

# Gov't now more efficient in student surveillance

MONTREAL (CUPI) -- The Canadian government is becoming more efficient in its surveillance of university students. This past year Statistics Canada has been linking the information students give in registration to their Social Insurance Number (SIN).

A Statistics Canada official explained that the government wanted to do a flow pattern study of the students who move from one university to another in order to ascertain why some universities suddenly have a large enrolment.

However, the project has received strong opposition from the university registrars who attended a conference last year in Toronto.

Loyola College's registrar challenged the government's contention that it could force the universities to co-operate in this study. Although he is not a lawyer, he expressed doubt that the federal government could interfere with institutions under a provincial jurisdiction.

In addition to the constitutional objections, students have expressed fears that their privacy will be even more endangered with this additional access to information.

Although the SIN was originally conceived to replace the Unemployment Insurance numbering system which was fast running out of numbers, a government publication proudly proclaims that "the creation of the SIN has proved a boon to organizations all over Canada. Not only is it being used by the groups for which it was intended, the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans, and Unemployment Insurance, it is also being used by the Department of National Revenue, taxation division, and by the Armed Forces instead of the regimental number."

The Orwellian distortion of SIN's original purpose becomes more evident with the further announcement that "all school boards have been authorized to use the number and many of them are encouraging voluntary registration among students 14 years of age and older."

However, the publication hastens to assure the citizen that "the SIN number is merely a way of

making it easier to get at information which is recorded about you in any case. It makes possible a national filing system in an age when more and more schemes intended for us all are coming into existence."

Statistics Canada already has access to the results of other government surveys and the nation-wide compulsory census conducted every ten years.



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## Activist lawyers establish a people's law school

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- Activist lawyers and law students here have established a people's law school in an attempt to demystify the law. The school offers a program of free weekly law classes to help people better understand the law and how it affects them.

"Once the public has educated itself about the concepts of law making, the prudence of our law makers is bound to increase. It is ludicrous to have participatory government and not to be given the knowledge to participate effectively," said Patti Pearcey, one of the school's organizers.

In addition to the regular

program, the school is offering three seminars to discuss pending legislation. "It gives people a chance to discuss proposed legislation with experts in the field and interested persons can assess the proposed legislation and approach the decision makers to offer informed criticisms and intelligent suggestions," Pearcey stated.

"We want people to voice their opinions. We're remaining completely apolitical -- we help them interpret the laws and hope they will instigate action themselves. We don't want to do it for them," she said.

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All candidates must be full time registered students of UNB. The nominator and seconders of a faculty representative candidate must be in the same faculty as the candidate; those for candidates for Representative at large may be in any faculty. Nominations close at 12 noon, Tuesday, November 13, 1973.

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