

Iranian student

Another victim of deportation

LETHBRIDGE (CUP)—An international student from Iran was forced out of the country by the Immigration authorities and refused readmission into Canada by the Canadian Consulate in Iran.

Keyvan Peryow was issued a departure notice because he had been two weeks late in renewing his visa. After an Immigration inquiry he was told to leave the country last month.

Recently, residence stu-

dents at the university reported that Immigration officers and Peace officers were seen on campus making sure that Peryow had left the country.

Kamyar Peryow, the victim's brother and a landed immigrant, said that, apparently because of the political situation in Iran, his parents were unable to send his brother the money he needed in time.

Without the money, it

would be impossible for him to renew his visa. A visa student in Canada is required to have at least \$3,500 a year deposited in a Canadian bank to satisfy the visa requirement.

Peryow's visa expired on Sept. 7 and with the understanding that no visa would be granted to him without proof that he had the money, he decided to wait.

On receiving the money on Sept. 21, he went to the immigration office expecting

his visa to be renewed. However, under the present Immigration legislation, there is no room for an Immigration officer to give any consideration to an offender.

The usual penalty is a departure notice, which differs from a deportation notice in that a person can re-enter Canada with the permission of a visa officer in an overseas Canadian Consulate. A deportation notice requires the approval of the Minister of Immigration.

Peryow visited the Canadian Consulate in Seattle but was refused reapplication after the officer checked with Immigration authorities in Lethbridge. They said they could not contradict any policy made by an officer in Canada.

Becker speaks to APE of BC

VANCOUVER (CUP)—UBC faculty and students clashed Nov. 21 with B.C. economists and Bayshore Inn security guards at a demonstration protesting South African Ambassador John Becker's speech at the hotel.

Becker was a luncheon speaker at an Association of Professional Economists of B.C.

Conference organizer James Angus tried to rip leaflets out of the hands of one of the demonstrators and ordered the group to leave the hotel, spokesperson Jayne Dean said.

The demonstrators were forced outside the hotel even after offering to pay the conference registration fee, Dean said.

But Bayshore Inn security supervisor Ozzie Kaban said the demonstrators refused to pay the registration fee.

The demonstrators urged delegates to protest South African apartheid policies by boycotting the ambassador's luncheon speech.

Inside the hotel, Professor Ernst Berndt told the delegates UBC economists were opposed to the conference's choice of speakers.

"I should like to make it clear at the outset that my presence here on a program including the South African Ambassador, and my affiliation with UBC should in no way be interpreted as providing institutional or professional approval of the apartheid policies of the South African government," he said.

He said in addition to being racist, South Africa's economic policies represent bad economics and a squandering of human resources.

Brendt's statement was greeted with booing and heckling from the crowd.

Becker spoke from a prepared text to a crowded conference room and told the delegates that it is very much in the world's interest to continue trading with South Africa.

He said it is estimated that South Africa holds 90 per cent of all the world's platinum reserves and at least 50 per cent of the gold reserves.

Becker made only a few veiled references to the apartheid policy and racial problems. He mentioned "political disturbances in Southern Africa" and said his country took "the necessary remedial measures".

Dawson withdraws funds

MONTREAL (CUP)—The Board of Governors of Dawson College has voted almost unanimously to withdraw their account from the Bank of Montreal because of its financial support to the apartheid regime in South Africa.

As a result, the bank will lose approximately \$100,000 in interest charges.

The withdrawal is part of an international campaign by community and student groups to protest racist oppression in South Africa.

According to Pat Boland, an instigator of the Dawson move, the board's action was appropriate because of the large size of the account.

The CEGEP's governors recommended the college transfer its account to any bank not investing in apartheid.

The Bank of Montreal has been involved in South Africa for several years, with a recent major loan going to the state-owned South African electrical supply company. The money, lent with eight British and American banks, enabled the government to channel state funds into its military budget.

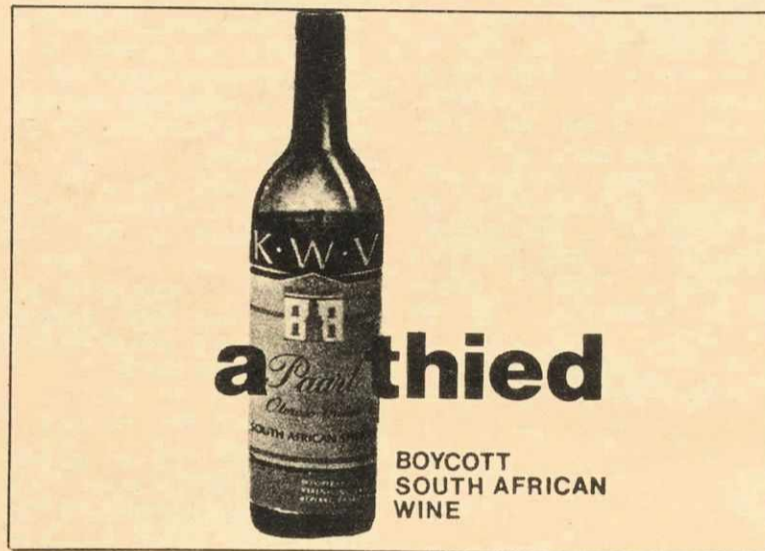
Shortly after the loan, South

Africa's military budget grew from \$600 million to over \$2 billion. The "electricity" crown corporation also began developing nuclear power at that time.

The Bank of Montreal has been condemned by several church groups involved in a task force on corporate responsibility. However, it has defended its loans policy, claiming the funds in fact help black South Africans. According to bank chairperson Fred MacNeill, "it is not morally defensible to stop lending to South Africa."

But the church groups point out that, without the bank's loans, the apartheid government would have difficulty pursuing its racist policies. According to one church spokesperson, "it would not be morally wrong for the Bank of Montreal to pull out at this point."

Last year, the National Union of Students initiated a campaign to have student associations pull their accounts from banks loaning money to South Africa. Several student associations across Canada have followed that advice.



University portfolios

(ZNS-CUP)—The Associated Students' organizations at the University of Oregon and at Portland State University have filed suit against Oregon's Attorney General and the Oregon Investment Council in efforts to force that state to stop investing in South Africa.

Associated Student President, Raymond Herrera, says the organization decided to make divestiture of stocks in South Africa its number one priority after the Attorney General earlier this year overruled a vote by the state board of education to halt investments in South Africa.

The Attorney General's

opinion was reportedly based on the so-called "prudent man" rule which says that only a professional money management group such as the Oregon Investment Council can decide to divest stocks and only for strictly financial reasons.

The Associated Students Organization, however, has challenged that ruling saying moral and political grounds should come within the prudent man rule.

Hauptman also apparently told them he would deny these remarks if they were quoted in the press.

Don't plea

GUELPH (CUP)—Telling people charged with possession of marijuana not to enter a plea is the latest tactic of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML-Canada) in its fight to decriminalize marijuana.

NORML is asking all those charged with possession to not enter a plea until two appeals questioning the validity of the law are heard. NORML spokespeople say they hope this will create a backlog in the courts.



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