

Massacre inevitable on "peaceful road"

Chile needed true revolution, says Blanco

By PAUL KELLOGG

It was a breath of the Revolution. Hugo Blanco spoke with York students on Tuesday. A man from the back country of Peru visiting the urban fringe of North America; a man who knows the oppression of Third-World peasants, speaking with Canadian youths privileged to attend university; a man who knows the meaning of active participation and struggle, speaking at York; it was a very incongruous juxtaposition.

FIGHTING IN PERU

Blanco is a political exile. From 1958 to 1963 he worked for the revolution in rural Peru, organizing peasant farmers, helping them to resist the various oppressions that members of the working class in Third-World countries experience; disease, hunger, illiteracy and forced labour.

In 1963 he was imprisoned; in 1966, sentenced to death. Partly because of international outrage, the sentence was never carried out and in 1971 he was released from prison. Since then he has been shunted from country to country in South America, welcome to no capitalist regime. His exile now finds him in Sweden. Tuesday found him at York.

IN HIS ELEMENT

During the various introductory speeches, he appeared uncomfortable and ill at ease. When he rose to speak, however, he entered his element and became the practiced spokesman for the struggle against oppression.

"The Popular Unity government (of Salvador Allende) in Chile made only one mistake and that was called 'the peaceful road'. All actions that don't liquidate capitalism are reformist and not revolutionary. Revolution means a total change... They wanted to make a revolution without the revolution. They wanted to make an omelette without breaking the egg.

'NO WAR'

"The slogan of the Communist Party in Chile was 'no civil war'. Their slogan was carried out. There was no civil war; instead, a massacre. That was 'the peaceful road' to socialism in Chile."

However, Blanco disagreed with

the ultra-left tactics of groups like the Tupamaros.

"The role [of a revolutionary party] is not to put bombs in some police station, but to head the organization of the masses. The problem is in what context it is.

"[A revolutionary party] must carry out the independent mobilization of the masses to solve their own problems. And the revolutionary party must take into consideration the level of organization of the masses when developing their strategy."

Mass

In a letter written in 1967 to the Canadian Committee to Free Hugo Blanco, revolutionary leader Blanco stressed the necessity of solidarity in working for the revolution, and quoted from a poem by Cesar Vallejo:

At the end of the battle,
and dead the combatant, a man approached him
and said, "Don't die. I love you so much."
But the body, oh! continued dying.

There approached him two, and they repeated to him:
"Don't leave us! Valor! Return to life!"
But the body, oh! continued dying.

Approached him twenty, one hundred, a thousand, five hundred
thousand,
clamoring: "So much love and nothing to stop his death".
But the body, oh! continued dying.

Millions surrounded him with a common plea: "Stay, brother!"
But the body, oh! continued dying.

Then, all the men of the earth surrounded him, and the body, sad,
emotional, raised itself up slowly,
embraced the first man and started to walk...

Dime-a-cup coffee dies as George bites the dust

By BONNIE SANDISON

George, CYSF's student-operated coffee shop in the Ross Building, is in its last weeks of operation, because of the lack of space in the student council's new Central Square location.

Manpower and Immigration and the Career Counselling Centre are moving into the rooms presently occupied by the council offices, and CYSF is moving to the rooms behind the main bulletin board in Central Square.

The new location does not have enough space for the operation of a coffee shop, but some members of council are trying to find some means of offering students an alternative to the cafeteria.

The coffee shop, run as a service to students, sells coffee at a dime a cup, aiming to break even financially and to pay five student employees rather than to make a large profit.

J.J. Koornstra, vice president of finance, said last week that while the closure of the coffee shop would affect the budget to a minimal extent, students will now have to go to the cafeteria or over to the colleges just to sit down and have a cup of coffee.

CYSF business manager Doug Wise believes the chances of reopening after Christmas are very slight. But CYSF president Anne Scotton still hopes something can be arranged with the university.

"It is the end of a dime cup of coffee in Central Square," said a very saddened student upon hearing the news of closure.



Paul Kellogg, photo

Peruvian revolutionary Hugo Blanco, now in exile, stressed Tuesday before a York audience that the true revolution means "total change".

TO ALL SUPPORT STAFF

What effect will the Government Financial Policy for Universities have on staff?

—a possible 5.8% salary increase —a reduction in staff

President Macdonald has called a University-wide study session for

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11 at 12:30 - 3 p.m.

in Burton Auditorium

GET THE FACTS — COME OUT AND PROTEST
YUSA EXECUTIVE

TO ALL FACULTY

Because of requests from the faculty association (YUFA), the staff association (YUSA) and the students (CYSF), **classes will be cancelled from 12:00 to 3:00 on Wednesday, December 11** so that the entire university community may discuss the current financial crisis.

It is extremely important that as many faculty members as possible attend this meeting. Given the current provincial budget, the university may not be able to afford more than a 6% salary increase for faculty this year. In addition, we are now under heavy pressure for faculty this year. In addition, we are now under heavy pressure to retrench in a number of areas of extreme importance to York faculty.

This meeting has been called both to inform the university community of the nature of the crisis, and to discuss possible steps to meet it.

The meeting will begin at 12:30 in Burton Auditorium
Harvey G. Simmons, Chairman, YUFA

Oxfam fast next week

By PAUL STUART

On Thursday, December 14, Oxfam's Fast For a World Harvest is coming to York's Keele campus.

Organizer Helicia Glucksman of the Vanier College Council is asking students to contribute what they would ordinarily spend on a lunch, "so that at least some of the world's poorest people can grow their own food and decide their future with the help of Oxfam's self-help projects."

A table will be set up in Central Square next Thursday to take people's contributions.

Oxfam is an international organization that strives to "combat hunger, poverty, disease and inequality in the world."

It is asking students to fast for moral reasons, some of which are:

"To identify with the world's poor, who never become accustomed to hunger, even though they live with it from childhood."

"To contemplate the average North American's consumption of five times the agricultural resources—land, water, fertilizer - of the

average Indian, Niberian or Columbian."

And "to consider the continuing practice of one meatless day a week for yourself."

Anyone wishing to help out in the fast can contact Glucksman at 667-6045.

Classes cancelled next Wednesday 12 - 3 p.m. (see page one)

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TO ALL YORK STUDENTS

What effect will Provincial financial policy have on students?

—bigger classes?
—fewer courses?
—increased costs?

President Macdonald and University representatives will be at a public meeting

Wed. Dec. 11 at 12:30 p.m.
Burton Auditorium

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Council of the York Student Federation