

Macdonald may meet Davis; forgets day for protest

By Harvey Pinder

The Board of Governors meeting, which took place the Monday of reading week, attracted approximately 40 spectators, a standing room crowd in the small Board Chambers. The turnout was an effective representation of the anxiety York is experiencing. Incidentally, the largest number of

Governors showed up since my term started. Chancellor Robarts, and a couple others, showed for the first time.

The archaic, secretive inclinations of the BOG surfaced again when BOG chairperson Gerstein refused my request to attend the meeting of the combined executives of BOG and Senate which was discussing

cutbacks. While the Senate executive, in a meeting three weeks previous, had had no objection to my attending, Mel Ransom, Secretary of the BOG and Senate, had "forgotten" to ask Gerstein if I could attend.

Therefore I found out only three days before the BOG-Senate Executive meeting that I could not

attend it. In view of the disbelief and anger by York members whenever I reveal the undemocratic, self-perpetuating, corporate demonation of the BOG, I was amazed that they once again refused to open up. Due to the situation I attended the B-S exec meeting anyway.

In an effort to change their minds I utilized something I had uncovered a month before; namely, that the BOG executive committee of 18 members (out of a total Board of 30) illegitimate according to the BOG bylaws. This didn't change a thing (though Gerstein admits I am correct) because the meeting proceeded while non-executive Governors, in addition to myself, were present. Gerstein explained in the later, open, BOG meeting that these Governors had been invited because, "they had something to contribute". When I pointed out that the obverse of his statement was that I had *nothing* to contribute Gerstein became flustered and insisted that I "not put words in (his) mouth".

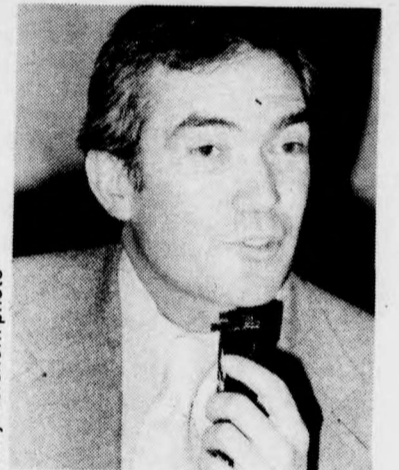
When the meeting finally got around to cutbacks, President Macdonald presented a motion which resulted (though he did not admit it) from the pressure of the Anti-Cutback Rally and the motion I was presenting which had been approved by the Rally. His motion says, "the scale of reduction is too severe ... while recognizing that

some modifications of the overall provincial system may be necessary". While it mildly criticizes the extent of cutbacks, it accepts the necessity of cutbacks. Macdonald's motion passed without opposition and provides so many "outs" that without constant pressure he may do nothing.

For example, during the Rally, Macdonald said he would take to Senate and BOG the idea of closing the university for one day in order for us to go to Queen's Park. He has not mentioned it so far, to either BOG or Senate.

I tried to append my motion, which advocated specific actions to be taken, but I was unsuccessful. When I moved that a public announcement of Macdonald's motion be made, I was again defeated. What the BOG members thought they prevented is beyond me because a *Globe and Mail* reporter was present, and, sure enough, there was a story in the next day's *Globe*.

Kaplan on Scharansky



Gary Hershorn photo

By Scott Clayton

Robert Kaplan, Liberal MP for York Centre was on campus just before reading week, along with a survivor of the massacre Munich Olympics, Esther Rot. The principle issue was that of the fate of Anatoly Scharansky, a Soviet Jew who is not being permitted to leave Russia to join his wife in Israel.

Kaplan said he was doing his best, on behalf of the Canadian government, to free Scharansky. He cited the passing of a unanimous resolution by the House of Commons condemning the Soviet actions, on his initiative, which will be presented at the upcoming Belgrade Conference on the Helsinki Agreement.

However, some members of the audience had their doubts as to the willingness of the Canadian government to use such levers as trade and cultural ties to force the Soviets' hand. Kaplan stated that he "doesn't think Canadian trade should be held hostage to human rights". He also told the gathering that he wasn't optimistic about Scharansky's fate, and he thought he would be convicted and sentenced to a prison term.

Esther Rot, in town for the Maple Leaf indoor Games, commented on the 1972 killings, and the upcoming 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

Rot said she now runs for the memory of the slain athletes, and feels that the cameraderie of olympic sport was killed in Munich. She would like to compete in Moscow but has doubts as to whether the Soviets will allow an Israeli team to compete.

Kaplan stated later that, "Canada wouldn't go to Moscow if Israel couldn't."

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