

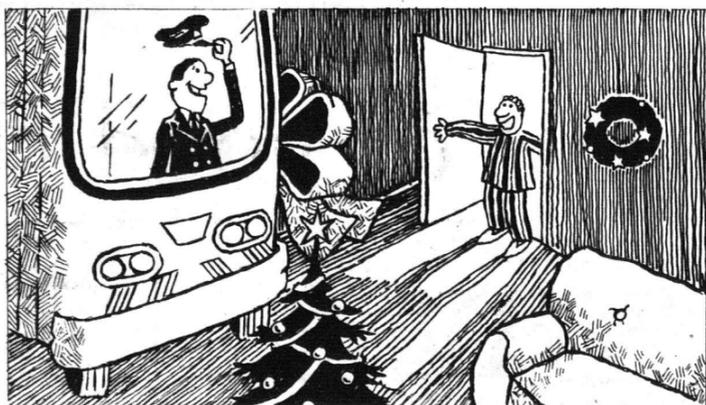
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**NOTES**

### MSVU boycotts Nestle

HALIFAX (CUP) — The Mount Saint Vincent University student union has voted to actively support a boycott of all Nestle products.

Christine Fletcher, CUSO representative on student council said that an active campaign from an entire university could have quite an impact on the international boycott which has been going for almost two years.

The boycott is centered on the sale by Nestle of infant formula to third world countries.

Milk nurses, who are not necessarily registered, are hired by Nestle to convince mothers in third world countries that bottle-feeding their babies is better than nursing. The mothers, convinced they are doing the right thing, are buying the expensive formula and when they can't afford more are watering down what they have.

As a result, "the average age that infants are showing up in hospitals for malnutrition is eight months instead of 18", said Fletcher.

The boycott is appearing to have some effect on Nestle: their profits are down from two years ago.

### Feds wasting money

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government could find money for badly needed student housing if they cut back on "wasteful military spending" says BC New Democratic MP Nelson Riis.

Riis was reacting to a statement from housing minister Paul Cosgrove who told a parliamentary committee November 4 that student housing was not a "high priority" item for the federal government.

With a shortage of money, Cosgrove said, the needs of families and senior citizens would come before students.

Riis says all housing should be a priority.

The housing, he argues, particularly aids rural students who come into major centers and develop the skills to aid the country's productivity.

"Instead," Riis says, "they spend money on military jet fighters to stop us from being bombed by the Russians."

Riis says the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation is the obvious vehicle to fund housing. He says new student housing would be an opportunity to experiment with solar heating and energy conservation.

### Bigotted VP protected

TORONTO (CUP) — An attempt to expel the vice president from the Seneca College student council for discrimination has failed.

Andrew Rose, president of the West Indian club, accused Paul Ranieri of refusing to grant him an appointment to discuss the club's budget and of saying "come back when you learn to speak English."

A motion to expel Ranieri from council was defeated. Ranieri also refused to resign.

"I ran (for election) on my big mouth and aggressiveness and was elected," said Ranieri.

Financial chairperson Paul Babier said the councillors who voted against the motion to expel Ranieri "protected a friend, not the interests of students."

Rose was upset with the defeat of the motion. "I'm disappointed in this council. This is not the first time this has happened. The first time there was a written apology, this time nothing."

Ranieri said, "the vote restored my faith in my fellow students."

In early September Ranieri assaulted a staff member of the campus newspaper, the *Oblique Times*. Although an attempt was made to expel him then, he made an appeal and was reinstated.

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