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YOUTH PAGE
fresh tracks
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HYPOCRITES

We're a generation of demonstrators—it's the cool way to be. Canadian young people have come out with long hair and micro-skirts to protest stuffy conformity in dress; we've marched on high schools and universities to protest academic dictatorship; we've supported sit-ins against racial discrimination; we've come out strong with the conviction that we are the enlightened ones who reject old standards of love and outdated ideas of war.

But when the real test came, we were as complacent as any other generation.

Czechoslovakia is the victim of raw imperialism that was supposed to have gone out of style with the humiliation of Nazi Germany. The Russians' blatant defiance of the United Nations creed, of which Canada is a major supporter, is disgusting and inexcusable.

But where are the demonstrations—where are the protest buttons and the marches, and the sit-ins at the Russian embassy?

We were quick to pick up the anti-Vietnam syndrome. We sanction draft-dodgers and wear peace buttons and parade in front of napalm producers. We saw the individual being crushed by military and political bureaucracies and we objected.

The Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia is all of this and more. As Canadians, we should feel more involved and more sympathetic for a young nation whose power has been stripped by a giant. We should be converting our fever for protest into an anti-Russian cause.

The wishy-washy verbal offerings to the United Nations made in the past few weeks by our Canadian representative have hardly been enlightening. We should be demanding stronger lines and stronger language.

Demonstrations have helped to get results in other cases. American politicians are now trying desperately to find an easy way out of Vietnam. The Russians are equally as concerned about their public image.

Consider the effects of a strong pressure movement to have Russian athletes excluded from the coming Olympic games. And what about a boycott of Russian entertainers and products. We know they are watching. Why not give them an eyeful of public condemnation?

If we allow the Russians to get away with their take-over in Czechoslovakia, we might as well line up our 'Love not War' buttons on the nearest C.N.R. line.

We're hypocrites.

No. 1 student: "I protested about the H-bombs. protested all those things and more."

No. 2 student: "Kids' stuff - I protested about the war in Vietnam. No. 5 student: 'Impressionable children. I've marched, written poetry, sung folk songs, and gone to prison. I've out-protested you all.'"

No. 3 student: "That's nothing. I marched in Selma." No. 4 student: "Amateurs. I stand that 'I'm a better protester than you are.' attitude."

Youth anonymous is where it's at in courts, jails, and the streets



Youth Anonymous is an organization like Alcoholics Anonymous only it deals with the rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents. It was started by an ex-convict in Detroit, Michigan, in 1954 and met with such success that two groups are now operating in Canada.

In Hamilton, hundreds of young people are involved in therapy groups which operate under the direction of Executive Director Rev. Alan Mathews. He visits courts and jails and supervises a 24-hour service to that help is available to those who want it.

In St. Catharines, Youth Anonymous is a project of All People's United Church and backed by the local Rotary Club.

In Toronto, a group of clergy and laymen have established what they call "The Mustard Seed" to work with young people in Yorkville and those who hang around suburban shopping centres and loiter in restaurants in downtown areas.

The Mustard Seed uses the same therapy programs as Youth Anonymous in which members meet in groups of eight to twelve. They are encouraged to help each other and to bring in friends from the outside who might benefit from the sessions.

As a "Street Padre" in Toronto, Rev. Ron Price visits the haunts of youth, counsels those in trouble, and steers them into the Youth Anonymous therapy groups.

"Young People today lack direction", asserts Rev. Price. "The church is not reaching the young people we seek to help. It needs to drag itself away from the dusty past and work side-by-side with today's troubled, vibrant times. In this new ministry, we are taking the church out of its isolation within four walls, and into the market place where it belongs."

The Mustard Seed group is currently on a tour to raise money for the project and to encourage the establishment of programs in all areas of Canada. They will be visiting Acton United Church on Sunday night, September 15.

Words in print dead? They still attract students

Words in print, particularly in newspapers, have a strong lure for to-day's young men and women. This gives the lie to Professor H. M. McLuhan, high priest of modern communications media, who seems to say that print is dead.

The new two-year course in Community Journalism and Advertising offered by Sheridan College, Brampton, has been over-subscribed by applicants from Peel-Halton Counties, and as far away as Sudbury, Collingwood and Port Hope. President J. M. Porter is considering the possibility of expanding the enrolment from one class to two, because of the demand.

Sheridan is the only Ontario institution of higher learning west of the Ottawa Valley providing an authorized diploma course in Journalism, apart from Ryerson's three-year course and the University of Western Ontario. Some other Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology offer journalism as a subject in general communications programs, but these are not full diploma courses in journalism authorized by the Ontario Council of Regents.

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Susan Mills of M.Z. Bennett named Miss Acton Safety Patrol

Susan Mills, of Acton's M.Z. Bennett Public School, recently attended the safety patrol training camp sponsored by the Hamilton Automobile Club and was selected Miss Acton Safety Patrol for the coming school term.

Susan will work with local police and encourage safety among her fellow students.

Eight young ladies were chosen to represent the towns in the general Hamilton area.

Camp Ryerson on the shores of Lake Erie, was set up by the Hamilton Automobile Club four years ago, the first of its kind in Canada. Last week, 153 boys and girls attended the camp learning to become school safety patrols.

They represented schools in Acton, Ancaster, Brantford,

Brant Township, Burlington, Dundas, Dunnville, Paris, Saltfleet Township, Stoney Creek and Waterdown.

Former Acton O.P.P. Constable Peter Campbell, now with the Burlington Detachment was one of six officers acting as instructors and organizers at the fourth annual camp.

Their program consists of 22 hours of daily lectures, film instruction on patrol work, on the job training at simulated intersections and a special course in school bus fire fighting.

Interspersed with the work sessions is a variety of recreational activities including swimming, hiking, crafts, dances and other fun games.

Special guest at the camp is E. A. Huxtable, Chief Traffic Engineer of the National Roads and Motorist Association, New South Wales, Australia.

Successful candidates will receive graduation certificates and crests to testify that they have completed the course.

Proof of the effectiveness of School Patrols is reflected in the extremely low accident rate among school children where the patrols operate.

Hat on

The Canadian Motorcycle Safety Council has endorsed the new Ontario regulations requiring that drivers wear approved motorcycle helmets.

Helmets are essential not only for the protection they offer in case of accidents, but also for their value in preventing accidents.

The majority of motorcycle mishaps are caused by other road users who do not see the driver or his riders. Those wearing safety helmets, especially the ones finished in white or bright colors, are much more easily seen by automobile drivers.

No specific helmets have yet been approved by the Canadian Standards Association. The deadline for the use of the approved helmets has been set for December 31, 1971.



MISS ACTON SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL, Susan Mills of M. Z. Bennett school (second from right), is one of eight Misses selected by the Hamilton Automobile Club to work with local police in a school safety program this fall. Constable Peter Campbell, formerly of Acton, is directly behind Susan.

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