

Deportation to Chile!?

LONDON, ONT. (CUP) - Refugee Pedor Denegri may be forced to return to Chile even though federal minister of manpower and immigration, Bud Cullen, admits he has the power to stop his deportation.

This was the outcome of a March 19 meeting between Cullen and more than 20 supporters of Denegri who met with the minister and the media at his Sarnia constituency office.

Members of the group, which included representatives of Amnesty International and the Coalition for Change, a London-based political organization, handed the minister a petition containing about 300 signatures. It urged him to take immediate action by using his discretionary powers as minister to cancel his department's deportation order against Denegri.

Cullen said he refuses because he doubts Denegri's claim for political refugee status is valid. However, Denegri and his lawyer are quite adamant his case is bona fide on humanitarian and legal grounds.

Denegri was forced to resign from his job as a civil servant after he exposed military corruption involving the black marketing of food from government warehouses. He was then arrested, imprisoned and tortured by the Chilean military regime.

Denegri has witnesses of his treatment now living in Canada who can testify on

his behalf.

Cullen said Denegri did not claim political refugee status when he first arrived in Canada last year and did not seek permanent residency here until before his visa expired last April.

Denegri replied March 19 that he did not seek political refugee status when he first arrived because he thought he would have no problem obtaining landed immigrant status here. He was reluctant to declare himself a political refugee while his wife and family still live in Chile.

Cullen said he would reply in writing to the petitions he received March 19, within a week, further detailing his reasons for not interfering in this case. He implied that part of his reasons for inaction concerned his worry about admitting "violent revolutionaries" into Canada.

However, while Denegri says he is a socialist and was a supporter of the Allende government before the military coup, he has never been involved in using violence for political ends.

Cullen has been accused of denying Denegri asylum because of Canada's growing corporate interest in the Chile mining industry. At present Canada is one of the very few countries to have economic ties with the Chilean junta -- Western European countries have refused to trade with the regime.

Chilean junta reign of terror

SANTIAGO (CPA/CUP) - The military dictatorship of Chile has banned all political parties, imposed mail censorship, new work and press restrictions, and extended for another six months the state of seige under which it can hold prisoners without charge or court order.

The junta banned "the existence, organization, activities and propaganda of ...all political parties, entities, groups, factions, or movements with a political character." Disobedience can mean fines, imprisonment or exile.

The ban on political parties came after the junta allegedly discovered a plot by leaders of the Christian Democratic Party to overthrow the government. The Christian Democrats were the ruling party in Chile before the election of former president Allende, and the bloody military coup that ended

democracy there.

AFL-CIO president George Meany, meanwhile, has denounced the fascist dictatorship for "the documented persecution, jailing and torturing of Chilean trade unionists...guilty of nothing more than their firm belief in democracy and freedom."

Meany said in a letter to the Chilean junta that "the excesses committed by your government in the name of anti-communism are typical of the most tyrannical fascist regimes of our century."

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Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die. And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer. When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed. Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant and that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophecy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen to carrion-put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not possess great power, please women more than men. Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth? Go with your love to the fields. Lie easy in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts. As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.

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FEW CIVIL LIBERTIES IN CANADA

WINNIPEG (CUP) -- Canadians have few civil liberties and the ones that exist are difficult to exercise according to Winnipeg lawyer Norm Larsen.

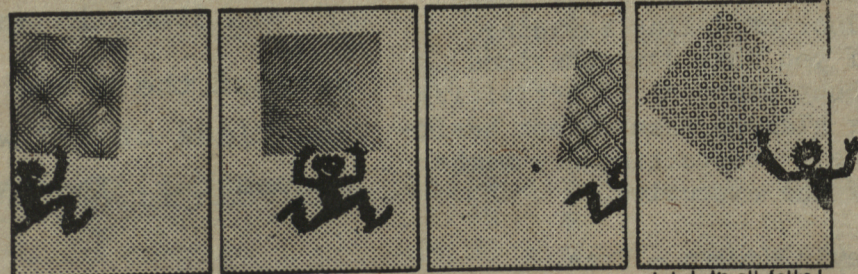
"American television programs give Canadians the impression they have certain rights, but these are Ameri-

can constitutional rights," he told Red River Community College students recently.

There is no law in Canada for example, which guarantees a suspect's right to see a lawyer before making a statement. And the compulsory one phone call is non-existent here, although it is "preferable" for police to allow it.

Americans are much more aware of their civil rights than Canadians, Larsen said.

"People cannot and will not understand what their civil liberties are until they have their first bout with the police," he said.



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