

World briefs

Troops acted in "self defence"

RAVENNA, Ohio — A special state grand jury which investigated the shootings of four Kent State University students concluded Friday the National Guard acted in self defence.

The jury said groups of students at the May 4 anti-war rally "degenerated into a riotous mob" when ordered to disperse.

"It is obvious that if the order to disperse had been heeded, there would not have been the consequences of that fateful day," their report says.

"Those who acted as participants and agitators are guilty of deliberate, criminal conduct. Those who were present as cheerleaders and onlookers, while not liable for criminal acts, must morally assume a part of the responsibility for what occurred."

Businessmen provide police arms

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Businessmen whose firms are located in the black area of town rocked by riots last May have donated a used armored personnel carrier to the Augusta police department.

The group of businessmen have also been selling Support Your Local Police bumper stickers to raise funds to buy more armaments for the police.

The personnel carrier was purchased for \$8,000.

Canada Dry to sell pure water

Canada Dry of the United States plans to introduce a new product to be test marketed in Berkeley, Calif. — pure drinking water.

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Raids prompt essay contest

By PAUL THOMSON

Toronto Morality Squad raids on sex-oriented bookstores over the past five months have led Bookazine Enterprises Ltd. to organize an essay contest on the theme "Does Toronto really need a Morality Squad?"

Prizes range from \$1,000, \$300, \$100 for first, second and third place essays to copies of Orwell's 1984 for runners-up.

According to Bookazine Enterprises, over 100 entries have been received, to be judged by Dr. Herbert Burke, English Dept. Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B.; Austin Clarke, author and another panelist, as yet unnamed.

Entries should be sent to "Does Toronto really need a Morality Squad?" c/o Reid Books and Posters, 369 Yonge St., Toronto. The contest closes on Nov. 1, 1970.

Contest entries so far have varied from serious 40-50 page studies, through letter replies not entirely relevant to the theme, to poetic entries.

Bookazine says one or two percent of the entries have been in favor of the Morality Squad.

The current prosecution of Bookazine and its employees, began on April 27 of this year. After raids on Bookazine's stores, the Morality Squad laid charges under Section 150 (1) (a) of the Criminal Code, which makes the writing, distribution, etc. of obscene material an offense.

According to Bookazine, prior to the April raid a policy of co-operation was established between them and police. Officers would inform the store management which titles were obscene and presumably these would be removed by the owners.

Bookazine, therefore, regards the April raid and those through July and September on various premises as a violation of this co-operation.

A raid typical of this series occurred on Oct. 9 at Reid Books and Posters on Yonge St. Two employees were arrested and three boxes of paperbacks seized. It was at least the third time this store has been raided this year.

The two employees arrested, D. Hexter and J. Heard were taken to 52 Division in handcuffs as have those arrested previously. Some of those arrested since April, being

Americans have been questioned as to draft status.

A trial date for Hexter and Heard as well as 14 other Bookazine employees has not yet been set.

On Monday of this week another

raid took place at Universal Books on Yonge St. An employee, Mat Newberry was arrested and a quantity of stock taken.

Bookazine is now finding it difficult to keep staff, due to police prosecution.

Will Niagara Fall, you say?

By BRIAN PEARL

"Before the breathing air is gone,
Before the Sun is just a bright spot in the nighttime,
Out where the river likes to run, I stand alone
And take back something worth remembering."

— from "Out in the Country" by Three Dog Night.

Get away to the country this weekend, or the next, and watch the leaves change color, the rivers flow and the air stay clean while the environment is still healthy enough to get it all together seasonally. For any quiet day experience, you can leave in any direction, but if you want something much more, like one of the natural wonders of the world, I know a place about 75 miles from here called Niagara Falls.

Before you come down on me for either naivety or crass commercialism, I will report that, yes, the Falls have become an exclusively tourist spot and, yes, the pollution at the bottom of the Falls could make the whole scene look like an immense flush toilet before too long but (statistics about gallons of water per second and hundreds of feet in height aside) Niagara Falls and the Niagara Gorge downstream are still amazing, exciting places. And it's really good to see someplace that survives in some sort of natural state despite all of Man's attempts to befoul and destroy the Niagara River.

Getting there can be a trip in itself. Passing Oakwood on the QEW I saw the Ford plant, white blocks and metal stacks, surrounded by the brilliant trees in. If you keep your windows up and air vents closed, Hamilton is bearable. But if you can avoid smelling it, you still have to look at it, and that's a God-awful experience. From the Skyway you get a complete view, on the rare clear day, of the totally screwed Hamilton Bay and the piles of industrial crap that surround that city. To paraphrase the Roman writer, they make a desert and call it Progress.

Niagara Falls is a tremendous commercial success. The area immediately around the Falls is studded with observation towers, hotels, bridges and, almost reluctantly it seems, parkland from which people can see the falls without climbing a tower or renting a room.

The water at the base of the Falls has been lathered up by the drop. I was reminded of the Mayor of Buffalo's recent remark concerning his own harbour, but apt at Niagara as well, that "the water was too thin to cultivate and too thick to navigate."

But I'm not putting down Niagara Falls itself, the setting is magnificent and nothing can drown out the roar of the Falls, not traffic, or planes or loudspeakers blaring bad music. There is something basically uncorruptable about Niagara Falls that is worth seeing if you are really pessimistic about the future of the environment.

But past the Falls, after some short stops to take a look at the rapids downstream, where water flows uphill, and the whirl-pool, where the river abruptly turns ninety degrees with a vortex-producing lurch, the land becomes very, very gentle and serene. Though far from the natural state, the Niagara Peninsula is still a very beautiful place. The leaves were just turning colour last week, so this weekend, the landscape should be brilliant.

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