

Refugees Come Home

Compassion is what Lenzi Aziz hopes to accomplish during the first-ever Refugee Week.

The second-year economics student at the University of New Brunswick is organizing chairman for the week to be held Jan. 18 - 22 on the Fredericton campus. A refugee himself, Mr. Aziz has first-hand experience of the hardships refugees encounter and the problems they face, both overseas and in Canada. This experience, he says, is the reason why he is so motivated to tell the public what it is like to be a refugee.

Refugee Week has two objectives: to help the public understand the problems fac-

ed by the refugee and to generate concern about Bill C-55, which will impose strict restraints on incoming refugees.

"In order to erase suspicion toward the refugee, the public must be given accurate information before it can take a stand," says Mr. Aziz. Displays, surveys and public forums will provide the public with that information.

The week will not only provide information, it will also collect it. Members of the public will be surveyed to find out what they feel about refugees. The public attitude surveys are scheduled for Jan. 18 and 19 and will take place both on campus and on the street. William Knight of

UNB's department of mathematics and statistics will compile the results.

Twenty-five local and Ottawa-based organizations will provide displays in the Blue Lounge of the Student Union Building (SUB) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20. Additional audio-visual displays may be viewed in Room 103 of the SUB throughout the day. Booths will also be set up in the foyers of several buildings on campus.

The week's events will wind up with two public debates on Jan. 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 105, MacLaggan Hall. The Thursday night forum, entitled Refugees: Between a Rock and a Hard Place, will feature two refugees and representatives from UNHCR Ottawa and Amnesty International. In the Friday night forum, spokespersons from the Government of Canada and the Inter-Church Committee for Refugees, as well as professors from UNB will address the topic, Refugees: A Threat or a Contribution?

Mr. Aziz emphasizes that the debates are not intended for political recruitment or attention. "The main objective is to discuss the pros and cons surrounding the refugee issue."

Born in Sudan, Mr. Aziz first came to Canada as a visitor. When events back home worsened, he became a refugee. He feels "very lucky" that he was accepted into Canada.

Mr. Aziz has a dream to work in a refugee camp some day after graduation. With his experience, he feels he can provide support and guidance to other refugees. Organizing Refugee Week is a partial fulfillment of his dream.

What's the world coming to?

Number of Iranian tanks that Iraq has captured and sold back to Iran: 150.

- Harpers Index

Immediately after two unnamed motorists in Winnipeg had their licences suspended for traffic offences, they were arrested for attempting to drive away from the courthouse.

- The Montreal Gazette

Some Soviet TV listings: Channel 1, 8:35 Canadian Cup, Canada versus the USSR, 16:15 Playschool, 16:45 My Own Library of Lenin's Works, 17:40 Cartoons.

- Pravda

A University Law Professor has been charged with murder after his wife was found stabbed to death early Friday.

- The Telegraph Journal

Famous Dead People in '87:

Hitler deputy Rudolf Hess strangled himself with an electric cord. Liberace died of AIDS. Peter Tosh was shot to death.

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- St. Mary's Journal

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VISIT TO MAINE UNIVERSITY IN ORONO

Purpose: This trip is designed to allow students who are interested in spending ONE ACADEMIC YEAR at the University of Maine in Orono to visit the campus and classes. A UNB/Maine Exchange (pay tuition here, go there) is being arranged for next academic year, and this visit will allow interested students to learn more about the University of Maine.

Sessions: All students on the bus trip will attend three University of Maine sessions:

- 1) Issues on U.S./CANADIAN Relations
- 2) Issues in upcoming Presidential Election
- 3) Discussion on East/West Security Issues

Cost: Students are responsible for all meals and personal expenses.

Accommodation: Students to bring sleeping bags.

Transportation: Will be provided free of charge.

Time: Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, January 28th.

Bus returns at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 30th.