

Holmes visits U

Dr. J. Robert Holmes, the Progressive Conservative Indian Affairs critic in the House of Commons, visited three classes on campus Thursday, January 30, as part of the PC campus tour. Dr. Holmes toured the campus, and spoke to two Political Science 200 classes, and a Juvenile Delinquency class. Speaking on a number of topics, primarily drug control legislation.

As an internist concerned with the marijuana legislation currently before the Senate. He said that, while he does not favour legalization of cannabis for a number of reasons, it can not be equated with other "hard" drugs, and possession must be decriminalized.

He is concerned with the legislation before the Senate for two reasons: 1. It deals only with marijuana, and does not deal with the problems presented by other drugs, as outlined in the Ledain Commission report; 2. It was presented in the Senate, and may never get to the House of Commons.

He said that Canada should have at least three plants on the same scale as the Petrosar Plant if we wish to compete on the world oil market. He emphasized that Ontarians have no quarrel with Albertans, but are concerned about their supply of energy.

Albertans, he said, must explain their position more clearly, to rid themselves of the "dog in the manger" image fostered by the press.

Dr. Holmes spoke on campus at the invitation of the PCYF (U of A Branch).

Overseas jobs

Due to the large response to the article printed last issue re Student Jobs Overseas, perhaps it would be facilitious to print the address of the outfit that is offering these jobs.

The address is: Henry Fletcher Services Ltd., 88 Rykert Crescent, Toronto, Ontario, M4G 2S9.

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Excommunicated, imprisoned, Berrigan opposes war

Philip Berrigan, anti-Vietnam war activist and former Roman Catholic priest, will be in Edmonton to speak on the topic of political dissidents in the U.S.S.R. and elsewhere. His remarks will be mostly focused on the case of the Soviet Ukrainian historian Valentyn Moroz.

He will be speaking on Sunday, February 9, at 8 p.m. in St. Joseph's Cathedral auditorium (Jasper Ave. and 113 St.), as well as on Monday, February 10, at 8 p.m. in the Humanities Centre Theatre (111 St. and Saskatchewan Drive) at the University of Alberta Campus.

Philip Berrigan became prominent as a political activist in the mid-sixties, when together with his brother, Daniel, they became leading figures in the anti-Vietnam war movement. The son of a labour official, he was born October 5, 1923. He received his B.S. from Loyola University, New Orleans, La., in 1960 and his M.A. from Xavier University, New Orleans, La., in 1963. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest of the St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart Order in 1955, and served as assistant pastor in Washington, D.C., from 1955-56, as parochial high school counselor in New Orleans from 1956-63, as director of promotion for St. Joseph's Society in New York from 1963-64.

He is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Congress of Racial Equality, Urban League, Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Catholic Peace Fellowship. As well, both Philip and Daniel Berrigan, as Jesuit Catholic priests, were known for their radical positions within the Catholic Church, and Philip was excommunicated from the Catholic Church following his marriage to a former nun, Elizabeth McAlister.

Philip Berrigan served 40 months in the U.S. Army during World War II, as a sergeant and in the artillery and infantry in Europe. He also served 39 months in federal and local prisons for resisting the war in Indochina.

Both continue their campaign against U.S. involvement in Vietnam, and Phil has earned a further six year sentence for pouring homemade napalm over draft files in Cantonville, Maryland.

While in Lewisburg Penitentiary, he was pied on by an F.B.I. informer, and on the evidence of letters between him and Sister Elizabeth McAlister, they and five others were charged with conspiracy to kidnap Henry Kissinger and blow up heating systems in Washington, D.C., as well as draft interference - charges that

carried potential life sentences. The defendants were exonerated in court.

At the present time, Philip Berrigan is living in Baltimore, and is heavily involved in work against the imprisonment and inhumane treatment of political prisoners by the South Vietnamese leadership and against further U.S. involvement in South Vietnam, as well as taking on work on the cases of political prisoners in the U.S.S.R. He is currently on a speaking tour across Canada, speaking specifically on the case of Valentyn Moroz.

Philip Berrigan interprets the writings of Moroz as being "an attack upon the totalitarianism of culture (or

lack of culture), and its fear-some capacity to homogenize people through materialism, propaganda, polic intimidation and official powergrubbing. Once homogenized, people become ripe for takeover by the looters and bagmen of the Russian oligarchy. The cog empowers the tyrant; the tyrant molds the cog. They are the twin poles of barbarism; together they can generate fantastic levels of suffering and destruction." According to Berrigan, "prison and torture were means of stifling this man's (Moroz's) love for his people and their culture."

He suggests that we should learn from Moroz to say "no." "No" to terrorism and to being

an untinking cog in a political system that promotes terrorism

Berrigan's Edmonton appearance is sponsored by the University of Alberta Student Union Forums, the Committee in Defense of Valentyn Moroz, the Ukrainian Canadian University Students Union, the Working Group on Ukraine and the Ukrainian Students Club. The list of endorsers includes Amnesty International, the N.D.P., the Young Socialists, the League for Socialist Action, the Student Christian Movement, the International Workers of the World, the University of Alberta Chaplains, St. Joseph's College, the Poundmaker and the Workers Unity Collective.

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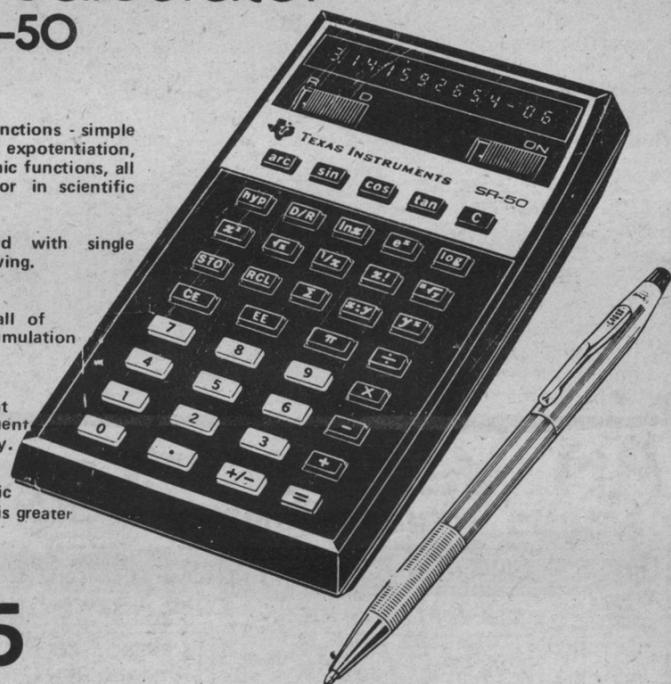
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