

# CUP CALLS INVESTIGATION

An investigation of the contentious "Gazette by-law" and relations between the Students' Union and the Gateway will be conducted later this week by a specially-appointed committee of Canadian University Press.

The investigation hearings, which will convene Friday, have been called by the Western Region of the national press organization after complaints were received from Gateway staff members that the Council demand that they print a half-page of council news in each

issue constituted an intervention in the autonomy of the newspaper and a violation of freedom of the press.

The by-laws of Canadian University Press provide for the establishment of commissions to investigate alleged violations of the principles of the organization. Among these principles are two that The Gateway alleges the Student's Union has convened:

\*"That the Canadian student press should be free from pressure by student governments, university

authorities or any other external agencies."

\*"That in no case should a representative or representatives of the student government have the explicit or implied power of censorship or the power to set editorial or advertising policies."

Canadian University Press is composed of 55 university newspapers and runs a national news and feature service for its members.

The investigation commission will hold public hearings to submissions from all interested parties and will then draw up a

report listing its findings and recommendations.

Members of the mediating group will be Don McGillvray, associate editor of the Edmonton Journal and Paul Knox, news editor of the Ubysey at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Chairman will be Ed Reed, Bureau Chief of Canadian University Press in Ottawa.

While the findings of the investigation commission bear no legal weight, both newspapers and student councils who have been involved in past

commissions have often agreed to accept the decision of the group. As well CUP investigation commissions, have in the past, carried considerable weight in the journalistic community.

"We're here to evaluate the Gateway-Council dispute as honestly and fairly as we can and to make recommendations that we hope can be constructive to both sides. We're not putting anybody on trial here, but we are very concerned that this situation be settled as soon as possible." Mr. Reed said in an interview.

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### Native affairs forum postponed

The Native Affairs forum which was to have taken place today, has been cancelled.

Instead, the Students' Union is sponsoring it Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in Dinwoodie Lounge in SUB.

The forum was originally scheduled for today because this is one of two annual Student Activities Days and classes are cancelled.

Speakers for the forum will include Alberta Indian chiefs, officials from the regional office

of the Indian Affairs Department, women from Cold Lake and Harold Cardinal, Director of the Alberta Indian Association.

The date of the forum was changed because some of the speakers had to attend the All Chiefs' Conference and because of a lack of time to organize it.

The purpose of the forum, according to SU Vice-President Dave Biltek, is "for Indians to tell white people about their living conditions." Most of the speakers will be Indians.

### Commission to investigate WMA

Circumstances surrounding the invocation of the War Measures Act last October will be investigated by a Citizens' Commission of Inquiry with will hold hearings across Canada beginning in Montreal. The Commission will be in Edmonton on November 12 and will hold its hearing in the SUB theatre.

In a presentation to Students' Council last night, Henry Malta, a member of the Edmonton support committee for the Commission, said it is "advantageous to the Canadian people to investigate the destruction of their civil liberties."

Malta was refused the \$300 he asked from Council to help finance the hearings.

The chairman of the Commission he is representing is Woodrow Lloyd, former premier of Saskatchewan.

Commission members who will be in Edmonton are: Laurier Lapierre, broadcaster and McGill professor; Trevor Berry, the Executive Secretary of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission; and Linda Meissenheimer, President of the Simon Fraser University Student Council.

Student Union President, Don Mackenzie, questioned the impartiality of the Commission because he claimed some of its members had already declared their biases against the Act.

Malta defended the Commission's impartiality. "Anyone of any political persuasion can make submissions. The commissioners are well-known civil libertarians and are responsible people," he said.

Malta claims that the Commission was implemented because the Federal government had refused to set up a Royal Commission on the question. The government has apparently ordered civil servants not to testify before the citizen's commission.

The commissioners were chosen on the recommendations of the Canadian Civil Liberties Associations. The Edmonton hearings are being partially financed by the Alberta Human Rights Commission.

Malta said that "since the University has been traditionally a place for enquiry "into the prevailing social and political attitudes, the Students' Council should have supported the endeavours of the Citizens' Commission.



The Preservation Hall Jazz Band shared the sounds of New Orleans bars with about 2000 Edmontonians Friday night.. For review see page eight.

### STUDENT COUNCIL SUPPORTS REPEAL OF ABORTION LAWS

A conference on the repeal of abortion laws, sponsored by the Edmonton Coalition for Abortion Law Repeal, to be held this Saturday, will be partially financed by the U of A Students' Union.

Students' Council last night reversed a S U Finance Board decision not to grant \$100 to the group for the conference.

Speakers at the conference, to be held in the Garneau United Church, will be Dr. M. J. Ball, Director of U of A Student Health Service, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Family Planning Federation of Canada; Heather Johnson, co-ordinator of the Association for Assistance to Unwed

Mothers (MOVE); Jean McBean, a third-year U of A law student, and Judy Quinlan, former director of the Edmonton Abortion Referral Service.

The coalition is a loose organization of several Edmonton women's rights groups including such diverse organizations as Women's Liberation and the Voice of Women.

Coalition spokeswoman, Carol Brown, accused the SU Finance Board of intimidating members of the group when they made their presentation last week.

SU Treasurer, Frans Slatter, denied the charges of intimidation and said that the

request was denied because the group "didn't seem to know exactly what they wanted to do."

Secretary Vera Radio left to the defense of the group and told Slatter, "well, at least they felt intimidated."

The Coalition, formed eight weeks ago, plans to use the conference "to consider concrete projects to be undertaken by the Edmonton Coalition in addition to its current petition campaign to bring the removal of abortion from the Criminal Code of Canada before the House of Commons for passage."

The decision to give the group \$100 was passed almost unanimously.