

B.C. Indian chiefs head warns of violent summer

VANCOUVER (CUP)--Robert Manuel of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs predicts that outbursts of violence by Indians are likely this summer,

unless the Canadian government and the big corporations leave Indians alone to develop their own society.

Manuel told a University of British Columbia audience Jan. 30 that violent confrontation between Indians and whites is likely to escalate unless private corpora-

tions stop "robbing the Indian people of their natural resources" and the federal government stops trying to do away with the Indian culture through assimilation.

Manuel, son of Native Brotherhood president George Manuel, is coordinator of a community development program established

by the Union of British Columbia Chiefs to help people in Indian communities become self-reliant.

He said that resource corporations should stop treating the Indian "as a thorn in the side" and should return some of the country's abundant resources to native people. According to Manuel this would enable Indians to develop a new society based on traditional values but capable of adapting to the conditions of the modern world.

He cited the possibility of Indians owning some of the trees presently owned by MacMillan Bloedel and using these to build their own

housing instead of government built accomodation, as an example.

He also feels that if Indians could collectively own profit-making businesses off the reservations then surplus revenues could be used to support more traditional Indian crafts such as bead work, which would assist the Indians in preserving their traditional life-style.

He said the object of the community program he coordinates is to help the Indian retain the

traditional economy of sharing and help them develop their pride in their race and heritage.

"The direction we have to go now is toward turning our backs on outside influences. The only help the non-Indian can do is to leave us alone to develop in our own direction," he said.

U of T heads back down

TORONTO (CUP)--The University of Toronto administration has backed down on its proposed \$10 fee hike to cover costs of the planned athletic complex. Instead students may have to pay more fees once the building is built.

University vice-president Jill Conway said that it might not be "prudent" to ask students to cover the capital and operating costs, so the administration has apparently decided to find the \$4 million for the complex from "other sources."

The U of T Students' Administrative Council had threatened to ask the administration to hold a referendum on the proposed fee increase, but has now decided not to go to the polls on the matter.

As for the other sources of revenue, no one knows for sure where they are. SAC Communications Commissioner Michael Sabia maintains the university has "a tremendous source of wealth that it can tap" but added that the location of this pot of gold "is something of a state secret."

Conway says the university is in the process of planning a major fund raising campaign for the university's 150th anniversary. It is possible that some of these funds will be used for the athletic complex.

Conway's assistant, Jack Diamond estimates that the operating costs of the complex will likely amount to at least a half a million dollars per year, which will necessitate a fee increase.

The complex, which was proposed by a Governing Council resolution over a year ago, is slated to include a covered olympic-size swimming pool.

Western prexy threatened

LONDON (CUP)--A wrapped package containing a loaded, sawed-off shotgun, addressed to University of Western student council president Mike Janigan, was found by a student here on Jan. 19.

According to police, the booby-trap could have killed or maimed anyone who handled, opened, or dropped the package.

The device bore a label reading, "If found return immediately to the University Students' Council from Michael Janigan."

Janigan said that he knew of no one who would want to kill him. Something like that was "really outside the realm of what the student council deals in," he said.

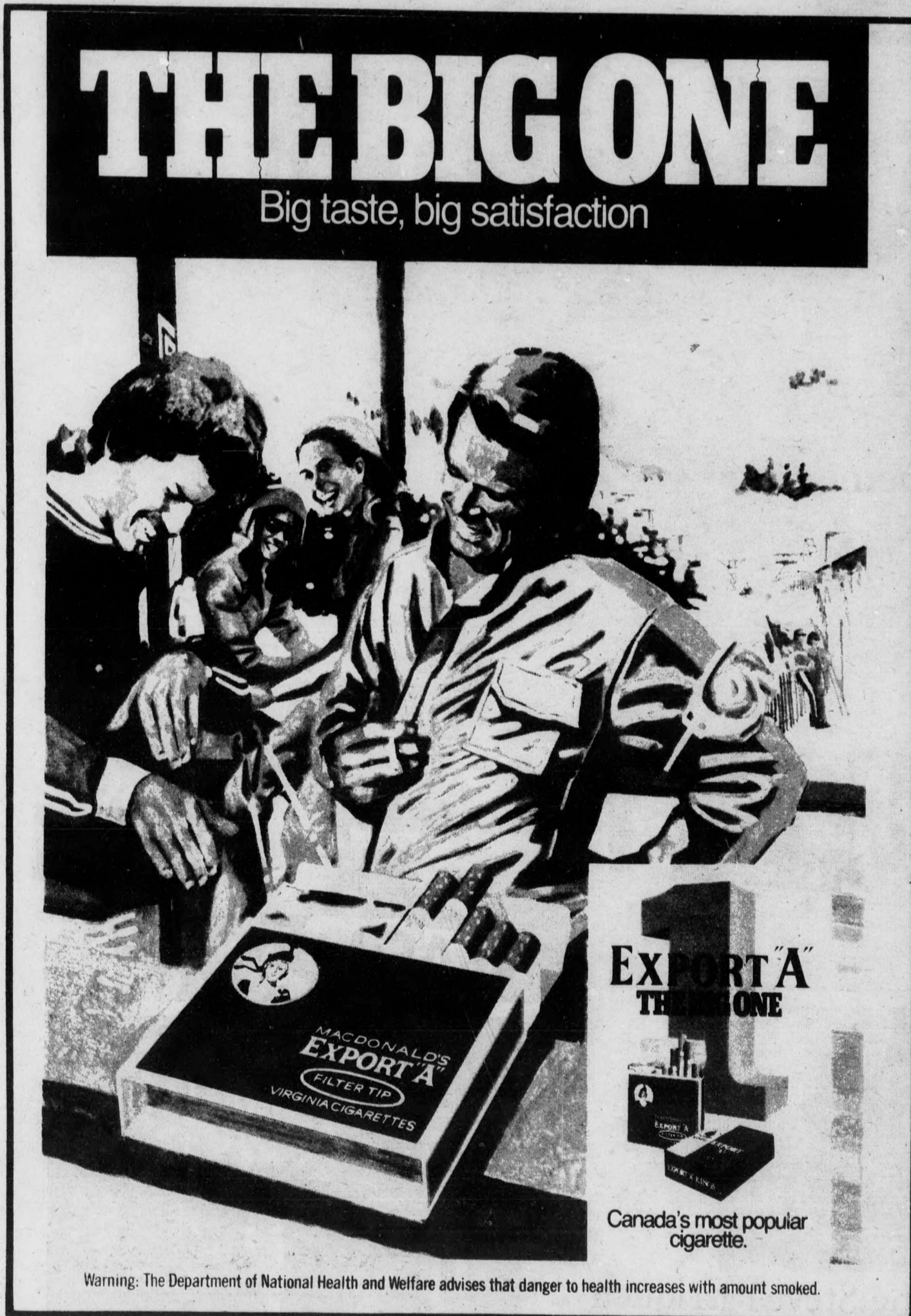
Police responded to the call from the student who found the 18-inch parcel lying beside a water fountain in a college building.

Forensic tests revealed that the weapon had been wiped clean of fingerprints and other clues which could lead to the person or persons responsible for the package.

Police say they are "at a dead-end" in their investigation.

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