford University professors suffered unusual embarrassment Oct. 28 when an unidentified group of radicals issued a 31-page document revealing the salaries of university administrators and professors -- information that up till now was secret. The report revealed that research professors tend to receive much more money than faculty members who concentrate on classroom work and that Stanford University president Kenneth Pitzer makes \$60,000 a year, in addition to a \$26,500 expense account.

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