

# Glasov speaks to Amnesty International

by W. Ingarfield

There is an old joke told by members of the Russian Intelligentsia: There are three things it is possible for someone to possess: his integrity, his intelligence, and his party membership. There is a catch however, all three are not compatible. This means that one is required to make a choice. You may possess a party membership, but only at the expense of both your intelligence and integrity.

This briefly states what Professor Yuri Glasov said about the present state of human rights in the Soviet Union, during a talk on the subject January 16 for Amnesty International.

If any reader now suspects (as I did) that the people of the Soviet Union are not being politically persecuted to the same extent as they were twenty years ago, Professor Glasov will have you believe that such is simply just not the case.

According to Professor Glasov the Soviet Union still maintains the policy that "if you are not with us, you are against us". If there is an individual who has the courage to raise his voice against the official party line thinking, he (or she) will usually be dealt with by the party in one of the following manners (according to the severity of your comments, or the frequency at which they have occurred):

1) you will be warned that you are not acting in a socially acceptable manner and that you must reform;

2) you will be exiled from the country, or as is more common now, you will be labeled as a social outcast and be unable to find employment at anything other than the most menial of tasks, regardless of your education; or,

3) you will be declared mentally incompetent and committed to one of the many institutions throughout the country.

As far as Professor Glasov is concerned the present Soviet leaders (Kosygin, Breshnev) do not possess enough intelligence to hold the posts they have been entrusted with.

The talk was well attended, indicating present interest on campus concerning the issues of human rights. The actual presentation lasted for only an hour, and was held at a very inconvenient time (noon hour Friday). The room was too small causing it to become warm and stuffy (some people had the audacity to smoke in such a small closed space).

I think that most of those present found the talk to be quite informative and would like to see Professor Glasov give a more detailed and longer talk at some future date and under more suitable conditions.



Yuri Glasov, an escapee from oppression in the Soviet Union. [Photo by Jane Dickson]

# Socialist voice desired

by C. Young

Last Thursday, at 12:30 in Room 410 SUB, Mr. Mark Cross, Canadian historian and former editor of the socialist "Canadian Forum" gave an informative lecture on the "Canadian Periodical Press and its role in the development of Socialism in Canada."

From the start of his speech, Cross made it abundantly clear that for Canadian socialists the only viable means of expression is the periodical press. The electronic media are largely controlled by large business interests; thus, there is little means for the expression of socialist opinions here. Even such a political personage as Pierre-Elliott Trudeau (who is seldom thought of as a left-wing politician) once employed the press to convey his then unpopular views on federalism and radicalism (this was during his transitory flirtation with the NDP in the early sixties).

As Mr. Cross indicated Canadian radio and television rarely delineate

distinctly Canadian points of view. In fact he said, 90% of "Canadian" news is foreign in origin. The job of Canadian foreign TV correspondents is often to merely provide voice overs to American network TV transmissions.

Periodicals provide a real and needed forum for Canadian socialists. Survival as a periodical in Canada is, at best, a tenuous existence. Since periodicals as separate entities possess little political power, the periodicals have been organized into a collective, the CPPA. The CPPA lobbies for change in the governments copyright laws and the use of federal advertising in its member publication. The CPPA also discusses the distribution of grant money which is usually from the Federal Government or from private business sources.

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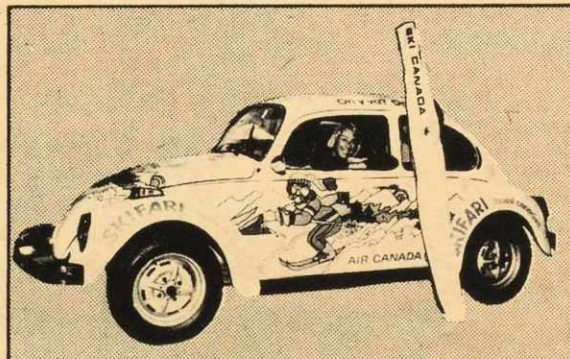
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