

Radio station ...first

by Valerie Mansour

CFGH, the students station at Sir Frederick Fraser School, Halifax, is the first station in Canada operated by blind children. The radio station, which resulted from an experimental project begun last January by a group of Dalhousie students, was officially opened Sunday.

The closed-circuit station is run by six students from the school who were involved in the project from its beginning. Doug Harvey and George Garner, the project leaders, worked with the children at CKDU radio last year with funding from the Dalhousie Student Union. The participants were introduced to the basic technical skills necessary to operate a radio station.

Through Garner's and Harvey's work and research, equipment was volunteered from various sources in the Atlantic region and a station was constructed at the school on University Avenue. All equipment was installed during the summer and the wiring, approximately six hundred connections, was done by

a former student, Francis Drake.

"The vocational aspect of the project is of importance," said Harvey. "Our real hope is that the government will see fit to make it a full-time part of the curriculum so that when these students go into the community they will be trained for a job. As well as the vocational training involved, you have to realize the confidence and opportunity for expression gained by these students", he added.

The radio station is on the air each evening, from approximately 4-11 p.m., and the students are trained during the day.

Looking to the future, Harvey said "The students are here on a 24 hour basis so we would really like to explore the avenues for an FM license." The project coordinators are presently awaiting word on a Secretary of State grant to hire someone to operate the station this summer.

The official opening of the radio station was part of the school's annual open house.



A young student at Sir Frederick Fraser School, the Atlantic Provinces Resource Center for the Visually Impaired, hosts a show for the many visitors who attended the open house Sunday. It was a big day for the school with the official opening of its radio station, the first of its kind in the country.

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is not the number of people involved—it is that people are involved in pre-marital sex. If any find the term "promiscuous" offensive, try "licentious" or "lascivious".

4) Finally, nowhere have I condemned people. I have no desire to usurp a right that belongs to God alone—I merely repeat what He has already made clear in the Bible, in condemning an immoral practice, and subsequently stating my opposition to the appearance of the Schmid ad in the *Gazette*, which encourages such practices.

Yours truly,
Eric Hominick

Dissent

To the Gazette:

Last week a letter was published in the *Gazette* on behalf of the International Students Association and signed by the President, secretary, and treasurer of the executive council. We were disturbed to see that!

1. There was no mention of the recently tied no-confidence vote in the President (March 7) after which three members of the ten person executive resigned.

2. There was no recognition of the considerable amount of work done by these members for the Inter-

national students.

3. This letter appears to terminate the present Executive's involvement with international students.

Irrespective of the poor record of the ISA to date, this farewell letter comes at a time when foreign students in Nova Scotia are being increasingly victimized through withdrawal of the state sponsored medical Health Insurance scheme, the implementation of the repressive immigration act was enforced March 1, and the imminent threat of differential fees (possibly doubled) presently under review by the Dalhousie University Senate.

At this time International Students require more than ever, to be informed and unified on the major issues facing them today.

We as International students intend to continue our efforts to defend the interests of all International students.

Yours faithfully,
Eileen Farley
Anthony Vard

Zionist distortion?

To the Gazette:

Mr. H.P. Segal (*The Gazette*, 16 March 1978) ascribes to me "numerous distortions of fact" without being specific. I challenge him to point out a single factual "distortion" in any statement I made.

Miners say thank you

Two weeks ago at Dalhousie a collection was taken up for striking miners in the United States, after a showing of the film Harlan County USA. \$96 was sent to two rank and file support committees. This week we received this letter.

To the Gazette:

Thank you very much for your \$96 contribution to the Miners Support Committee. The money will be used to buy prescription medicine for

miners, pensioners and their families at the miners free clinic, which was organized by the Support Committee.

Again thank you for your support. Your solidarity gives us strength.

For a strong contract,
Dave Neully
Miners Support Committee
P.O. Box 3182
East Beckley Station
Beckley, W.Va. 25801

Mr. Segal's protestation, that *The Gazette* is not an appropriate forum for discussion of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, is strange. I would have thought a university newspaper and a university audience should be duly concerned with a problem, like the Palestine problem, that has such agonizing human considerations and a conflict that threatens the peace of the world, let alone the Middle East.

It has, however, been a consistent policy of the Zionists to insist on a monopoly of the news media. An extraordinary situation exists where one can freely criticize the policies of any government in the world except that of Israel; for if one did, he is immediately charged with being an "antisemite". Many politicians, journalists and authors were silenced by this infamous charge. A few others, however, have courageously fought back and thus this unique immunity from criticism of the Government of Israel is being slowly eroded. The very effective and powerful Zionist propaganda machine skilfully achieved a massive mythology and falsification of the history of Palestine and the Palestinian conflict. How this has succeeded has been graphically described by William Zukerman, Editor of the "Jewish Newsletter" (December 7, 1958):—

"To this observer, nothing demonstrates more sharply the terribly uncanny power of

modern propaganda to control minds, sway emotions and brutalize people than the Zionist propaganda on the Arab refugees during the last decade. It literally succeeded in turning black into white, a big blatant lie into truth, a grave social injustice into an act of justice glorified by thousands".

similarly, and with this manipulative power of the Zionist propaganda in mind, the British historian Professor Arnold Toynbee wrote in 1971:

"Right and wrong are the same in Palestine as anywhere else. What is peculiar about the Palestine conflict is that the world has listened to the party that has committed the offence and has turned a deaf ear to the victims."

The position has changed little since then. The tragic and deplorable killing of the civilian bus passengers near Tel-Aviv, whether deliberate or otherwise was condemned by Western media, let alone President Carter, as wanton killing, cowardly, savage and other similar adjectives. Yet the brutal massacre of hundreds of Lebanese and Palestinian civilians in their villages and refugee camps bombed and rocketed by Israel's heaviest guns and most sophisticated bombers and fighters, barely deserves any mention in our press.

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