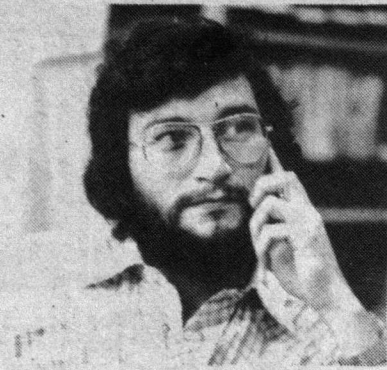


Imprisonment even after 8 years

Friday, September 11 marks the eighth anniversary of the 1973 coup which overthrew the elected government of Chile. Citizens suspected of non-violent opposition to the present authorities still risk sudden death, torture, imprisonment or banishment to remote areas.

Amnesty International has called for public appeals to the Chilean authorities; they are asking for the release of prisoners held because of their opinions, a halt to torture and killings by the



Patricio Lanfranco

are suspended and beaten. A frequently reported torture is the "telephone" - blows to the ears with open palms.

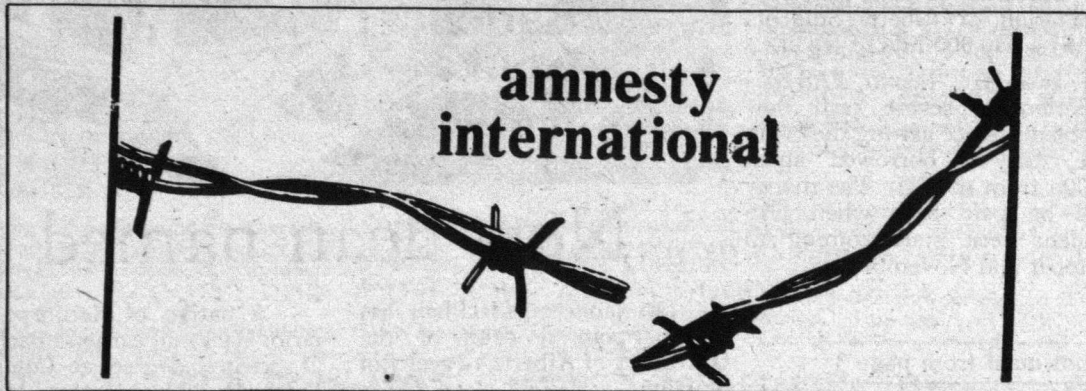
Frequent short-term detention or banishment of political suspects make it difficult to estimate the number of political prisoners at any one time. Recent estimates indicate about 250 people imprisoned or sentenced to banishment on politically related charges, and about 50 pending the outcome of trials.

Banishment to remote areas.

A total ban on political parties and activity has resulted in thousands of arrests since 1973. A new constitution which came into force on March 11, 1981 gave the

authorities wide powers to limit individual freedoms.

Arrests are typically carried out without warrants by the secret or regular police.



security forces, and an account of the estimated 1500 people who "disappeared" from 1973 to 1977.

Patricio Lanfranco, a Chilean student leader who spoke at the UofA last year, was arrested and detained in a secret prison last May. For five days he was beaten, interrogated, and tortured with electric shocks.

As a result of pressure put on

the Chilean government by students in Canada and around the world he was eventually released.

Torture still appears to be a systematic part of official policy. There are consistent reports of electric shock being applied for hours to the most sensitive parts of prisoners bodies after they are tied to metal bedframes and soaked in water. Some prisoners

where for three months by order of the Interior Ministry, or for longer periods by court sentences, has been used against human rights activists, students, and others who took part in non-violent protests. They are usually sent to isolated villages, often in a harsh climate where they have to support themselves far from family and friends.

DOGNUTS

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EDMONTON: Guess who's handling the negotiations for all of the city's contracts this year? The one and only Jay Spark — former Students' Union president and originator of the lockout of SU employees a few years ago. But not to worry; local feminist, sometime *Gateway* columnist, and starry-eyed idealist (read NDP) Alison Thomson has promised to attempt a conscience transplant on Jay as part of her 3rd year (ongoing) Medical project.

People are singing in the streets of Boondockschuk over the new Oil Price Agreement. At least Nick Taylor is. He doesn't agree with the agreement, or anything else, but the prospect of close to a million more Easterners moving into Alberta would make any Liberal glad. Just think, the party could give up holding meetings in phone booths and have the chance to turn into a "real party."

Did you see the slick job that Blue and Orange Advertising Inc. did on the Premier's Oil Price

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Maybe we could take advantage of all the time, talent, and money and start a weekly serial like the Baxters, discussing issues of concern only to the People of Alberta: like "Is Pierre's being a Communist Really All that Bad?" or "50 Ways that Enshrining the BNA Act Will Make Us Pay More Money Out East."

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA: Beware, Students. The man next to you just may be a SECRET SQUIRREL.

That's Mountie terminology for undercover agents posing as students to ferret out subversion right here at good old Quaecumque examina. So, if you notice anyone watching you and making notes ... go over and tell him how much you admire Pete and Pierre. If he doesn't hit you you've probably saved your government the cost of at least two phone taps and one steaming session. An alternative to this would be to imitate Chemical Engineers and wear Blue and Orange T-Shirts. Maybe that's why they get so much funding.

Remember Can. Lit 275 has nothing to do with what you find written on the washroom walls, unless you're studying Bill Bissett.

Did you know that the US Navy has developed a concentration enforcer? It monitors your level of concentration and jolts you whenever your mind wanders. However, they aren't allowed to test it in the US and Winnipeg is still mad about the poison gas they tried out there during WW II, so one of those polite fellows in the peaked hat and sunglasses has approached our own Soft Sopp for a chance to get some field trials. If you're cramming for Chem. 350, remember Library Headsets 19 through 26.

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