

# Flashback

## RCMP actions on campus

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CUP National President Roger McAfee has asked campus newspaper editors to find students on their individual campuses who have been approached by the RCMP in the past.

"If our investigations turn up concrete evidence of the RCMP activities on campuses that were not in connection with government job security checks, we may be able to get something from the RCMP other than "no comment"

Six Professors were interviewed by the Brunswickan Staff and provided their sentiments of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police activities on Canadian University Campuses. The majority of the profs interviewed stated that they had been approached by the RCMP, who were attempting to establish the political and religious affiliations of students. The professors considered these investigations as an intrusion of academic freedom.

The controversy initiated by the Canadian Association of University Teachers, has been a much talked about issue across Canada for several weeks. At a meeting of the CAUT last June, the following motion was proposed: "Resolved that the Canadian Association of University Teachers express its disapproval of questions concerning the political or religious beliefs, activities or associations of students or colleagues. Members of the Association are advised not to answer such questions even when they are part of the security investigation of persons seeking government employment.

The general opinion forwarded by professors representing thirty-nine Canadian Universities, was one of definite opposition to the investigations, when the aim of the investigation was only to establish the student's character. However, the professor did not object to security probes conducted by the RCMP, with

respect to possible government employees, and particularly, future servicemen; in fact, they endorsed investigations for this purpose.

The Canadian University Press has launched a Canada-wide campaign to determine the truth concerning the RCMP investigations on University campuses. In response to the call from CUP, the UBYSSSEY, student newspaper of UBC, contacted students and professors who have been questioned by the RCMP. The results they have obtained are indicative of those discovered by other Univer-

sity presses. The UBYSSSEY uncovered, "a fourth year Arts student who said his parents and friends were questioned about his political activities; A member of the Nuclear Disarmament Club who said undercover officers attend meetings of the club; and a graduate student who said his friends have pointed out undercover RCMP officers to him."

Among those interviewed at UNB were Prof. Hugh J. Whalen, of the Political Science Department, Prof. W. Steward MacNutt, Head of the Department of History, and Miss Melinda

Seaman of Dean of Women. These people had been questioned by the RCMP concerning present and former students of this University, and they unanimously considered such interrogations as contrary to democratic principles of freedom. But they also emphasized that some investigations are warranted, as the government must determine the security classifications of prospective employees to ensure that people who do have undemocratic affiliations do not gain access to classified information.

## A call for disarmament

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Today, for the first time, the human race faces the prospect of annihilation.

The governments of the major powers have an

atomic arsenal sufficient to destroy human life. They contaminate the earth's atmosphere with persistent and reckless nuclear testing. They commit history's

foulest crime against humanity.

This they do though the world's scientists unite to condemn their actions.

These governments act for the people they rule. But do they act for humanity? We think not.

We declare that the people of the world have the right to choose their ultimate fate.

We propose a world-wide plebiscite on atomic arms and tests.

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This plebiscite would be history's greatest display of democracy, a just way for dealing with history's greatest danger.

If common man voted for more atomic arming and testing, the major governments would be justified in continuing to plot his murder.

But if he united with his fellows to denounce such madness, how could any government ignore him?

In Norman Cousins' phrase, "two billion angry men" would thus restore sanity to a troubled world.

Some claim that man's past shows that war is inevitable. But we can no longer accept this cynicism, for the price of conflict has become too great. Modern war is intolerable.

In this time of torn and twisted beliefs, each individual still has faith in his own importance: he wants to survive.

We believe that, given a chance, he will demand a halt to massmurder.

We ask, in all humanity, that he at least have the opportunity.

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## COMMENTARY : Mexico

On the morning of Thursday, September 19th, a terrible tragedy occurred in the country of Mexico. A natural disaster of proportions still to be totalled brought devastation and death to this Latin American country, leaving in its path cities and towns, full of dying and homeless people. This was not a man-made disaster, such as war or disease. Rather, it was the unleashing of nature's most devastating phenomena—the earthquake.

The impact of an earthquake in the world's most populous city, leaves little to the imagination. High buildings have been levelled, power lines torn down and numerous gas and sewer lines broken beyond use. What is required to repair this damage is beyond the limited abilities of an already financially destitute Mexican government.

Developed nations around the world have begun to send relief in the form of food, medical supplies and blankets. As well, monies are being channelled through the International Red Cross that will be used to aid victims of this unfortunate disaster. Even with all of this initial support more help is needed.

It is in times of such immense human tragedy that we must

reach deep into our hearts and find the energy and compassion to help those less fortunate ones suffering day to day in a struggle to survive. Let us think of the role we can play in helping our fellow man. A famous quotation reads: "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to my fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

When a disaster such as this occurs there are no sides to take. Literally the lives and futures of hundreds of thousands of people rest with the compassion of those more fortunate. It is through concern and action that we prove to our fellow men that we are truly good people,

caring and considerate of others.

Last year the students of UNB rallied to help the starving masses of the world. Our efforts raised over \$20,000.00 in a very short period. This outpouring of support brought us together in a community of interest and helped (in our own way) to ease the unfortunate tragedy of starvation. It is through such efforts that we can ease the transformation to recovery.

In discussions with representatives of the International Red Cross, I was informed that immediate services are luckily available. Blankets, medical supplies and construction equipment have all been sent to disaster areas. However, this is only temporary. What is required to



rebuild homes, buildings, roads and farms is a massive influx of funds, funds not always available. We as students can once again help those less fortunate by giving, not only money but also our time. Any ideas we can bring forward to raise money are valuable. As I mentioned earlier, to give is also to fulfill ourselves. We too often have no idea how much our concern can help.

Estimates on the extent of this tragedy have continued to grow. Current figures have the death toll rising to over 20,000. As well, we must consider the spread of disease that often accompanies such disasters. If a cholera epidemic hits Mexico City one can only imagine how fast it would spread. Our help is needed now and we must find the time and effort to help.

A meeting has been set for Monday, September 30th at 12:30, to be held in the Brunswickan office, Room 36 of the Student Union Building. At this time ideas will be tabled and a plan of action put into reality. The ball is now in our court; we must find the time and we will help as much as possible.

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