

# Amnesty International - fight for justice

"..... Amnesty International is an instrument of communist terrorism....." Brazilian newspaper. "The Amnesty International Organization was founded in the first place to carry out anti-Soviet propaganda..." Soviet newspaper. "... this Imperialist body ... offers advice and services only where its own selfish ends are at stake." Ghanaian newspaper.

In reality, Amnesty International is a worldwide human rights movement which is independent of any government, and without religious or political affiliations. It works on behalf of men and women who are imprisoned for their beliefs, colour, ethnic origin or religion, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence. It opposes the use of torture in all cases, without reservation, and is conducting an international campaign for its abolition.

There are prisoners of conscience in over sixty countries throughout

the world. In Indonesia alone there are over 55,000 political prisoners detained without charge or trial since 1965. In the USSR many dissenters are interned in mental hospitals. In Spain, on September 27th 1975, five political prisoners were executed.

There are also many well documented cases of prisoners being cruelly tortured, often with official government sanction. Indeed, torture is becoming more and more commonplace.

The local group of Amnesty International, one of hundreds of groups throughout the world, welcomes you to join in its work:

1) For the release of individual prisoners, (a Moroccan student, an Indonesian businessman and a Rumanian bricklayer).

2) To keep up the morale of these prisoners and their families, and to relieve any hardships they may be experiencing.

3) In support of particularly

urgent cases, often those involving torture, which are reported in the monthly newsletter.

4) To rouse public opinion against the widespread violation of human rights.

5) To raise money for the many important functions of the International Secretariat, as well as for local campaigns.

The following forthcoming events may be of interest to you: Thurs. 2nd Oct - Film: "One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich" at 8pm in the McInnes Room, Dal. Sub. Sat. 4th.

## Need for organization

WATERLOO (CUP) ---- With the strain of the government cutbacks on education spending, Ontario University faculty may be forced into unions and perhaps onto the picket lines.

According to R.A. Haney, Renison College Attorney, the government's budget restraints which have forced universities to tighten their belts, could possibly cause them to dismiss faulty members.

Already two faculties within the province have reacted to the new economic climate by taking shelter under a union organization.

Carleton professors in Ottawa picked up their cards this summer, and late in September their colleagues at the University of Ottawa followed the example.

According to Ivan Mohammed, president of local 97-07 of the Civil Service Association of Ontario, all professors should unionize.

Mohammed expressed a strong opinion on the loss of professional status once unionization is achieved.

Oct. - Flea market on the Grand Parade. Thurs. 9th Oct - Monthly meeting at 8pm in the Dal. Sub. Fri. 10th. Oct - Bread and Cheese lunch with Edgar Friedenberg talking on "The potential of Democratic societies for violence and cruelty". 12.30pm., Education Dept., Oxford Street. 12th to 19th Oct - Prisoner of Conscience Week - during which numerous activities are planned.

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ed. "...People labour under the misconception that if you're unionized you've lost your professional status," he said. "By joining a union all you're saying is that we want to collectively stand up for our rights. Among those rights being the right to be a professional and to determine our professional destination."

The advantage of joining the union, he says, is that the bargaining unit will gain legal status and give it more clout than a faculty association.

For Mohammed, a choice between a faculty association and a union is no choice at all. He said in a recent interview that "the people at the University of Waterloo must learn from our experiences ... that faculty associations just get ... tokenism from management."

He added that "those people who become vocal in their efforts to organize will get picked off one by one - and the sooner you organize as a group, the better."

## Health aid for the Mount

by Stewart Metcalfe

Students of Mount St. Vincent University now have access to the same health drug plan as that Dalhousie Students have enjoyed for several years. This plan, funded by the Dalhousie Student Union and provided through Dalhousie Health Services and M. K. O'Brien Pharmacy, has been well used in the past and is one of the more tangible benefits of Student Union membership. Through it, full-time Dalhousie students can receive all prescribed drugs free, excepting birth control devices. (This exception is due to the large expense that would be incurred by the demand for an essentially un-medical pharmaceutical.)

The Dalhousie Student Union's immediate interest in MSVU arises from an agreement between the two Student Unions, drafted in 1974 and providing for joint co-operation and sharing of resources. Under the terms of this agreement each MSVU student pays a fee of \$7.75 a year to the Dalhousie Student Union. This represents an annual income of over \$10,000 to our Union, basically in return for allowing MSVU students

the privileges of Dal students in the S.U.B. Now, \$2,600 of this \$10,000 will be used to expand the Student Union's drug plan to MSVU students.

Bruce Russell, President of the Dalhousie Student Union, presented this plan to Council in September and it was passed by a large majority. He stated at the time that this was an experimental arrangement to be reviewed by 1 July, 1976 and that the reason for why this plan could be provided so cheaply to the MSVU students was that due to the nuisance factor of having to come into the city to use the plan, only the MSVU students who needed it most would use it. Thus, for example, an MSVU student with a \$30 a month allergy could have it paid for through the plan, rather than having to provide for it privately. Needless to say, MSVU Students' Union President, Anne Derrick and other MSVU students welcome the expansion of this plan, and the benefits it will provide to students now paying the \$7.75 a year to the Dalhousie Student Union.

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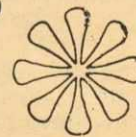
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