The story of Dan the acid man . . . LSD-ing for fun and profit

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"Neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor hail shall keep Casserole from coming out on time"

Not even misquotations, or lack of an editor can stop it. But thanks to a few devoted idiots on the staff, and to the nice people at Canadian University Press who keep sending copy (no matter how bad it is) issue number three is out.

Our cover takes a rare cultural turn this week, with a photo of dear Sir Laurence (of Olivier, not Arabia).

The paper goes culturally downhill from there on, however, starting with another look at drugs, on C-2. This particular episode in the drug story concerns Dan the acid man. If nothing else, it does suggest new avenues of summer employment for enterprising students.

On C-3 our own fine arts editor, Terry Donnelly, presents a strong case for saving North Garneau from the clutches of the university.

Vietnam still dominates the news, so we devoted the centre fold, C-4 and C-5, to two aspects of the situation. A Vietnamese protests the recent elections there, and associate editor Rich Vivone protests unfair protestors. If it sounds confusing, maybe it wouldn't hurt you to read it and find out what's going on. We like to feel we're appreciated.

Venturing still further into Casserole results in the discovery of the arts pages. Highlight this week, on C-6, is a review of Sir Laurence and a preview of Studio Theatre.

If any of you have any questions, opinions or incliation to write doggerel, drop up to the office. You might even end up editor.



'HONEST LADY, I'M JUST WORKING MY WAY THROUGH COLLEGE'
... the contact made, the goodies delivered

Last week in Casserole we examined LSD and pot. This week we take another look at drugs, but from a slightly different angle. This particular article chronicles one Toronto student's answer to the problems of summer employment and tuition fees. He pushed LSD. The Varsity, via CUP, is the source of our tale.

TORONTO (CUP) — All you poor penniless students, working your way through university, taking boring summer jobs and selling your soul to the government for a student loan—take heed.

One University of Toronto student earned about \$1,150 in five weeks this summer and his job was most stimulating—he imported LSD and sold it for profit.

With sporadic part-time work wages he will have enough to pay for his tuition, books and living expenses for the entire 1967-68 academic term

In addition he supplied himself and close friends with enough psychedelic chemicals to blow minds for months. This is one of the bonuses of the acid business.

Here are some of the details of how Dan, the acid man, (not his real name) made his fortune:

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Early August—Dan hitch-hikes to the hippies' Mecca, San Francisco, U.S.A. Dan "crashed" into hippy homes in the Haight-Ashbury district (crashed means to be invited to live free in hippy h o m e s). He "copped" (bought) 140 tablets of acid for \$250 Canadian.

He returned to Canada and sold about \$500 worth of acid. He also gave away a lot, traded some for grass (marijuana) and dropped (used) a lot himself.

"Man, I used to drop two and three tabs at a time," Dan

Because Dan was "crashing", his living expenses were nil and the profits of his first excursion were \$250.

Dan also made a lot of friends turning people on at cutrate prices. But more important he collected capital for his second and much bigger business deal with the Haight-Ashbury flower children.

COOLS IT

Dan decided to play it cool in late August and send a friend down instead of himself to make the deal.

Dan's friend Pete, the pusher, (not his real name) managed to cop 380 tablets of acid for \$650 Canadian. Pete flew back and paid another person \$50 to take the acid across the border.

Pete's expenses for the excursion were about \$150 but that included an ounce of Acapulco Gold, a very high grade of marijuana, which he brought back with him.

Dan smoked some of the Acapulco Gold and said it was great.

"That Gold is so beautiful, so out of sight . . . and there are no seeds, just leaves and stems," Dan said.

Dan paid Pete a pound of grass for his work arranging the deal.

A TIDY SUM

Dan sold about 340 tabs of the acid for about \$1,800 and then add the \$250 he made on the first shipment—the final result is approximately \$1,150 profit.

Although the money seems quick and easy, Dan has gone out of business.

"You do this sort of thing so you don't have to conform to society and be a businessman. But after all the hassles—the contacts, the appointments, the hours of waiting for a deal to come through—you soon realize that pushing is in the same bag the businessman is in," Dan said.

Dan, like many pushers, has had enough of the hassles and the persistent paranoia that the narcs (RCMP) are going to bust you (arrest you) and put you away for up to seven years.

Dan is glad it is over and he can join the ranks of university students and surface at last from the underground.