

Student affairs 'trustee' closes student centre

MONTREAL (CUP) — The first move by a senate-appointed trustee to handle student affairs at McGill University has been to shut down the student centre for a month.

A. Sam Kingdon was appointed last week after one of two student committees carrying out McGill's suspended Students' Society duties decided to disband and stop distribution of essential club and building operation funds.

The definite Interim Management Committee, and the Interim Policy Committee were set up in December, 1975 after the Students Society constitution was suspended because of serious financial and managerial problems at the request of concerned students. A third committee to restructure the students' society was also formed to draft a new constitution.

Kingdon has indicated that most of the collected student fees will remain in his hands until student activities are functioning again. Some sources claim part of the money will be used to pay off last year's \$75,000 debt.

Representatives of student clubs, angered by the arbitrary

action, said the shutdown would nullify membership drive efforts this year. They plan to submit a list of demands to the trustee to rectify the situation.

Kingdon's decree states the union "will be largely closed for general and recreational use" to allow "a short breathing space" to make adequate space and

financial arrangements for the clubs. He also intends to conduct inventories and renovations.

However, he has allowed the student paper and student radio to remain open as well as typesetting services and Student Society offices.

Consensus among club reps is that the trustee appointment is

poorly timed. They pointed out that the first draft of a new constitution had been drawn up two weeks ago and that the Student Society could be functioning by January.

The senate agreed at its meeting that the trustee's mandate would terminate when

the new constitution comes into effect.

Kingdon said his objectives for the student centre are that it provide headquarters for centralized student organizations, food service facilities at reasonable cost and as much meeting and recreational space as possible.

Food, allied workers want Kresge boycott

WINDSOR (CUP) — Members of the Canadian Food and Allied Workers in Windsor and Sault Ste. Marie are calling for a boycott of Kresge and K-Mart stores.

The union, mostly women, is negotiating its first contract. The strike is in its seventeenth week. Demands include the right to a union shop, increased wages and health benefits.

K-Mart, a subsidiary of Kresge Company, is a multi-national merchandising giant. During the 26 weeks ending in July, S.S. Kresge Co. had a net income of \$100,900,000.

In an effort to break the strike, K-Mart is selling sundry items at below cost and paying scab workers 70 cents per hour more than union members. The store also is providing full health insurance coverage for the scabs,

something it wouldn't do for the regular workers.

The company's tactics have been described as "nothing more than a deceitful fraud to break the heart of the pickets," by Dick

Tighe, president of local one of the Canadian Union of Distillery and Allied workers.

The CFAW is calling for nation-wide support from union members and the public.

'Moonies' want Empire-State

NEW YORK (ENS-CUP) — The controversial, self-ordained Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon is planning to add the Empire State Building to his growing list of American real estate holdings. According to the Christian Science Monitor, Moon's Unification Church hopes to buy the New York skyscraper — once the world's tallest building — by next year. The Moonies, who already own about \$20 million worth of property in the U.S., also plan to start a daily newspaper in — New York City

sometime next year, the Monitor reports.

But, despite Moon's financial rise in this country, his followers were terming his scheduled appearance at a rally on the Washington Monument Grounds

in Washington, D.C. two weeks ago as his final public appearance in the U.S. — at least for quite awhile. Facing growing opposition in this country, Moon plans to begin concentrating his efforts on a new drive to spread his movement through Europe.

Murder victims foul Nile River; disgust technicians

NAIROBI (ENS-CUP) — Foreign technicians working at a giant power station on the River Nile in Uganda have been quitting their jobs because President Idi Amin's troops keep dumping their murder victims into the river.

According to diplomats in Nairobi, Kenya, the bodies have caused major mechanical problems at the Own Falls Power Station, resulting in serious electricity shortages both in

Uganda and Kenya. About 30 technicians, most of them Italians, have quit their jobs in recent weeks, disgusted over the number of bodies found floating in the river and the technical problems the bodies present.

The Nile and its source at Lake Victoria have been the favorite dumping grounds for the bodies of Amin's political enemies since he first came to power in 1971.

College enrolment up

OTTAWA (CUP) — University enrolment is up and will continue to rise, according to a report from Statistics Canada.

But over-all enrolment in the education system declined, mainly due to the falling birth rate during the 1962-73 period, the Statistics Canada report says.

During this period education spending rose to \$9.6 billion from \$2.3 billion, almost twice the rate of growth in the Gross National Product, the report says.

Meanwhile, the federal share of education expenditures dropped to 10.2 per cent from 14.9 per cent while provincial spending rose 60.7 per cent from 43.6 per cent, according to Statistics Canada.

Federal proposals for future cost-sharing with the provinces when the Fiscal Arrangements Act expires next year include tying the federal contribution to the rise in the GNP and transferring tax powers to the provinces, replacing the current system whereby the federal government funds account for 50 per cent of provincial expenditures.

The report also notes that while workers in the Atlantic provinces absorbed a greater per cent of education expenditures than their counterparts in Ontario and the West, less was spent on students in that region.

Students lose


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Instead, the government chose the second option. Sid Handleman, Ontario's minister of consumer and commercial relations, announced that university students did not require the protection which the rental act provided, and proposed that universities be exempted from the eight per cent ceiling.

The only right which students retain is that recognized student councils or association must be "consulted" before any residence budgets are passed.

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