

It's Coming..

3 killed at S.C. State

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY:

Sunday afternoon concert; King's Gym; 3 p.m. Zurich Chamber Octet performing the Beethoven Septet Opus 20; and the Schubert Octet Opus 66. ADMISSION FREE.

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY:

Humanities Association of Canada Lecture: "Recent Developments in Commonwealth Literature", a lecture by Dr. A.N. Jeffares. Room 215 Chem. Bldg.; 8:15 p.m. ADMISSION FREE.

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY:

Political Science lecture: "Canada and the United Nations", lecture by Mr. G.A.H. Pearson. Room 215, Chem. Bldg.; 8:15 p.m. ADMISSION FREE.

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY:

Philosophy Lecture: Prof. A.R.C. Duncan will speak on "Metaphysics: Poetry or Science?" Room 135, Dunn Bldg.; 8:00 p.m. ADMISSION FREE.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dalhousie Film Society presents PETER AND PAVLA, from the Czechoslovakian Young Movie Industry. 21 and 22 February.

Arts Society Meeting: 27 February, 11:30 a.m., A & A Room 234. Discussion of New Design for the Rejuvenated Arts Society; election of Secretary and Treasurer.

Drama Division Plays, 28 February to 2 March, 8:30 p.m. Studio Theatre. Plays presented will be Shaw's O'FLAHERTY V.C., Strindberg's CREDITORS, and Pirandello's THE MAN WITH THE FLOWER IN HIS MOUTH.

Student, staff, and alumni annual exhibition opens 12 March; Dal Art Gallery. Paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, ceramics, textile hangings, and photographs. Call Mrs. Holmes at 423-1420, ext. 275 for details, entry forms, etc.

ORANGEBURG, S.C. (CUP - CPS) - There is strong evidence that police shot three black students in the back here last Thursday. (Feb. 8).

The three students -- Samuel Hammond, 18, a freshman at South Carolina State; Delano Middleton, 17, an Orangeburg high school student; and Henry Smith, 18, a S.C. State sophomore -- were killed by police firing on a group of students standing near the entrance to the college.

Medical reports say the students were shot from the front, but the local funeral director showed the victims' clothing to the press, which revealed that at least one student was hit squarely in the back.

Henry Lake, representing South Carolina governor Robert McNair in the crisis, said "it is entirely conceivable" that the students might have been shot in the back. "There were about 100 people up there when the firing started. They could have been standing facing different ways or they could have been running away."

Thirty - seven other students were wounded in the melee.

Tensions have been building between the S.C. State students and Orangeburg whites for some time.

When a large group of students tried to integrate a local bowling alley Tuesday Feb. 6, police arrested 17 black students after a brief scuffle.

The following Thursday, state police, backed by 600 National Guardsmen called up after Tuesday's incident, blocked off the front of the campus to keep students from going uptown.

A group of students - reports vary from 75 to 200 -- gathered near the front entrance to the college. They built a bonfire near the highway in front of the college, and state troopers moved up to help firemen put out the blaze.

Then, a state trooper was hit in the face with a stick. He was carried off, and troopers who were lined up along an embankment beside the highway opened fire on the students. Some ran for cover. Others dropped to the ground. Many, including several of the wounded, made it to the

dorms. At this point the three were killed.

Police maintain the shooting was provoked by sniper fire from students. Witnesses have either said it was impossible to tell where the first shots came from, or that police fired with no provocation.

Dosier Mobley, an AP photographer, said he heard no shooting before the police opened up. Mobley did notice that "the patrolmen were nervous, almost panicky, after the trooper was carried off."

Newsmen on the scene agreed police fire was not provoked by sniper fire.

Police Thursday arrested Cleveland Sellers, local SNCC representative.

Wounded, Sellers is charged with riot incitement and arson and is being held on \$15,000 bond in the state penitentiary.

State officials blame "black

militants" for the incidents.

The town's black bourgeoisie met in a local church Sunday and drew up a long list of demands, voting to back them up with a boycott of white stores.

Objectives include having the National Guard leave town, getting black people in government at all levels, integrating the county hospital, reforming local news media, and setting up a community relations task force.

A National Guard detachment, bayonets fixed on their rifles, blocked entry to the college, and were stationed around the city Sunday.

A 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew is in force. A state of emergency exists for the entire county. The Holiday Inn parking lot is jammed with police cars. Both S.C. State and a predominantly black school, and neighbouring Claffin College, are all but shut down.

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