

Monopoly halts building of transportation systems

WASHINGTON (ZNS-CUPI) — An American Senate subcommittee has said it has obtained evidence indicating that General Motors has used its monopoly control of the transportation industry to prevent mass transportation systems from being built

in the US. The Senate Anti-trust and Monopoly Subcommittee has uncovered concrete evidence from former industry officials indicating that GM literally "prevented and frightened" competitors out of the mass transit field.

One of the findings of the subcommittee was that General Motors not only dominates the auto market, but makes 65 per cent of all city buses, more than 90 per cent of engines for city and inter-city buses and more than 80 per cent of all locomotives.

By manipulating production, the subcommittee said, GM can literally control the transportation market.

As an example, the subcommittee said, it appears to be in GM's interest to make and sell more cars. One GM bus, costing \$40,000 could replace up to \$350,000 worth of automobiles, and since GM controls the production and sale of both cars and buses GM can

therefore promote cars, because the company's profits would be higher.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Philip Hart, began a series of public hearings on GM's alleged monopoly role Feb. 26. Senate investigators have said that, on the basis of what they have found, the subcommittee will probably recommend that the General Motors Corporation be broken up by the Federal government.

Wage policies protested

MONTREAL (CUPI) — Teaching Assistants at McGill University are protesting the administration's wage policies which leave them without a pay increase for the coming year.

The administration granted a 'cost of living' pay hike to faculty and secretarial staff and increased graduate fellowships but ignored the teaching assistants' salaries.

A McGill Teaching Assistant Association (TAA) spokesperson said, "Freezing TA salaries will make an already precarious existence impossible."

The administration's latest move is "a clear indication of lack of responsibility on their part," said a

member of the TAA co-ordinating committee.

The TA's want more than just a raise in pay.

"We must see to it there will be some type of guaranteed income plan for TA's, and a job description that would include a limitation on our work load," said a TAA member.

"If TA's were to withdraw their services, there would be a significant decrease in the quality of teaching at McGill. TA's just can't be ignored. They are a vital part of the teaching structure at McGill."

Amphetamines caused full-blown psychosis

TORONTO (CUP) — University of Chicago pharmacologist and psychiatrist Dr. Charles R. Schuster told an Addiction Research Foundation symposium here Feb. 27 senior Pentagon officials developed "full-blown psychoses" from amphetamine use.

"During the Cuban missile crisis," said Dr. Schuster, "a number of Pentagon senior military personnel ingested a sufficient amount of amphetamines over a four-day period that

they developed full-blown psychosis."

The officials took the drug, Schuster said, "in order to be 'up' for any decision."

One of the common symptoms of amphetamine ("speed") abuse is paranoia or a delusion of persecution.

Now, he said, U.S. medical authorities have become "more critically aware" of the harmful results of drug abuse.

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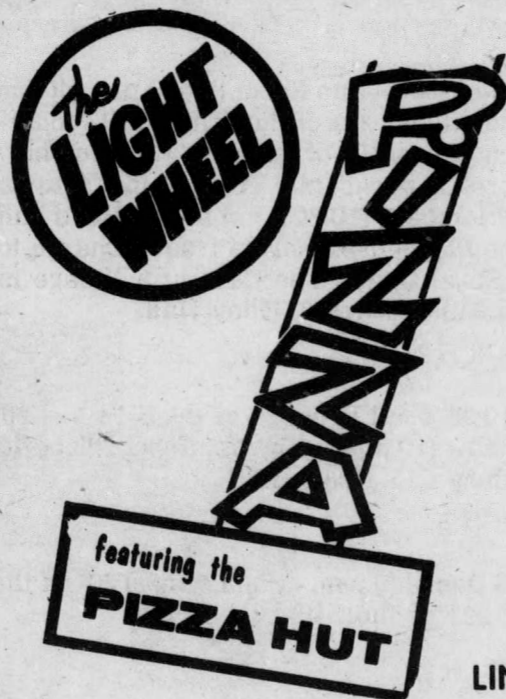
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