

News in brief:

Indians release secret government reports to press

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Secret government documents alleged to have been stolen by the native students occupying the Ottawa office of Indian Affairs have just been released to the press.

They show that the federal government planned to intervene in the legal dispute between native people and the Quebec government over the James Bay power project but, apparently under pressure from the Bourassa government, backed down.

Government officials told the press that the documents, marked 'secret', 'confidential' and 'not to be photocopied', were found missing from the office of the assistant deputy minister for Indian Affairs and Northern Development August 31, after a peaceful occupation of the building by members of the Native Youth Associations ended.

The documents show that in May 1972, the federal cabinet committee on Federal-Provincial relations took a strong position favouring

intervention on native people's behalf in their legal dispute with the Quebec government and the James Bay Development Company. There are indications that the government's legal staff advised them that they must intervene to protect federal interests.

However, a month after this meeting, the committee backed down from its position. In June 1972, it decided merely to express its 'concern' to Quebec and to keep the parties 'aware of the broad range of federal interests'. Documents leaked a year ago indicated this change of stance resulted from the Quebec government's firm position that the federal government should not intervene.

The documents also reveal that the federal government considered making settlements of large amounts of money and land to the native people to offset their claims of aboriginal rights to large parts of Canada.

Apparently the government was anxious the native people gain no legal rights to the land.

The government did not want such occurrences as the recent decision of the court of the North West Territories that ruled that the native people of that area have a right to file a caveat declaring their case for ownership of the land.

The announcement of the government's willingness to negotiate the land claims was expected to stifle any Indian opposition to the McKenzie Valley Highway under construction in the north. The McKenzie Valley corridor will provide easy access to northern areas primarily for development of the mineral resources and the

government fears the native people will attempt to gain legal rights to the land being exploited.

But the documents warn, even if the Indians don't raise objections 'a backlash of dissident voices must be expected from environmentalists'.

Mowat camps in Schreyer's yard

WINNIPEG -- Author Farley Mowat remarked casually in June that he would consider moving to Manitoba if the New Democratic Party won the June 28 provincial election.

Now he is living in Premier Ed Schreyer's backyard in north Winnipeg.

Mowat, his wife, Claire, and their two Newfoundland water dogs have been guests of the Schreyers since last month, except for visits around the province.

Mowat has never been keen on politics or politicians, but he dubbed the NDP the "least obnoxious party" and accompanied the campaigning premier before the June 28 election.

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US energy cutback on

WASHINGTON -- In Detroit, the United Fund's 44-foot-high torch will burn only two days this year. In California, Governor Ronald Reagan has ordered thermostats turned down in state office buildings. In the endless hallways of the interior department about one out of five light bulbs has been unscrewed.

And in Oregon, Governor Tom McCall has gone so far as to order

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a ban on all outside advertising lighting, hoping to save 210 million kilowatt hours of electricity -- about equal to the power that it takes to run Toronto for 16 days.

John Muller, a researcher in the Office of Energy Conservation, set up last spring by presidential order, says that "if this were a dictatorship and we could somehow control how people waste energy, we could save from 2 to 3 million barrels of oil a day." That would be a fifth of the 15 million barrels Americans consume each day.

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Indians aim for fight

EDMONTON (CUP) -- Six thousand rounds of 30-30 ammunition are headed for Wrigley, a tiny Indian settlement on the Mackenzie river.

Wrigley is situated at Mile 427 of the proposed Mackenzie highway, the road that will be used as a supply line during construction of the Mackenzie Valley pipeline.

The people of Wrigley have vowed to stop the highway at all costs, believing that it and the pipeline will destroy their livelihood. The Northwest Territories government is infuriated because the ammunition is being shipped by the federal Department of Indian Affairs.

MUN meds face battle

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. (CUP) -- After voting to withdraw from the university's students' union, Memorial University medical students now face a legal battle in their attempt to have their student fees channeled to the medical students association.

In a referendum October 3, the medical students voted 87 per cent in favour of withdrawing from the students' union. They are now trying to have medical students' 8 dollars per semester students union fees given to their own organization.

The medical students feel they could handle their finances better

than the students' union and many are dissatisfied with their representation on the students' council. As well, since most of them already have one degree, many medical students feel that they are not undergraduates and aren't, therefore, a part of the undergraduate students' union. Nevertheless, they are officially classed as undergraduates.

Acupuncture praised

OTTAWA--Science Minister Jeanne Sauvé has returned from China convinced acupuncture could turn the tide of spiralling health costs.

She witnessed two acupuncture operations during her 16-day tour of China including a delicate thyroid gland operation. In each case, she said, the patient walked away from the operating room.

Wider use of acupuncture as a form of anesthesia could reduce post-operative hospital care and lessen health costs considerably, Mme. Sauvé said Oct. 9.

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Students aid strikers

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Students at the University of Quebec and the University of Montreal are organizing to support the militant strike of more than 300 workers at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in Joliette, 65 miles north of Montreal.

In meetings last week the students set up a committee to support the Firestone workers and other Quebec workers now out on strike. The committee's main activity will be to publicize and support the boycott of Firestone products launched two weeks ago by the Quebec Federation of Labour.

United policy sought

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- A University of British Columbia delegate to the up-coming National Union of Students conferences hopes NUS will establish a united Canadian student finance policy.

UBC external affairs officer, Bonnie Long, said a NUS financial policy must meet the needs of all students.

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GILLISS, Christopher (BBA)3
MACKINNON, Barbara (A)1
TOWERS, Gary (BBA)4

Candidates for SCIENCE - One to be elected

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