

# "Spare rooms and few scruples" — students exploited by landlords

**VANCOUVER (CUP)** — Business is booming for homeowners off-campus who have spare rooms and few scruples.

The majority of off-campus rooms are dirty, dim, cramped and cold. Studying conditions are inadequate. Most homeowners fail to provide a desk for their tenants or borders.

But these rooms are fetching top prices from students who find available rooms close to the campus at a premium.

## ILLEGAL DWELLINGS

The majority of off-campus suites rented to University students are illegal since they are in a section of the city zoned by city council for one-family dwellings.

This information and the following is the result of a survey conducted by Ubysey reporters from the University of British Columbia of rooms and suites available to University students:

The survey found:

Rooms rented to students were barely large enough to hold two beds and were without studying facilities;

Rooms whose only source of light came from a small window and a naked ceiling bulb;

Suites advertised as self-contained required tenants to put perishable food in a box outside the window to keep it fresh;

Rooms where four or five tenants, male and female alike, were required to use the same bathroom.

## ON LIST

All these dwellings were on a list compiled during the summer by the University housing administration, but none was checked by the administration. Neither funds nor inspectors are available.

The City of Vancouver is engaged in a program to remove illegal dwellings, but in the meantime, students are forced into sub-standard accommodation — highly priced.

A reporter found that one woman had her basement renovated so she could accommodate five students. Two were girls, three were men, and all had to share the same bathroom.

"I don't provide a shower," she told the reporter, "I understand most students can take a shower at the University."

A girl reporter asked a prospective landlady if she would supply just one comfortable chair for a suite.

"Good heavens, no," said the landlady. "I think the bed is quite suitable if you want to relax."

To help the University students avoid sub-standard off-campus housing, the University is pushing ahead its residence construction program.

Malcolm Scott, AMS treasurer said several plans are under consideration by the student council and the Board of Governors but as yet are strictly tentative.

## U of T acts

**TORONTO (CUP)** — A motion to carry out an educational program designed to eliminate housing discrimination against students at the University here was passed by the Student's Administrative Council.

The first step in the campaign will be a letter, drafted jointly by the Council Education Committee and the president of the Ontario Human Right Commission, and addressed to landlords in the city.

The Council will request the Ontario Government to strengthen its legislation on housing discrimination by bringing under its jurisdiction boarding houses and dwellings having fewer than six self-contained units.

Don't gamble in traffic. The cars may be stacked against you.

## International Student News

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA** — The 38th congress of the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) held in Grahamstown, July 1962, dissociated itself sharply from the Afrikaanse Studentebond (ASB) which, in contrast to the NUSAS, supports the governments racial policy.

It was decided to break off all attempts at contact with the ASB. In addition, an investigation into the value of South African academic degrees abroad is to be initiated. (NUX; Pietermaritzburg.)

**ITALY** — The University of Europe, approved in principle by the member states of the Common Market, has encountered internal difficulties in Italy.

The University is to be financed jointly by all member states, but Italy alone will be responsible for its administration. In conformity with European needs, the Italian government will at first erect a university to cope with the further education of young graduates.

The mayor of Florence, however, wants the new university to serve underdeveloped countries. There is strong opposition to such a solution, as it is not in the Western tradition to place students from underdeveloped countries in a university 'ghetto.' (Hochschul-Dienst, Bonn)

**JAPAN** — Five members of the Student Self-Government Association (SSGA) of the Chuo University, Tokyo, carried out a hunger strike from May 29 to June 8 in opposition to the decision of University authorities to hike fees by 20,000 yen.

During the strike all participants were taken to hospital. The hunger strike was stopped after a talk between the SSGA and University authorities. (Hakumon Herald, Tokyo.)

**AUSTRALIA** — All Australian student newspapers were represented at the 1962 Student Editors' Conference in Adelaide.

During the four-day conference Editors compared data and problems and passed resolutions concerning the student press to be presented to the National Union of Australia University Students, (NUAUS), and to Students Unions and Councils. (Togatus, Hobart.)

**UNITED STATES** — Nuclear testing by great powers has been condemned by the United States National Student Association.

The motion condemning nuclear tests, passed by the 15th USNSA Congress, lacked unanimity, as some delegates wished to soften the action against the U.S.

The resolution stated "... students must assume the responsibility to examine and understand the origins of this threat (war) and the issues causing its aggravation."

Supporters of the winning motion argued that delegates could not take a double stand on nuclear testing.

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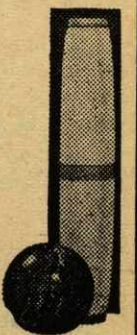


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