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Trinidad people protest SGWU

PORT OF SPAIN (CUPI) — More than 8,000 Trinidad police and army personnel were mustered over the weekend here in anticipation of continued demonstrations in support of black students on trial in connection with the destruction of the Sir George Williams University computer last spring.

At the same time, leaders of the National Joint Action Committee—co-ordinating group for demonstrations here last week—charged that the trial of the 10 students—which went to jury deliberations Monday was “only an extension of the oppression” exercised for years by Canada in the Caribbean.

If it didn't stop, they warned, the

destruction of Canadian property would be far worse and Canadian people would suffer, too.

Weekend police leaves were cancelled last Saturday on the island, and the 5,000-man police force was placed on standby alert. Elements of the 1,500-member special service police were called to duty at Chagauramas, 15 miles west of Port of Spain, and 1,500 members of the British-trained Trinidad Regiment were mustered.

The home of the Canadian high commissioner to Trinidad, Gerald Rau, was placed under 24-hour police guard; armed guards are also patrolling Air Canada installations at the international airport here.

Meanwhile, Trinidad's industry and commerce minister, John Halloran, said the demonstrations of the past week—aimed primarily at Canadian banks, which control 60 per cent of the local money market—were engineered by Communist agitators trained and paid by the government of Cuba.

According to Halloran, the Montreal trials were a “red herring” put forward by revolutionaries whose real aim is the overthrow of the National Movement government of prime minister Eric Williams.

The 10 black students are only the first of 87 students who will eventually face trial over the computer incident.

Students to pay out \$5-million more tax

KINGSTON (CUP)—Federal finance minister Edgar Benson said Saturday that he expects to rake in an extra \$5-million from students under his new tax proposals.

Student fellowships, scholarships, bursaries and research grants, tax-exempt under current legislation, would be taxed under proposals in Benson's white paper on tax reform which was tabled in the Commons last fall.

Benson was speaking at a symposium on the tax paper held at Queen's University.

Benson justified the tax increases by arguing that some students who get scholarships,

bursaries and grants also have “substantial” outside income and should pay taxes on their total incomes “like all Canadians.”

The finance minister also rejected a suggestion that students be allowed to deduct interest on student-aid loans. It was too hard to determine whether the money was really borrowed to finance education or to invest in the stock market, he said.

Benson said certain “reasonable expenses—such as tuition, books, reasonable travel expenses, and if it's necessary to hire an assistant to do research work”—would remain tax deductible expenses for students.



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World Briefs

Charges dropped against Lords

NEW YORK (Guardian) — Charges against 105 Young Lords arrested in the occupation of an East Harlem church last December were dropped Feb. 24. At the same time, however, it was announced that the city and the church would collaborate on a day care centre. The Lords broke off negotiations with church officials earlier in the month. “The church is selling out the community,” said one Lord in the ministry of information, speaking on the new day care centre. She said that the centre, expected to cost \$75,000, would serve only 35 children. The Young Lords are a Puerto Rican street gang.

20 injured in Manila protest

MANILA (Guardian) — Police charged and fired upon a group of Filipino students marching outside the U.S. embassy here Feb. 26, injuring at least 20 students, several with gunshot wounds. That night groups of students roamed Manila streets hurling rocks and fire bombs. It was the largest demonstration since Jan. 30 when six students were killed by police after a demonstration by 17,000. The main grievances include charges that U.S. businessmen run much of the Philippine economy and receive special privileges. U.S. armed forces bases have also been immune to local laws.

40 busted at inflation protest

BUENOS AIRES (Guardian) — Thirty-seven women and three children were arrested in front of the Argentinian Ministry of the Economy recently, where they were protesting the high cost of living. They were demanding that ministry officials limit the power of the monopolies which the women held responsible for the rise in the cost of living.

IQ's rise on test in own tongue

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) — Pressure from the lone Chicano on the San Francisco Board of Education has forced the city school system to admit that Spanish-speaking students of normal intelligence are casually shunted into classes for the mentally retarded because they make a poor showing on English-language IQ tests.

Last fall, Dr. David Sanchez, the Chicano board member, began to wonder why so many children with Spanish surnames wound up in those special classes which assume that the minds of the pupils are dull and barely salvageable. He insisted that all the Chicanos and Latinos in elementary level special classes be retested by a psychometrist who could speak Spanish, using an IQ test written in Spanish.

Result: 45 per cent of the kids were found to be of average intelligence or better when retested in Spanish. The average IQ of the group shot up 17 points, and one girl, who had scored 67 on an English version, supposedly evidence of severe retardation, turned out to be highly gifted with a Spanish-version score of 128.

Winters council asks halt on parking lots

Winters College Council wants to put a brake on plans for parking lots and metered roads around their college.

In a letter to Parking Committee chairman E.S. Annis last week, Winters president Bob Forsyth said “Winters College wants some sort of control over its environment

“The automobile mentality has gripped a substantial portion of minds on this campus. Somewhere, someone has to make a stand and say that it is time that areas of the environment were saved for human purposes. We do not want York to become an asphalt jungle, a sub-freeway. We want it to be free from the disease that plagues downtown Toronto.”

In a recent meeting the council passed two motions requesting “that no further parking lots or

metered roadways be constructed on lands immediately adjacent to Winters College,” supporting the exterior parking lot system and opposing “all internal parking and vehicular traffic, save for delivery purposes and in cases of emergency or warranted circumstances.”

In his letter Forsyth said an internal transportation system will have to be developed on campus.

“We are not far off from the monorail or the electric bus,” the letter states. “They will eventually be necessary. When such systems do come into effect, there will be no need to drive into the campus. The campus transportation system will replace the automobile. To construct further roadways and lots at this time is to destroy land for a purpose that should soon be avoided by an on-campus transportation system.”

Pass-fail in fine arts?

The Faculty of Fine Arts could abolish the traditional ABC grading system in favor of a simple pass-fail system next year if one of the proposals for a new marking scheme brought before the faculty council last week is adopted.

Another proposal suggests that a three grade system be adopted, so that students could pass or fail in subject, but only students with a grade of “high pass” would be

allowed to continue into a higher year's course.

Fine arts dean Jules Heller is now looking for five students - one from each of the faculty's programs - and five faculty members to make up a committee to look into the marking schemes in fine arts faculties at York and other North American universities and to recommend a new scheme for the York faculty.