

# NATIONAL NEWS

## PEACE MOVEMENT: ANGRY STUDENT WALKS TO OTTAWA

OTTAWA (CUP)—When Patrick Chamberlain gets angry, he walks.

And when the 27-year-old philosophy student from the University of Victoria thought about Canadian government plans to test the Cruise missile, he got very angry. So angry, he walked from Victoria to Ottawa.

After four months on the road, Chamberlain arrived in Ottawa Sept. 16. It was late, his feet were sore and he was tired. So he went to bed at the Parliament Hill peace camp.

Chamberlain says he undertook the trek as a personal crusade. He did not seek much media attention, he just wanted to inspire people he met on the road and take his message of peace directly to Canada's leaders.

"People say you're banging your head against a brick wall (when you tackle the disarmament issue)," Chamberlain said during an interview in Ottawa.

"And they're right. But I think if a person has enough strength, they'll keep banging their head against the wall until they move the brick one inch. And then the wall may fall over.

"I'm saying there's nothing inevitable about our destruction, although there's certainly a high probability of it."

Chamberlain has spent the last week seeking a personal interview with Prime Minister Trudeau and the Soviet Ambassador to Canada.

"I signed a petition in Victoria about six months ago, and realized it would be ignored in Ottawa. But I thought if I walked across the country, they might be more disposed to seeing me," he said.

When Chamberlain first contemplated walking to Ottawa, he thought the idea was silly. But he did so much enraged late-night walking in Victoria he decided to string his walks together into one large journey.

With about two weeks preparation, he left Victoria May 4, pulling a 180 pound cart behind him all the way.

He says his commitment to disarmament is recent, and admits he is not totally familiar with the issues. "But I didn't think it was necessary to be an athlete or an expert on the arms race," he said.

"I don't know how to play bridge but I know I don't want to play it. I don't need to learn the rules to know I don't want to play it."

Chamberlain says people often feel a sense of inevitability when they think about the world's destruction through nuclear war. "It's only through activity that one finds hope," he says.

Chamberlain, who plans to return to his studies at UVic in January, says he feels his walk was a success.

"I didn't have any great expectations when I left so it turned out better than I expected," he said.

He certainly appears satisfied when he recites Dylan Thomas: "Do not go gentle into that good night/rage, rage against the

dying of the light."

The Earth's light may soon be extinguished, but at least Chamberlain will go down with blisters on his feet.

## FACULTY: CONVICTED WAR CRIMINAL QUIETLY RETIRES

VANCOUVER (CUP)—For 20 years a war criminal convicted of collaborating with the Nazis in Holland taught botany at the University of B.C.

On Sept. 1, professor Jacob Luitjens quietly retired eight months early.

Despite pressure from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles and an extradition request made by the Dutch government in 1981, the university claims Luitjens was not pressured into retirement.

Luitjens elected to do so himself and in the spring enquired about pension benefits, UBC president George Pedersen said Sept. 15.

A Dutch court convicted Luitjens in 1948 for carrying firearms and assisting German occupation forces with house to house searches.

The conviction carries a 20 year sentence but an 1899 agreement between the Netherlands and Canada has prevented his extradition.

The Wiesenthal Centre, which specializes in tracking down war criminals, alleges Luitjens killed a German army deserter and a member of the Dutch resistance.

Centre associate dean Rabbi Abraham Cooper said in a Sept. 15 phone interview UBC evaded its moral and ethical responsibility by not encouraging Luitjens to face his "crimes against humanity."

The Centre sent a telegram to UBC in July urging Luitjens' dismissal.

But Pedersen's reply stated a binding agreement with the faculty association was a "serious legal obstacle."

And B.C.'s human rights code says conviction of a criminal charge is not a reasonable cause for dismissal unless the charge relates to the person's employment.

"The university did a good job of standing up for Luitjens' legal rights but it did a dismal job taking into account the rights of his victims," said Cooper.

Luitjens' colleague Winston Hunter said the professor had been thinking about retiring for a while.

"Sure his past is shocking. But the Jacob Luitjens we know is the man who has worked in the department for 20 years," Hunter said.

## FACULTY: PROF CAUGHT IN COOKIE CRUNCH

VANCOUVER (CUP)—A University of B.C. professor got caught in the crunch of rising student union building cookie prices.

The professor who wished to remain unidentified, said he noticed a drastic increase in cookie prices from 30 to 50 cents for a package of three. "It meant the price went up 66 and two-thirds

per cent in a few months," he said.

He complained to food services which said the price increase was a mistake resulting from a "typing error" on the menu.

The professor, who was not amused, said food services should be more consistent with their pricing in the eating spots on campus. "It makes me wonder if this sort of thing has happened elsewhere," the professor said.

But a food services employee said these mistakes are rare. "It happened once this year on maybe 2,500 items," she said.

That's the way the cookie crumbles with food services prices.

## ACTIVISM: GENERAL STUDENT STRIKE PLANNED IN QUEBEC

MONTREAL (CUP)—A common front student strike will highlight the seventh anniversary of the Parti Quebecois' ascension to power.

Quebec's largest student organization is urging students to boycott classes and join the strike on Nov. 15.

Anger over law 32, which regulates student associations, sparked the protest. But it is further fueled by the anger of young people in Quebec over unemployment, welfare conditions, and government education policies.

The walkout follows months of preparation by the Association Nationale des Etudiants et Etudiantes du Quebec, whose member associations actively lobbied against law 32 before it passed in June.

Other groups include a new youth organization, composed of 40 associations of young unemployed and employed groups, non-members of ANEQ and Quebec's student press association.

The strike culminates a summer of discontent, when the Parti Quebecois government was widely denounced for its perceived ignorance of young people's needs.

(RNR/CUP)—The movement against the nuclear arms race is spilling over into American classrooms.

Schools across the country are offering courses such as "security in the nuclear age" and "the roots of nuclear confrontation." As Seattle university professor Gary Chamberlain puts it, "we have a military science program, why not peace studies?"

Not everyone is in favor of the courses, however. University of Washington professor Herbert Ellison, for instance, regards them as a fad.

"It reminds me somewhat of the more extravagant environmentalism of the sixties," he says. But fellow faculty member Arthur Lumsdaine feels an educated citizenry is the country's best hope for averting nuclear war.

"Many people have the feeling that what we do will be too little, too late," says Lumsdaine. "But some of us are not that pessimistic."

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