

Arrests Protested As Abuse

The (B.C. Civil Liberties Association) said Friday the arrest of out-of-province drivers by Vancouver police for traffic violations is an abuse of process and misapplication of law.

The association made the charge in a letter to Attorney-General Robert Bonner, asking him to take the matter up with the police commission.

The association's board of directors said the detention of out-of-province drivers could conceivably be grounds for prosecution of the police commission.

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Vancouver police recently began arresting motorists under Section 63a of the Act, which provides for the detention of anyone violating the act while driving a car without B.C. licence plates.

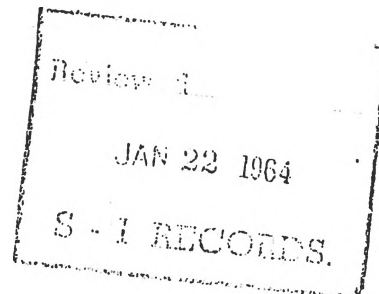
Formerly out-of-province drivers caught speeding were charged with dangerous driving instead of being ticketed for speeding. This ensured that no one from outside B.C. skipped town without paying a fine.

The policy was changed after a constable balked at laying the dangerous driving charge.

PRISONERS' DOCKS

The Civil Liberties Association also asked Bonner to rid the province's courtrooms of prisoners' docks.

"Under the present system not only is there a barrier imposed between accused and counsel but also there exists a geographical isolation which places an innocent man in a position that may tend to indicate guilt in the mind of jurors," the association said.



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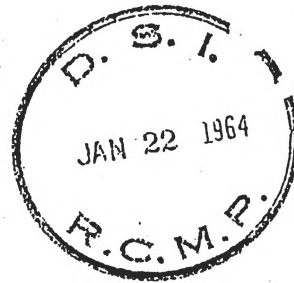
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Civil Liberties Group Elects

Dr. James G. Foulks, head of the department of pharmacology in UBC's Faculty of Medicine, has been re-elected president of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

Other officers are Michael Audain, vice-president; Margaret Erickson, recording secretary; Norman Manley, treasurer, and William Deverell, executive secretary.



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Civil Liberties group wants new inquest in Quilt case

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association has added its voice to demands for a new inquest into the death of Chilcotin Indian Fred Quilt.

Following similar measures taken by the B.C. Human Rights Council last week, the association is pressing At-

torney-General Peterson, for the new inquest.

The association said it had decided against the proposal earlier, when it noted that two investigations were already taking place of last August. These were the inquiries involving the hearing of fresh evidence by B.C. chief coroner Glen McDonald and a re-

view by the attorney-general's department.

"It seemed possible to us that the issues which concerned us about the inquest might be clarified and resolved by these investigations," the association said. "We were wrong, but now we are not. Our months have gone by."

since the inquest and none of the problems has been solved. As far as the public is aware, no results at all have been forthcoming.

Stating that Peterson has indicated he is opposed to a new inquest, the association said, "How much longer do concerned citizens have to wait

before the government can effectively confront and solve the problems created by the original inquest proceedings?"

The Civil Liberties Association said three aspects of the inquest should remain of concern.

The association said these include conflicting testimony as to the cause of death, the fact that the coroner's jury did not comprise any Indians, and that Indian witnesses were asked if they knew the meaning of the word truth.

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Prosecutors' Censor Role Assailed From Two Sides

Attorney General Robert Bonner is under attack from two sides because of the role of court prosecutors as literary censors in the province.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association says no one is competent to act as a literary censor.

The B.C. Parent-Teacher Federation wants a board to do the job.

Bonner disclosed the practice of prosecutors acting as censors after he met a delegation from the B.C. Parent-Teacher Federation in Victoria.

The federation asked for a provincial obscenity board composed of a lawyer, librarian, university professor and sociologist to screen books. Such a board operates in Ontario.

Bonner said the board is unnecessary as prosecutors do such work.

Mrs. G. A. Binns, Federation president was not happy with this reply.

"I am not satisfied with one lawyer making the decision about a book," she said. "I am still convinced a board is necessary for it is important to get the views of a sociologist, professor and librarian.

"If a person has a complaint about a certain book, it is much better that such a complaint should go to a board than to the prosecutor's office," she said.

Michael Audain, a director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, said no person is qualified and no person should

be allowed to act as a literary censor.

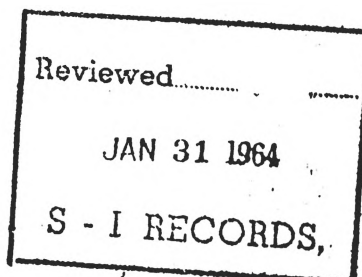
"It is up to the public to exercise its taste and prejudices in its own away," he said.

Audain opposes the suggestion of a provincial obscenity board because it infringes on communications in a democratic country.

He pointed out that the B.C. Civil Liberties Association adopted a report last week which called for the abolition of all forms of censorship.

"An obscenity board is a negative approach to the problem," he said. "It will in fact encourage people to ignore the problem by failing to take steps to correct whatever needs correcting in our attitudes and practices."

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'Idiot' charge raises ire of mayor, police

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Mayor William Rathie, city council members, and this, apparently, is what he is doing." Police commissioner and lawyer Thomas Ladner said: "It's not worth the dignity of a reply—it's a stupid statement."

Rankin, a Communist-supported civic election candidate, made the statement at a B.C. Civil Liberties Association meeting Sunday.

Mayor Rathie, as head of the police commission, said: "This is the type of remark that we could expect from Harry Rankin. I am quite positive the city police are not idiots—you have to be an idiot to sympathize with the Com-

Dr. James Foulks, UBC professor and president of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, said his organization has nothing to do with Rankin's personal views.

"I don't know Rankin's mind, or what his motives might be," he said.

"It is true that we attract people who have problems of their own. We may be disproportionately composed of NDP or leftist types, but it is only because of the apathy of others with other types of view. We'd welcome them—all the Conservatives and Liberals we can get. But the most apt to have their civil liberties in jeopardy are the impoverished and those with unpopular views."

City police staff inspector Dan Brown said: "Any right thinking person would know his (Rankin's) statement is not true."

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The association at a meeting said the treatment of Mrs. Stevenson was discriminatory. She was granted a 30-day stay on the deportation order a few hours before she was to be flown out of the country. The stay has since been extended to mid-January and Immigration Minister Guy Favreau has her case under review.

The association in a resolution urged the minister to reverse the deportation order and allow Mrs. Stevenson to stay in Canada.

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Mr. Rankin said that "hearings of the Immigration Board are a farce—a hearing inevitably means deportation." He said the appeal board result also is inevitable—"it boils down to the discretion of the minister."

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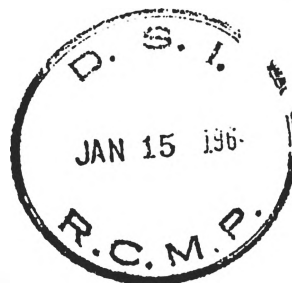
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Riot sticks for police unnecessary, says lawyer

By KEITH BRADBURY

The next things police will want after riot sticks are nuclear bombs, tanks and anti-aircraft guns, a Toronto civil liberties official suggested here Friday.

Riot equipment seems to me like a desire to get a sledgehammer to stomp a spider," said Al Borovoy, general counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

Police in Vancouver recently requested to be equipped with riot sticks after a downtown near-riot, termed the worst disturbance in the city in 34 years.

The Toronto lawyer, here for talks with the B.C. Civil Liberties Association on formation of a national liberties group, said a better approach

is to meet with the leaders ahead of time, work out a program and give the leaders maximum authority to discipline their own people.

"We recently had a demonstration in Toronto where there were no incidents at all," Borovoy said. "Everybody agreed the police did a first-class job."

"The police even provided the demonstrators with loudspeakers so they could handle their own people and completely control their meeting."

He suggested that too often police only grudgingly permit demonstrations to go ahead.

"They say it interferes with the buses or with the traffic," he said. "It always interferes with something."

"They don't express often

enough the view that the act of demonstration is one of the most valuable forms of political activity in a free society."

As for those who are determined to cause trouble, he said, a reasoned police approach tends to isolate them from their followers by showing that it is the agitators who are being unreasonable.

But when you respond with hysterical cries for riot equipment, you are probably going to have many more agitators," he said in an interview.

Borovoy was also critical of the use of injunctions in labor disputes.

And he described laws which restrict the location of picketing in labor disputes as typical of the Canadian penchant for "re-routing protest."

"The Americans are open, naked and blatant about it," he said, "but we Canadians commit injustices with a smile. We tell them to go and picket a few miles away where it will do no damage."

"In Toronto, we have a similar thing—you can't demonstrate on busy streets. But I suppose we have freedom of speech in the bathtub."

Borovoy's trip to Vancouver was prompted by the fact that currently there is no national civil liberties organization. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association operates only in Ontario, Manitoba and Nova Scotia while the B.C. Civil Liberties Association is a completely separate organization in B.C.

Under the new setup, the B.C. group would merge with the eastern organization and then try to expand into most provinces, Borovoy said.

He has discussed the idea of a national organization with the B.C. group's board of directors.

In the meantime, he said, the two groups are co-operating on research into the administration of criminal justice in Canada in attempt to see exactly how the law actually operates.

Among things to be examined here and elsewhere, he said, are how bail applications are processed, incidents of police misconduct, complaints about misuse of the vagrancy laws, and misuse of writs of assistance.

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NEGRO TALK RAISES \$750

A Vancouver talk by author James Baldwin raised about \$750 to help Negroes in their fight against racial discrimination.

The informal meeting Saturday at which Baldwin addressed more than 300 people was sponsored jointly by the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and the B.C. Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Bill Deverell, spokesman for the locally-organized Fund for Racial Equality, said the event was so successful that the local groups hope to hold a similar fund-raising project before the end of the year.

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Negro Writer Speaks Here

Best-selling novelist James Baldwin, a leading figure in the U.S. racial integration movement, will speak here Nov. 2.

He will address a fund-raising meeting sponsored jointly by the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and the B.C. Association for Advancement of Colored People at Arlington Hall, 1236 West Broadway, 8:30 p.m.

Proceeds of the meeting will go to various groups involved in the fight for racial equality for the Negro.

Baldwin will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree at University of B.C.'s fall convocation ceremonies Nov. 1.

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Dull, lazy people scored by doctor

Toughest social problem of the future is handling the people who are too dull, lazy or uninspired to fit into the modern world, Dr. Malcolm H. Hebb, UBC's fall congregation speaker, told 700 graduating students Friday.

Hebb, a UBC graduate who is now head of General Electric's general physics research laboratory in Schenectady, N.Y., was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree during the ceremonies. James Baldwin, U.S. Negro writer, was given an honorary doctor of literature degree.

Baldwin broke UBC precedent by making a short speech of appreciation for "my very first degree."

Chancellor Phyllis Ross presided and also addressed the graduating students. UBC President John B. MacDonald introduced Hebb and Baldwin.

"Our most difficult social problem is that fraction of the population which by lack of aptitude, intelligence, ambition or motivation is incapable of holding its own in a modern world," said Hebb.

Baldwin said he accepted this, his first degree, not as an honor for myself but as a kind of witness to help something he's been trying to say and prove for years.

"I take this degree for my

grandfather and my grandmother and my nieces and my nephews and their children," he said, "in the hope and prayer that the world we may create in the future will be less of a nightmare for us and our children, and less dangerous for us.

"That one day we all will have learned to live together, not only in peace, but to realize that the human being takes precedence over everything else."

President Macdonald, introducing Baldwin, said he was an American writer dedicated to the task of freeing his countrymen for themselves.

"As a writer he proclaims a concept of human liberty that lies at the core of education," said Macdonald. "As American he cries aloud with agonized intensity his analysis of his country's dilemma, wherein dreams conceal reality, liberty is enchained by slavery, and two races are still at war, yet ever wedded to form one nation.

"For his conscience, his convictions, his courage, no less than his contributions to literature, he deserves all honor from an institution committed to the belief that light and learning ensure liberty," said the president.



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Men are never so likely to settle a question rightly as when they discuss it freely.—Thomas Babington, Lord Macaulay

The 'Hungry Black Cat'

The non-academic world long has had reason to suspect most honorary degrees are awarded as a means of paying off old debts or acquiring reflective prestige.

At University of B.C. selection is made by the honorary degrees committee of the senate.

To decide who will get the coveted half-dozen degrees awarded each year, it deliberates on perhaps three times as many recommendations before passing its selection to the senate for final approval.

The pattern has been to play it safe. Princess Margaret, Prince Bernhard, Lord Montgomery, Adlai Stevenson, John Diefenbaker received honorary degrees at UBC at one time or another. Senator Joseph McCarthy and Harry Bridges didn't. No one could accuse the university senate, of daring, and no one could accuse it of making a mistake.

Neither until this year's fall congregation, could the senate be accused of employing an honorary degree as a declaration of principle in the world.

That it did — that it bestowed an honorary doctor of literature degree upon James Baldwin, U.S. Negro, frontrunner in his race's strident new literature of protest, self-styled "hungry black cat," and no university man — more than makes up for any polite, uncontentious diplomacies of the past.

Pointedly, President Macdonald played down Mr. Baldwin's contributions to literature as the principal merit behind the award. The award, he said, was for a man dedicated to the task of freeing the American Negro, a man who cries aloud with agonized intensity about his country's race dilemma.

It took courage to grant James Baldwin this degree, make no mistake about it. It belittles the tolerance of the great, liberal U.S. universities, which have not seen fit to do the same. And if time proves that James Baldwin does not belong in the company of Adlai Stevenson, John Diefenbaker and Lord Montgomery, as it well might, the university senate will be no less courageous for the error.

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AT UBC RITES

**Writer
Breaks
Precedent**

Negro writer James Baldwin broke precedent at University of B.C. Friday.

He made an impromptu speech after receiving an honorary doctor of letters degree at UBC's fall congregation. Additionally, recipients of honorary degrees unless they are the congregation speakers, do not publicly thank the university for the honor.

But Baldwin, a slight figure in a vivid red robes, symbolizing the university's doctorate, spoke briefly to the audience.

"This is my first degree," he said. "I accept it, not so much for myself but as a kind of witness, a help for something that I have been trying to do and prove."

He continued: "In a way I take this degree for my grandmother. For my grandfather, for my in-laws and my nephews and for their children. The hope and the prayer that the world we may create will be less of a nightmare for them than it has been for us."

"What one day all of us will learn is not only to live in peace, but also that there is nothing more important under heaven than the human being."

FALL CONGREGATION AT UBC turned from usual stately march to hurried scramble for shelter as

wind and rain storm hit campus Friday afternoon, soaking graduates and their precious coiffures.

American essayist and novelist James Baldwin received his first doctorate at ceremony.

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Jewish Schoolgirl Taunted After Balking at Carols

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A Jewish schoolgirl was taunted as a "Christ-killer" after she asked to be excused from Christmas caroling.

University of B.C. professor Dr. Werner Cohn cited the case Sunday and said school Christmas celebrations violate the civil liberties of non-Christians.

He told a founding meeting of B.C. Civil Liberties Association that preaching Christianity in schools is an infringement of religious freedom.

Dr. Cohn, assistant professor of sociology, said the case of the girl occurred in the U.S. and he quoted it to point out the psychological effects that can occur.

He said the Jewish mother reported that her daughter,

a top student, was persecuted for asking to be excused from singing Christian hymns at Christmas.

The mother said the teacher and school principal told the girl she should be tolerant and sing them.

"This is tolerance?" asked Dr. Cohn.

After the incident, the mother said, her daughter was taunted as a "Christ-killer."

(Last January, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that daily recital of an official state prayer in public schools offended religious freedom guaranteed under the country's constitution.)

The inaugural meeting of the Civil Liberties Association was organized by student Michael Audain, who said the association was conceived last summer by a group who formed a committee to help 70 Sons of Freedom Doukhobors against charges of conspiring to intimidate the government with acts of violence.

'POLICE STATE'

An earlier organization of the same name disbanded more than 10 years ago when interest died.

"Canadians are developing a police state mentality," said Professor Tony Emery of Victoria College. "People have to stop being afraid to get up and say what they think."

"We need lots of free-swinging discussion. Let's live dangerously for a while and talk about sex, politics and religion."

"People aren't extreme enough . . . they don't insult each other," he told more than 100 persons who attended the meeting at UBC's International House.

Other speakers claimed that Canadian people have accepted without real objection:

UNPROVEN CHARGES

Blanket condemnation of the Chinese-Canadian community through unproven police charges of illegal immigration;

Laws prohibiting the free movement of a minority group—the Freedomites—within this country;

Liquor laws that discriminate against Indians because of their racial origin.

Other speakers suggested a Canadian bill of rights with teeth in it, a B.C. bill of rights and legal aid for those who cannot afford it.

The association's 15-member board of directors is ex-

pected to meet between now and the first general meeting of the association in January.

DIRECTORS CHOSEN

Elected directors for three-year terms were: Michael Audain, of UBC school of social work; Dr. James Fowkes; Rev. Phillip Hewitt; Alex Macdonald, MLA; and Pat O'Neal, secretary-treasurer of the B.C. Federation of Labor.

Elected to two-year terms were Gordon Dowding, MLA; Prof. Emery; Dr. Cohn, Prof. W. G. Dixon; and John Fornataro, of the school of social work.

Elected to one-year terms were: Dr. Stanford Lyman; Dr. J. S. Tyhurst; Mrs. Margaret Erickson; Fritz Bowers, of the department of electrical engineering, and Adrian Marriage.

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Free Counsel Asked For All Accused

Civil Liberties Group Wants
Gov't Scheme of Legal Aid

By TOM ARDIES

(The B.C. Civil Liberties Association) wants a comprehensive system of free legal aid—using both private lawyers and public defenders—established by federal statute available to all persons charged with criminal offences.

It also wants the provincial government to establish a provincial assistance board working in conjunction with local committees of lawyers to provide extensive free legal aid where necessary in civil cases.

A report by the association's legal aid committee outlining the need for such action has been sent to both the provincial and federal governments and is being circulated today to interested parties:

POLICY STATEMENT

The association says in a policy statement accompanying the report:

"We regard as essential to the proper administration of justice the establishment by government of a scheme of legal aid, under which every person accused of crime shall, regardless of his means, be entitled to counsel.

"Further, the criminal code should be amended to provide that the failure to make counsel available to an accused person shall render any trial invalid as a denial of natural justice."

The report says: "It is naive to suppose that rich and poor receive anything like equal treatment before our criminal courts."

Main features of the proposed plan for criminal cases:

Any person charged with any offence punishable by at least three months' imprisonment should be eligible for counsel without a means test or other qualification.

PAID BY PUBLIC

The accused should be able to get either counsel of their choice or a public defender. There should be set fees for counsel and defenders should get salaries from public funds.

Courts should award costs so that regardless of his means an innocent person wrongly accused should not have to pay the costs of establishing his innocence.

The system should be available for appeals with the decision of whether or not to appeal up to the defence counsel or public defender—not the accused.

The legal aid committee's report says it is wrong in principle that a person accused of

a serious crime should have to depend for proper presentation of his defence on the charity of the legal profession if he is without funds.

NARROW RANGE

It says the range of persons covered by the present British Columbia scheme handled by the legal profession is unduly narrow with only a small proportion of the total number accused receiving legal aid.

The report is sharply critical of the exclusion of persons with previous convictions. It says persons with recent convictions constitute that class of society most likely to be wrongly accused and perhaps wrongly convicted.

The report also points out there is no provision for those, the majority of cases, where the accused wishes to plead guilty, and thus no counsel to argue for the most favorable disposition possible.

And it charges that the means test and selection of cases for legal aid has been very much hit and miss.

PENALTY ON THRIFT

It also says the only argument of any substance against the provision of criminal legal aid seems to be that it may tend to penalize thrift.

It says it does not feel the argument is a strong one when weighed against the interests of justice.

The committee says its main criticism of the present civil legal aid setup is that the legal profession is left to bear the financial burden and also has unfettered discretion to determine the scope of the assistance made available.

"That justice is not the right of anyone but rather a luxury for the rich remains a truism mitigated only by the charity of the legal profession," it says.

"Further, a glance at the types of cases excluded and at the statistics of cases handled indicates that the present system is very limited in scope and slight in volume.

"Also the limited amount available for disbursements results in legal aid cases often being handled in an impoverished way compared with litigation for paying clients," the report says.



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New Fund in B.C. Aids U.S. Negroes

A fund has been launched in British Columbia to aid Negroes in their fight for racial equality in the United States.

The Fund for Racial Equality is sponsored by the Civil Liberties Association of B.C. and the B.C. Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Trustees are Dr. Werner Cohn, assistant professor of sociology at University of B.C., Prof. W. G. Dixon, director of UBC's school of social work, and David Manley, a retail advertising representative with The Sun.

It is hoped to raise money by public subscriptions and benefit concerts to help pay the legal expenses of U.S. organizations fighting for equal rights.

Manley said the separate organization was formed to help Negroes in the U.S. because it was felt the Civil Liberties Association should concentrate on racial problems in B.C.

Donations made out to the Fund for Racial Equality should be sent to David Manley, 523 Alhambra Court, North Vancouver.

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An American Precedent

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association, a fairly new group which includes lawyers, university professors and clergymen, is off to a good start with its campaign for free legal aid.

A report prepared by a special committee now is being given the finishing touches and should be on the desks of the attorney-general and members of Parliament shortly.

It sounds promising.

The association will say, as The Sun has been saying for years, that the government should provide a lawyer when an accused person is unable to hire one. It will say that justice is not a luxury for the rich but the right of all, and that the charity of the legal profession — Vancouver Bar Association will give some accused persons free lawyers but not all — just isn't good enough.

The association has a powerful foreign precedent to troop out.

The State of Florida some time ago put

a man called Gideon in jail for five years for breaking and entry. Gideon handwrote a petition in his cell and sent it off to the U.S. Supreme Court. He said he had been denied right to counsel and that this was contrary to the constitution.

The Supreme Court said it was indeed and Gideon won his appeal. Because of this decision, any appeal that now comes before the Supreme Court concerning a case where an accused has had no access to counsel is automatically declared a mistrial.

Those states which have had no free legal aid system, of course must introduce one or lose their appeal cases.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association hopes this American precedent will convince federal and provincial governments in this country it's time they removed legal aid from the field of chancy charity. So will every Canadian who believes the poor man has the same right to the best professional presentation of his case as the rich.



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INEFFECTUAL, SAYS BRANCA

Canada's Bill of Rights Held 'Worthless Document'

A Vancouver criminal lawyer said Monday that Canada's Bill of Rights is a worthless document.

Angelo Branca, QC, said he and other lawyers felt when the bill was enacted in 1960 it would be a great advance in the field of human rights.

"Instead, it has proved so ineffectual it might as well not exist," said Branca.

He said its provisions repeatedly have been superceded in the courts by other federal statutes which tend to infringe the rights of the individual.

Branca spoke at a panel discussion sponsored by the recently-formed B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

Other panelists included Gordon Dowding, Burnaby NDP MLA; Mervyn Davis, executive director of the John Howard Society; and radio commentator Jack Webster.

Among conclusions reached by the panelists were:

Vancouver police use force too often against persons in custody.

Free legal aid for needy offenders should be paid from public funds.

Upcountry magistrates



ANGELO BRANCA
... raps rights bill

sometimes prefer their own brand of justice and resent the intrusion of city lawyers.

It is too easy for the RCMP to get authority to search private homes.

Branca said he had noticed resentment when he appeared in courts upcountry. He said the legal profession has been

working towards having properly trained magistrates in all areas.

"The lay magistrate does not know the law and injustice can often result," Branca added.

Davis said use of force is declining in Vancouver police work but it still occurs too often. "I would welcome more emphasis on professional competence on the part of the police," he added.

He maintained consideration should be given to ways of making retribution to victims of crime.

Webster said the Vancouver public is apathetic to many issues involving rights.

Webster commended some members of the legal profession for their efforts in providing free aid to the needy, but said the matter should be a government responsibility.

"We should not have to depend on the charity and conscientiousness of the lawyers," he said. "Why should they have to work for nothing? These costs should be paid from public funds."

Dowding said defendants are placed at a serious disadvantage in Canadian courts because of procedure.

"The defendant has to stand in what is virtually a wooden cage, flanked by two burly guards," Dowding said. "He is like an exhibition, with everyone staring at him. The system is very wrong and influences a jury."

He deplored a situation that exists in parts of B.C. whereby the police are also prosecutors in court cases.

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Pastor wants inquiry on weakened liberties

Rev. Happy Meadows of Chalmers United Church has asked the B.C. Civil Liberties Association to investigate police methods and make a study of individual freedoms.

Michael Audain, executive secretary of the group, said a panel discussion Feb. 25 at the Unitarian Church will include Rev. Meadows' request.

Rev Meadows says his concern began in December when it was revealed that police had tape-recorded a private conversation between a priest and a defendant in an extortion trial. The prosecution did not use the tape in evidence.

The minister criticized police activities in a sermon.

"There is less of personal freedom, more interference, more state control over business and the individual now than Canadians have ever known," he said, "and we don't seem the least bit disturbed about it."

He said liberties are in jeopardy because these things are going on:

Police wiretap and secretly record private conversations; RCMP investigate the political activities of college professors, students and others; ministers are being investigated because they preach peace from the pulpit; judges ridicule defendants in court; and a person's bank account is no longer private.

Rev. Meadows said investiga-

tions by the RCMP are often conducted by constables with no more than Grade 10 education.

"I'm not saying that all the RCMP officers only have the minimum Grade 10 education, he said. I know the force encourages men to get more, in fact sends some to university. But would you be satisfied to have a young man with only Grade 10 education, followed by police training and indoctrination, be the arbiter of your loyalty and your political ambitions?"

"Canadians are being investigated in still other ways. A number of times I have had callers who have identified themselves as investigators of some kind or another."

"We have heard complaints of university teachers about RCMP investigations of political activities of faculty and students on campuses. Show me a young man who isn't radical at 20 and I'll show you a young man who will be a real stick-in-the-mud when he's 40."



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★ Association throws out one clause

One of the first actions of the new B.C. Civil Liberties Association was to throw out a section of its proposed constitution because it might infringe civil liberties.

At the group's founding meeting Sunday, members voted to remove one section giving the directors power to suspend a member and another that stated a member could be expelled by a majority vote of a general meeting.

The clause said a member could be expelled for "cause" but lawyer Alex MacDonald said cause should be defined and appeal provided for.

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Xmas in schools declared violation

The celebration of Christmas in the schools is a violation of the civil liberties of non-Christians, Dr. Werner Cohn of UBC's sociology department said Sunday.

Speaking at the founding meeting of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, Dr. Cohn said preaching Christianity in schools is an infringement of religious freedom.

He read a report by a Jewish mother who said her daughter, a top student, was persecuted for asking to be excused from singing Christian hymns at Christmas.

The mother said the teacher and school principal told the girl she should be tolerant and sing the hymns. Said Dr. Cohn: "This is tolerance?"

After the incident, the mother said, the girl's classmates called her "Christ-killer" and other names.

Dr. Cohn was one of five panelists speaking to the newly-formed organization of "Human and Civil Rights Issues in B.C. — Guidelines to Action."

The discussion was designed to give the new group a guide as to what actions it could take, officials said. About 80 people attended the meeting at UBC's International House.

UBC student Mike Audain, who organized the meeting, said the association was conceived last summer by a group of persons who had formed a committee to help defend 70 Sons of Freedom Doukhobors against a charge of conspiracy to intimidate the B.C. Leg-

islature and the Parliament. The charge was dismissed.

"Many of us felt B.C. should have a permanent group that concerns itself with the safeguarding of civil liberties," Audain said.

Canada is the only country in the western hemisphere that has no constitutional guarantee of freedom of worship, Dr. Cohn continued.

The most dangerous tendency, he said, is the "quasi-establishment of majority Christianity."

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Jewish Leaders Deny School Bias

Jewish children enjoy wide religious freedom in Canadian schools, according to leaders of the Vancouver Jewish community.

They were commenting Monday night on charges by University of B.C. sociology professor Werner Cohn that school Christmas celebrations violate civil liberties of non-Christians and that teaching of Christianity in schools infringes on religious freedom.

BRANDED 'KILLER'

Dr. Cohn, in a speech at the founding meeting of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association at UBC, also told of a Jewish girl who was taunted as a "Christ killer" after she asked to be excused from Christmas caroling.

He said later the incident occurred in the U.S.

Said William Gelmon, president of the Jewish Community Council: "Dr. Cohn was expressing his own opinion. It certainly did not represent the view of any Jewish group in Vancouver.

"I am not aware of discrimi-

nation against Jewish children in Canadian schools.

"Dr. Cohn is a non-conformist and as far as I am aware is not a member of local Jewish groups."

Said Dr. Harry Stein, University of B.C. education professor and president of the Canadian Jewish congress:

"I'm sure all fair-minded people abhor any religious pressure being put on children."

COMPULSION DEPLORED

Allan Goldsmith, president of the Vancouver Lodge of B'nai B'rith: "There is nothing wrong with Christmas parties and carols in schools as long as the right of Jewish children not to take part is respected.

"I am sure few people, whatever their religion, object to the teaching of the principles of Christianity."



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Civil Liberties Group A-Forming In B.C.

VANCOUVER — CM — A civil liberties association in British Columbia is in the making.

A city group, charging the rights of the individual in the province are in danger of being buried, will meet Sunday to form a registered association and a plan of action.

The group, at present known as the civil liberties organizational committee, is made up of university professors, lawyers, trade union officials and private individuals.

The committee stems from a group formed during the summer to help defend 70 members of the radical Sons of Freedom, Doukhobor sect who had been arrested, tried and acquitted on charges of intimidating the governments of B.C. and Canada.

Michael Audain, a spokesman for the committee, said yesterday in an interview:

"We feel that as Canadians we are often prone to believe that civil liberties are in jeopardy only in other parts of the world. They are in danger of B.C. as well."

Mr. Audain, 25, a great-grandson of former B.C. premier and Lieutenant Governor James Dunsmuir, has had personal experience on restrictions of civil liberties.

In June last year, with a group of Freedom Riders, he was sentenced to two months in prison at Jackson, Miss., for violating the state's segregation measures by eating in the Negro section of a bus terminal restaurant.

He was released after three weeks when his father, James Audain of Victoria, paid his \$200 fine.

Now a student in social work

at the University of British Columbia, Mr. Audain says one of the main aims of the association will be to provide more extensive legal aid.

He said it has not yet been decided whether more extensive legal aid will be provided by a committee of lawyers who would donate their time and services in special cases or by a special fund set up by the organization.



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cover in 1955.

"I love my wife very much. She's a wonderful person and I'll never stop loving her," he said.

Browne's brother Dennis from Penticton arrived in Vancouver late Monday. "John will probably need some help so I thought I'd be around to give it," said Dennis.

"The tragedy has broken his heart."

Report Asked Victoria.

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to the Calgary convention dis-
cussed ramifications of the
move at an emergency meet-
ing Monday.

No official statement was
released afterwards. But some
delegates insisted privately
that the move was tanta-
mount to an embargo.

They said school boards
don't undertake building
projects unless the work is
regarded as absolutely neces-
sary.

Jack WASSERMAN

LION TYPES — So it wasn't the end of the world, Charlie, but it certainly was a heckuva football game! What! You weren't there? Well, that makes you and 20,000 other guys. That's right—the 10,000 regulars who weren't in their usual places plus 10,000 more who gave their tickets away to minor children, distant relatives and casual enemies. Why, it was so exciting that Frank Baker rushed out at half time and grabbed his trumpet and trotted it into the Stadium for the first time in two seasons. It's been so long since Frank blew his own horn that the valves stuck, which is why it sounded even worse than usual. Come to think of it, nobody objected. We even gave Paul Dojack a little cheer. Let's say it would have been a good game even if the Winnipeg had pulled it out in the dying seconds. Fourth place — here we come!

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UP 'N ITEM—Among the missing Monday was Herb Capozzi's wife, Dorothy. She begged off because she couldn't stand the thought of witnessing another heat-

ing... Among those pres-
ent was Tiger Kozak, who
was escorted into the park
by a bodyguard of news-
paper and radio men...
Blue Bombers nursed their
wounded pride at the Pen-
thouse following the tussle
and freely predicted that
they'll murder the Lions on
any and all future occasions...
San Francisco long-
shore boss Harry Bridges
planes into town this week
for private confabs with
local Teamster chief Ed
Lawson. Nobody knows what
the outcast unions are plot-
ting... Singer Gloria
Weston and hubby Pat
Morgan dropped into Isy's
after Pat did his stint in
the Cave's Damn Yankees
and were commandeered for
the floorshow, to replace
record star Bonnie Guitar
who hadn't shown up for
opening night. Bonnie, who
lives outside Seattle, was
allegedly en route but mys-
teriously failed to show...
Symphony conductor Irwin
Hoffman is off to Brazil in
late November for two con-
certs with the Rio Sym-
phony... By the bye this
is symphony week in case
you were wondering about
the music on downtown
streets.

NEWS TO ME — Vancou-
ver Festival brass meet to-
night to decide whether
they'll hold another festival
ever again. If they decide
to go ahead they will by-
pass the coming summer in
favor of an Autumn '63, or
Spring of '64 session. They
finally figured a summer
schedule is too rough. The
problem facing the Festival
is a total deficit of more
than \$75,000, some of which
was left over from 1961 and
part of which was acquired
this year. The deficit arises
from absence of expected
grants from the Canada
Council plus a couple of
major losses. Despite the
most rigid controls in its
five-year history the festi-
val still dropped a bagful on
The Magic Flute, thanks to
the artsy crafty approach
to the opera. The opera was
to come in at \$70,000, which
included a deficit. It finally
cost slightly more than
\$90,000... Also on tap to-
day is a private sessions of
lawyers and UBC profs to
lay the ground work for a
permanent non-partisan
civil liberties group. Initial
stimulus for the group is
Attorney General Bonner's
allegedly high-handed treat-
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Phone company engineers
have been set to studying
some way to bring in an
emergency "999" type num-
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land emergency calls. But
the principal problem is still
emotional rather than tech-
nical. Competing municipal
politicians won't get to-
gether and more's the
shame... IWA's Stu
Hodgson is the hottest pros-
pect for the NDP nomina-
tion to try for the seat that
veteran MLA Arthur Turner
will abdicate in Vancouver
East prior to the next elec-
tion... In what he refers
to as "our return to the
night club business" Cave-
man Ken Stauffer has
booked Marguerita "Cha
Cha O'Brien" Sierra, of
Surfside Six fame for next
Monday and blonde Mamie
Van Doren for Oct. 22. That
probably means that the
current dinner theatre proj-
ect, Damn Yankees, is the
last venture of its type...
Local gamblers have made
Sonny Liston an 8-5 favorite
over Floyd Patterson to-
night, to quote one author-
ity, "It'll be bye-bye, Floy-
dle, before five is over
'cause he can't escape them
bombs forever"... Sammy
Davis Jr., a friend of Lis-
ton's was extolling Sonny's
prowess locally and got so
enthused he rushed to the
phone, called Vegas and
bet ANOTHER \$2,500 on his
pal.

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WASSERMANIA — There
is nothing wrong with the
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coming taxpayers won't
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Defence Fund Set For Freedomites

UBC Professors Start Public Campaign to Raise \$25,000

Two University of B.C. professors are seeking public contributions to a \$25,000 legal defence fund for 70 Doukhobor leaders charged with conspiracy.

They said they are organizing the campaign because it has been indicated the accused have only enough money to carry them through the preliminary hearings.

The professors are Werner Cohn, assistant professor of sociology, and James G. Foulks, head of the pharmacology department.

They head a group of 31 citizens, mostly UBC professors, social workers and Quakers, organizing the drive to raise the money through public and government subscriptions.

GROUP'S INTENTION

Cohn and Foulks said they are aware the leaders of the Sons of Freedom sect are not indigent because they have sent money to their spiritual leader, Stefan S. Sorokin in Uruguay.

Foulks said the group's intention is not to fight for

leniency for the Sons but to deal with a difficult social problem.

The Sons are charged with conspiring to commit violence to intimidate the government of Canada and the legislature of B.C. Their preliminary hearing is now in progress in New Westminster.

"It is a unique law being used on a unique group," Cohn said.

GOV'T HELP SOUGHT

In a prepared statement released Wednesday the group said it plans to:

Seek government financial assistance for adequate legal defence, estimated at \$25,000.

Take up a collection among independent groups.

Form a permanent committee to push for action on the underlying problems of Doukhobor relations with other Canadians.

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