



"Prisoners of conscience" speak through interpreter (center).

Prisoners of conscience visit city Wednesday

by Greg Neiman

Ton That Lap, poet and folksinger, and Vo Nho Lanh, president of the National Union of South Viet Nameese Students visited Edmonton yesterday, and spoke about their experiences in Saigon prisons and also gave their opinions on the state of non-peace that exists in their country.

Both are among the first "prisoners of conscience" to be released in accordance with the peace treaty signed at Paris.

Speaking through an interpreter, they said there are yet some 200 thousand similar prisoners who are still being illegally held and tortured in disregard of the Paris agreement, some by American officials.

Lanh stated that although he personally was not beaten by the American interrogators, he knows of people who were, and that Americans who operated in the interrogation rooms as military advisors simply changed into civilian dress after the Paris agreement had been signed.

Both said they felt the Thieu regime was not a government representative of the South Viet Nameese people, and Thieu himself has blatantly disregarded the Paris agreement which calls for a political representation equally on the part of the regime, the PRG (National Liberation Front) and the "third force" which is a nonmilitary

compendium of citizens calling for peace.

As members of the third force, both feel the Thieu government should fall, and American presence in South Viet Nam should end.

It is in the American financial interest, they said to remain in South Viet Nam in order that resources may be used by American interests, and that people would be available for cheap labour.

Lanh said that most western people are ignorant of the types of American activities in South Viet Nam



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due to the fact that most news resources are American interests in the West.

They described the types of tortures used on them, which varied from beatings to "airplane" and "submarine" rides to force them to reveal their reasons for being in the third force, to reveal names of others in their organizations, and to falsely admit they were communists.

Both said they did not reveal names or make any admissions during their imprisonments.

Lap and Lanh are now on a tour of Canada sponsored by the International Committee to Free South Viet Nameese Prisoners.

After the tour they will return to Paris, where they are living with friends.

As long as the present Thieu government is in power, they will not return to Saigon, where they would obviously face further imprisonment and torture.

Publications Board selections

by Nanker Phledge

Student Council Monday night approved proposed changes in the make-up of the Publications Board during the second reading of the revised Constitution and By-Laws.

The changes, in the form of amendments to By-Law 4100 were recommended by the by-Laws Committee after reviewing a submission from *Gateway's* editor.

The Publications Board now consists of three members of Students' Council as chosen by Council, a representative of both the Spring and Summer Session Student Associations, the out-going editor-in-chief of the *Gateway*, five *Gateway* staff members as picked by the staff, and the chairman of the journalism faculty from Grant MacEwan College. This increases the membership of the Board to twelve persons, one more than its previous make-up.

A further amendment was proposed to delete the Grant MacEwan representative but met defeat on Council floor.

Safer for Ireland

Chicago (CUP-ENS) - While world-wide attention focuses on the bombings and murders in Northern Ireland, University of Chicago law professor Franklin Zimring observes that, in fact, the militarily-occupied country is considerably safer than any of ten American cities.

According to the latest FBI crime reports, notes the professor, each of America's ten largest cities "had a homicide rate higher than that of Northern Ireland."

In fact, the city of Detroit is approximately four times more dangerous than all of Northern Ireland. While Detroit and Ulster have roughly the same populations, homicides in Detroit during just 1973 totaled 24 more than in all of Ulster during the past five and a half years of war.

Further amendments making provision for the re-election of an outgoing editor-in-chief, and the chairmanship of the Publications Board were passed as recommended.

The members of the Publications Board have been selected and are as follows: representing Council will be Blair Bennett, Dentistry; Gerry Hunt, Mens' Athletics; and Jim Tanner, Arts faculty. Past-president Bozena Kilar and President Patti Orydzuk will represent the Spring and

Summer students respectively, and Professor J. Osborne as head of the Journalism school from Grant MacEwan accepted a position on the Board.

Gateway members are sportswriter Peter Best, sports editor Cam Cole, photo editor Brent Hallett, lay-out artist Scott Partridge, and newswriter Michael MacNeil. Editor Bmie Fritze will chair the Board.

The Board is expected to meet next week to finalize details, with the elections to be held before February 15.

NUS campaigns for loan reforms

Ottawa (CUP) - The National Union of Students (NUS) campaign for a better Canadian Student Loan Plan (CSLP) is in full swing in all parts of the country.

"The main purpose of the campaign will be to decrease students' financial liabilities by reducing the loan portion and not the grant portion of student assistance programs," said NUS National Office staff member, Hilda Creswick.

The NUS campaign comes at a crucial time as many provincial education ministers have been discussing increasing the loan ceilings for student aid programs. Also the federal government will be reviewing its entire relationship with CSLP next year.

Another aim of the NUS campaign will be to push for standardized financial aid programs across the country. Since education is a provincial responsibility, each province sets its own criteria for loans and the amounts of the loans paid out.

The federal government gives out money for the loan portion of a student aid grant while the provinces look after the bursary portion.

The NUS campaign is being run at the campus level. The main policies of the

campaign, financing, and timetabling were decided at a NUS general meeting in October. The individual campus campaigns will be co-ordinated with the NUS National Office in Ottawa.

"The individual campus committees will run the student aid campaign on their campuses. We have to pressure both the federal and provincial governments over the student aid issue, and these committees will be promoting the campaign and at the same time the National Union of Students," said Creswick.

The campus campaign committees will be promoting

the campaign through leaflets, posters, pamphlets and symposiums.

The committees are also holding benefits to publicize the campaign and to defray the expenses involved. So far NUS has raised about \$4,000 from benefits and pledges from individual campuses.

In Alberta the University of Calgary, University of Alberta and the University of Lethbridge have agreed to push the campaign.

NUS plans to continue campus coordinating committees and will decide on further steps at the conference in May.

The birds and the bees will get you

Saskatoon (CUP) - Nineteen seventy four appears to have been the year when nature struck back at the human race. Two persons have died and another is in shock because of the antics of a bee, a dog, and a bird.

An auto-racing fan in Watkins Glen, New York, died months after he was stung on the tongue by a bee that slipped into his beer bottle. Police have said the bee flew into the bottle unnoticed and

stung the 59-year-old man when he took a swallow of beer. Cause of death was never established.

In Coburg, West Germany a dog shot and killed his master, a wealthy industrialist, as they set out on a hunting expedition there. Police in this case, said the dog jumped into his master's car, his leash caught in the trigger of a loaded shotgun. The industrialist died instantly from a bullet in his chest.

In Hamilton, Ontario a woman flew into a panic one night after a visit by a 200 pound nude and feathered man. Reports said the 45-year old woman was sitting in her apartment when she heard strange cooing noises on her balcony. On investigation she saw the man -- nude except for a heavy growth of feathers that apparently sprouted from his head -- swinging happily from the balcony above.

The bird man was never found.