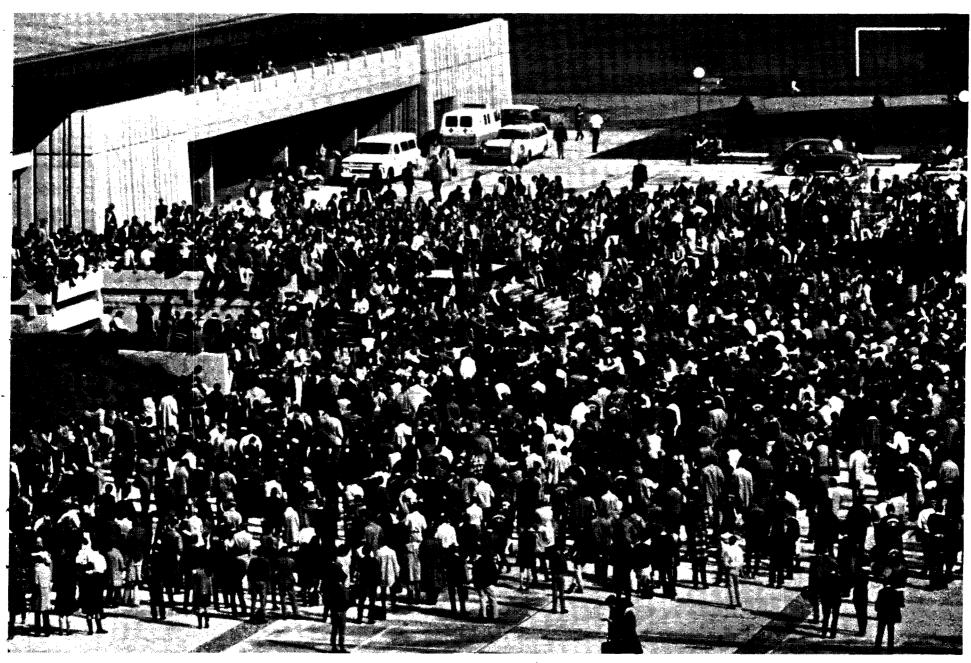
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VANCOUVER, B.C.,

**OCTOBER 1, 1970** 



GENERAL MEETING of more than 3,000 students Tuesday voted against housing Jericho hostel residents in SUB. Hostel is set to shut down Friday noon, Meetings

today at 9:30 a.m. in the SUB clubs lounge and noon on SUB plaza will decide student support for planned occupation of Jericho when it comes down.

# IERICHO

### Campus rallies, occupation plans

served eviction notice on the 350 Jericho hostel residents, effective by noon Friday.

Staff members received a letter Wednesday night from the federal justice department, informing that any disturbances could meetings. jeopardize plans for a permanent the letter is reprinted below.)

However, hostel residents Wednesday night voted unanimously to occupy the building.

A number of groups supporting the hostel residents will hold an morning in the SUB clubs lounge Mater Society vice-president

The federal government has to decide what further action will be taken.

> It will be followed by an informational meeting at noon in organizers when the transients at the government's decision to responsibility for."

Organizers have urged everyone

A number of the hostel hostel system. (Complete text of residents will establish booths in the main foyer of SUB, where names will be taken of people willing to donate alternate housing and food.

"A lot of people are trying to help, but they're duplicating each open strategy meeting at 9:30 this others efforts," said acting Alma

### Meetings

These are the meetings being held today to determine the action to be taken regarding the Jericho hostel closure.

9:30 a.m.—Clubs Lounge, policy preparation and discussion for meeting at noon.

12:30 noon--General meeting to discuss student action and a decision on whether to participate in the proposed 5:00 p.m. rally at Jericho Hostel.

5:00 p.m.-Tri-university rally proposed for Jericho hostel.

#### Christine Krawczyk.

"The meetings tomorrow will be for the purpose of getting together and really helping the hostel people without screwing them unknowingly."

CLOSES

The sudden closure of the hostel comes two days ahead of the Oct. 5 deadline the government gave to hostel

"They just don't want the a program is as great as ever." people to have a chance to organize anything," said hostel the summer hostel program staffer Rev. Ted Mahood.

Wednesday night, the said. "This is a serious and chronic management committee at the problem which all levels of hostel expressed disappointment government must share the

were transferred to Jericho Sept. end the summer hostel program "at a time when the need for such

"We can't accept the logic that should end simply because the In a statement released summer is over," the statement

## justice department, informing concerned with the situation to the closure and warning that any disturbances could meetings. ıllawa says

Following is the text of a letter received Wednesday by the members of the Jericho hostel management committee:

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the secretary of state, I have been asked to convey to you the following message.

The federal government operated, for the summer only, 21 transient youth centres across Canada to meet the temporary problems of summer travel by youth.

All other hostels in Canada have now closed, but because of the particular problem in Vancouver a three week extension of our program was provided at army facilities in Jericho to allow alternative plans and accommodations to be arranged.

The Jericho hostel will close effective Friday morning, Oct. 2, 1970. The federal government remains willing to help finance alternative action and services through such programs as the Canada assistance plan.

This summer's emergency program has been an overwhelming national success. The management committee reports and assessments confirmed this for Vancouver.

Unless the hostel is closed in an orderly fashion, any plans for a permanent future program will be seriously jeopardized.

We are deeply distressed that we have been forced to close this hostel without alternative accommodation. However, to ensure the formulation of future programming, we ask for the co-operation of those currently benefitting from the facility.

Please convey the contents of this message to the occupants of the Jericho hostel immediately and post notice of closure in a prominent place in the hostel.

Your truly,

T. E. Jackson

Vancouver regional office Department of justice.