

Solidarity Movement Grows

by Greg Harris

"You don't need to be Polish to be a friend of the Poles."

The University of Alberta is opening up a branch of the Polish support committee, "Friends of Solidarity."

Co-ordinator of the University branch is Terese Szlamp, U of A grad student in Comparative Literature.

She says that the need for a University chapter of "Friends of Solidarity" has arisen because there is very little information about Poland being disseminated in the commercial press.

"We can't depend on the press because they don't have the expertise to show what's really going on (in Poland)."

"We're hoping to set up a much more direct line of communication with Solidarity and Poland...we're not speaking for them, they speak for themselves," she says.

Szlamp says that Poles consider the Solidarity movement as the most important thing since the anti-czarist insurrection of 1963.

"Poles want a democratic life

and the freedom to work. They are not being given the choice and so they're taking the choice," she says.

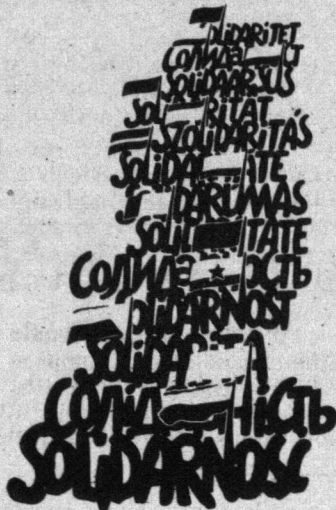
For more information phone Terese Szlamp at 432-3482. She asks that you leave a message if she can not be reached.

Szlamp hopes to establish ties with other support committees as well. She says that the El Salvadorean and Irish Prisoner of War support committees have been particularly helpful to the "Friends of Solidarity."

She says that while different support groups might have "National quirks" to iron out, that it is still more important and effective to work together.

"I can think of millions of places where people are being kept underfoot...there are a lot of things that we share," she says.

"Friends of Solidarity will be setting up a booth in the Students' Union Building on Friday, November 27. Szlamp says they won't be charging any membership fees, but would appreciate any help that people can give. Solidarity T-shirts will be sold for \$10.00. Szlamp apologizes for the high price.



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club NOTES

by P. Prince

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Loved and Honored

Marriage and violence will be, what Lee Sax, Edmonton Women's Shelter president, will discuss on Thursday, November 26. A film will also be shown. All this takes place at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Lounge, Athabasca Hall.



helicopter crash when *Sun* photographer's film was seized without justification by the Police.

Bailey said that after that incident Police Chief Robert Lunney assured them that nothing

like that would ever happen again.

"I think everybody in the news business should be a bit alarmed," Bailey said, after the Gateway incident.

Harry Midgeley

"Notwithstanding the fact you got an apology, it's not a matter of apologies."

"I think it's very serious." "I can't see any reasonable grounds whatsoever that would merit the seizure of a newspaper."

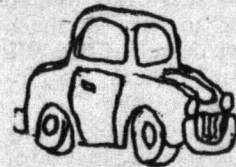
The seizure of a newspaper, Midgeley says, "is one of the most serious infringements of democratic rights."

He suggested the entire incident be the subject of a public inquiry by the Edmonton Police Commission.

Such an inquiry, Midgeley says, would receive public representation and would publish its findings, and would recommend steps to insure nothing like the Gateway seizure could happen again.

He said the point was not that the papers were seized by two city individuals who didn't realize the enormity of their action, but that they could do it and get away with it.

"It ought not to be regarded as a minor digression that can conveniently be passed off," Midgeley said.



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