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The Editor,  
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Dear Sir,

May I call the attention of mathematicians in Canada to the sad fate of the young Algerian mathematician Maurice Audin.

Audin was working on his doctor's thesis in Algiers, under the direction of Laurent Schwartz, in June, 1957. In December, 1957 the University of Paris conducted an extraordinary examination to receive Audin's thesis "in absentia".

Mathematicians in France have founded a "Prix Audin" to be awarded annually to an outstanding young mathematician and it has already been awarded to: Lions (1959), Kahane (1960), Neron (1961).

Another "Prix Audin" has been founded by mathematicians in Italy and it is awarded by the University of Rome.

About 200 mathematicians from the U. S. A. have contributed to a fund for Mrs. Audin and her three children. Anyone who wishes to send gifts to Mrs. Audin may get in touch with Professor Laurent Schwartz, Institut Henri Poincaré, 11 Rue Pierre Curie, Paris 5, France.

Yours sincerely,

Israel Halperin.

