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RCMP MAKES STUDYING DIFFICULT.
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The Mounties are making studying in Canada very stressful, according to two international students at Concordia University.

RCMP officers twice visited the home of Ghanaian students Seth Larbi and Henry Poku-Esiri during the Christmas break. The RCMP claimed it was investigating an allegation that the students were illegal aliens.

On Dec. 22 at 10:30 p.m., two officers arrived at the students' home to examine their immigration papers. Larbi told the officers, to no avail, that he was surprised at their personal visit since their records were readily available at the Dept. of Immigration.

Both students' papers were in order, although Poku-Esiri's passport was to expire Jan. 3. According to him, one officer threatened that if "you don't take care, you'll go back to your own country."

Two weeks later, three RCMP officers returned. According to Poku-Esiri, one officer said "Henry, we're coming for you." The police ignored his Quebec immigration certificate and said they were going to take him away because he did not have the equivalent Canadian certificate.

Canadian Immigration authorities told Poku-Esiri he must wait a week to obtain it. Only a phone call to Canadian Immigration averted a police car ride. "You're lucky," one officer told Poku-Esiri.

The officer then questioned on the whereabouts of a mutual acquaintance they had no information about. According to Poku-Esiri, the officers tried unsuccessfully to bribe them. At this point Poku-Esiri complained to the officers that they were

making "our stay in Canada uncomfortable and insecure" He was told that if he disliked the treatment, he could return to Ghana.

Although the RCMP confirmed that it made the visits, it would grant no further comment.

Attorney Julius Gray, when informed of the in-

cident, said the visits may contravene the Charter of Rights, although there has yet to be a test case.

Postal Increase

CUPW OPPOSES NEW POSTAL RATE INCREASES.

Jeff Woods, President of the Charlottetown Local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, today expressed the Union's opposition to the postal rate increases, effective tomorrow, which will see the cost of a first class letter go from 30 to 32 cents. This is in addition to increases in all other classes of mail which became effective on January 15, 1983.

"Under Bill C-42, the law that established the Post Office as a Crown Corporation, the Post Office has an obligation to maintain, expand and improve postal services to the Canadian Public as its first priority", Jeff Woods stated. "This it has utterly failed to in its first fifteen months of existence."

"In spite of this, Micheal Warren and the Liberal Government have imposed a new series of increases in postal rates with no guarantee that services will improve", Mr. Woods said.

"In fact, service is getting worse. Micheal Warren has succeeded in cutting back in traditional postal services- rural route delivery on Saturday gone, wicket operations on Saturdays reduced, overtime hours reduced causing backlogs in postal stations, and no replacements for

letter carriers who are sick (now at arbitration)

"The increase tomorrow for first class letters represents 76% increase in rates in 13 1/2 months, while service to the public declined.

"The reason for this is clear. Micheal Warren has given top priority to the task of making the Post-Office financially self sufficient, at the expense of service to the public and relations with the workers.

"The Canadian Labour Congress submitted a brief on behalf of this Union and other unions in the Post Office to Andre Ouellet before Christmas outlining our opposition to the new rates and why."

"The Union believes these increases should be put off until the Post Office gets back to putting service to the public as its number one priority, with better labour relations ahead of financial self sufficiency."

"With the drop in service and the increase in rates, it is no wonder the public is still not satisfied with postal services. Recession or no, postal workers and members of the public deserve better." Jeff Woods concluded.

CORRECTION

In a recent issue of this newspaper Beverley Luetchford was listed as winner of the second Ford Mustang in the TransCanada Telephone System's Hello Again Sweepstakes. The winner's name should read **Renzo Purchio of Dawson College, Montreal, Quebec.** The TransCanada Telephone System apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Dear Editor:

This is a letter to inform your readers that some of my comments in the article "All Work No Pay?" were quoted out of context. The article implicated Mike Trainor as not taking the Yearbook Committee seriously. (This was incorrect.) Mr. Trainor was Committee Chairman and organized proceedings very effectively. Mr. Trainor is owed an apology.

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Mea Culpa:

My notes indicate that while Victor Moore was quoted faithfully in the main body of his comments directed at the yearbook committee, owing to some errant punctuation on my part, his intent on saying them may have been distorted. He did not mean to suggest that Mike Trainor failed to treat the matter seriously in his role as chairman. Both have my apologies for any accidental inference to this effect.

-C.B.

