

CUSO helps developing nations fill the gap

Two-thirds of the world's people live under social and economic conditions far below the standards taken for granted in industrialized nations. The gap is widening.

CUSO (Canadian University Service Overseas) is designed to "help developing nations help themselves" by providing skilled Canadians under contract to overseas governments. CUSO enables developing nations to

make the maximum use of their own manpower and natural resources. CUSO sees its role as filling the gap which cannot yet be covered by local manpower resources.

Now in its tenth year, CUSO, Canadian University Students Overseas, has sent over 3,700 persons abroad. Today there are 1,200 CUSO volunteers serving in 40 developing nations.

Volunteers serve two year terms in the country usually of

their choice, in Africa, the Caribbean, Asia or Latin America. Volunteers are paid a "modest but comfortable" salary, and a "settling in" allowance in the country upon return to Canada, and volunteers receive medical and dental care. Transportation to and from the country is also supplied. Interest on Student Loans can be paid by CUSO.

Qualifications for volunteers vary, but maturity is a major consideration. If a person has a special skill, post secondary education may not be required. Usually teachers are preferred but any type of leadership is considered an asset. Six weeks of teacher training is provided before departing. Nurses, engineers, and French, math and physics teachers are especially needed by CUSO. Medics and paramedics are also in great demand.

...with volunteers

Married couples are eligible if both persons work and suitable placements can be made for both husband and wife. Couples with children will be considered if the couple has a very high priority skill.

Volunteers are asked to apply as soon as possible as groups will leave Canada in mid May or early April. Final exams are written early or deferred at the request of CUSO.

Fifty per-cent of the applicants drop out, between application and departure. Another twenty five percent drop out during the training. Of the remainder, only three percent fail the training course.

Students who are interested in CUSO are asked to contact Dave Cronkrite, head of the local group, or to drop in to the CUSO offices in University Hall or in Sub.

By Jay Kirkland

Repercussions of Amchitka

Amchitka is over...until next time, but repercussions are still being felt.

Following the November 3 pretest rally sponsored by the Students' Action Committee at the Federal Building, a group of about 50 demonstrators continued the protest. They broke through the line of rally marshalls and marched to the IBM building where they had earlier staged a sit-in. They then moved down Jasper Avenue to the Imperial Oil Building. There they demonstrated for over an hour.

The police after watching them for a time gave the demonstrators five minutes to disperse. If they did not, they would face arrest. The protestors then huddled to discuss the matter. In less than the allotted time, though, the police arrested 11 persons who were leading in the denunciation of Amchitka and Viet Nam. Police arrested them on charges of "creating a disturbance in a public place."

The law says that the owner or manager of property must publicly order people off his property before police can move in. This was not done.

One protestor alleges that when he asked to be told his rights a policeman told him, "You have no rights when you're arrested. You lose your rights."

The seven adults and three of the four juveniles were released on \$40.00 bail later that day. One juvenile was still in detention Thursday, November 11.

by Bob Mack



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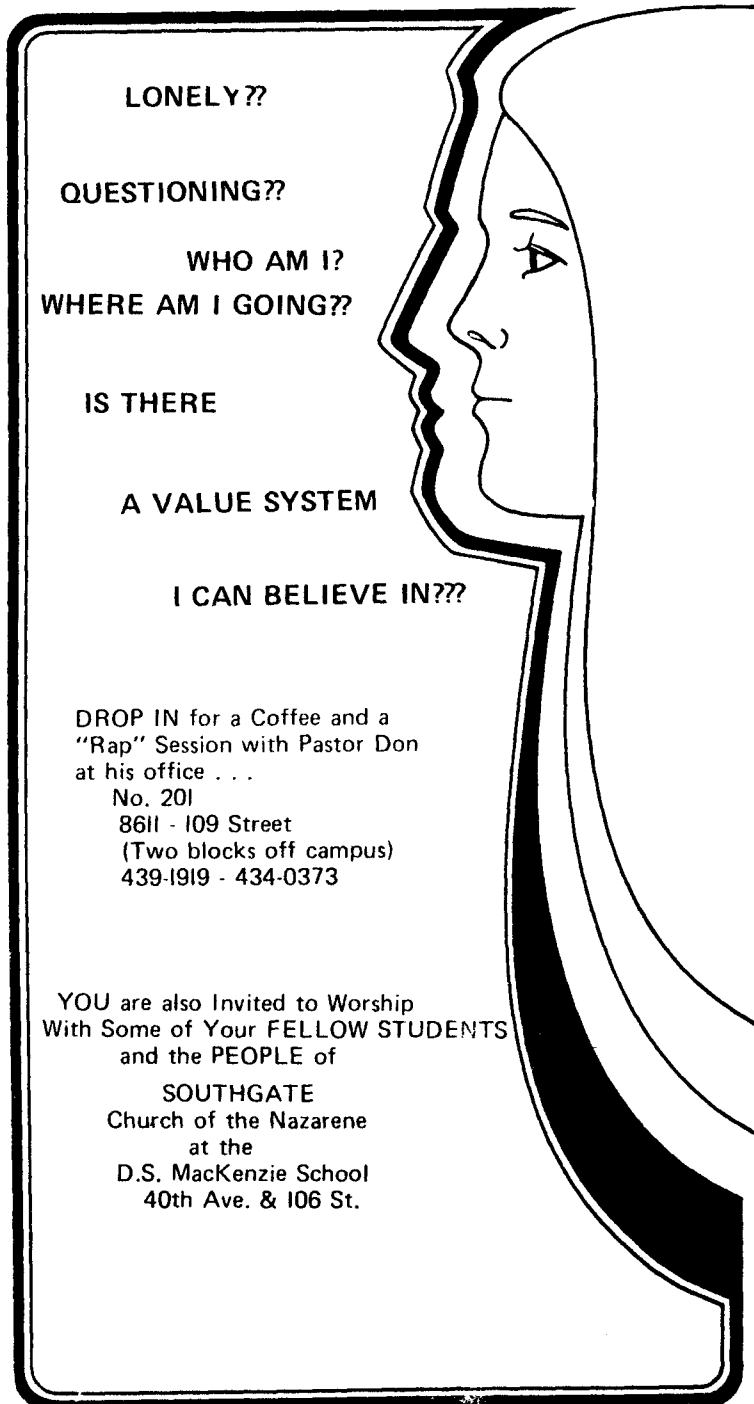
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