

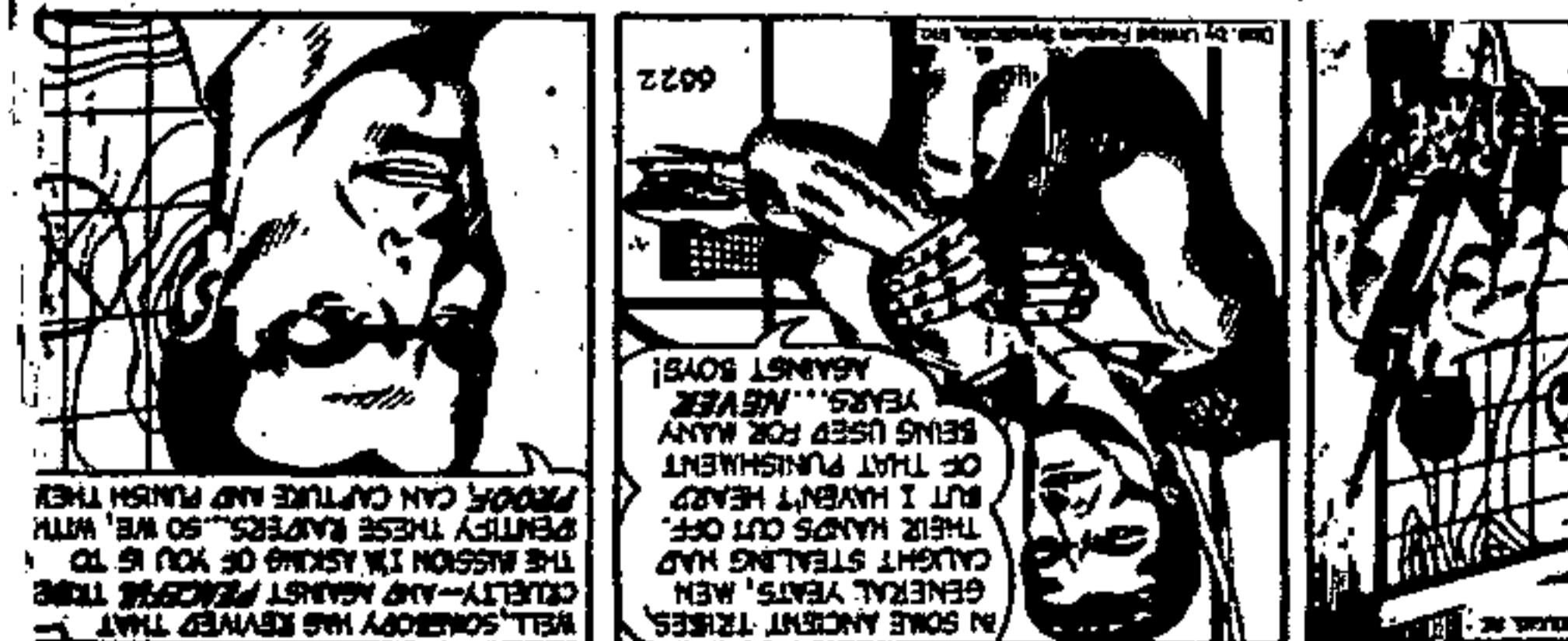
The Campus Problem

The six-hour Friday dawn police raid on the three halls of Dhaka University marks a radical administrative step responsive, immediately, to last Sunday's 'emergency' general meeting of teachers, students and employees, at which the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University called upon the government to single out the miscreants responsible for violence and recover arms within 10 days. The action was understandably in line with the government's determination and the university authority's anxiety to restore peace on the university campus that has been the scene of a new wave of violence over the past few days. The raid has led to the arrest of 89 persons of whom 60 were later released on bail and the recovery of some arms and ammunition.

The fact that the arrested people include a sizable number of non-resident students found in the halls poses a basically administrative and discipline question: how could such unauthorised people find their way into the halls, and how could they do so when admission either to the university or the residential halls are governed by a set of rules. Incidentally, the halls like the university have long been hard put to it to provide accommodation for the bonafide students eligible under the rules to apply for admission to the halls and the university. The problem is well-known. As far as the halls are concerned the alleged occupation by non-resident students of hall accommodation, under the circumstances, amounts to deprivation of their rights for regular students. On top of it, if such outsiders happen to be people of questionable conduct and, as alleged, are responsible for the breach of peace in the halls or on the campus, the steadily declining order in them is easy to understand. So the primary responsibility rests not so much with students as with the

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