

# Forum

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## Andrews showed real hatred in Bearpit

*Excalibur's first Forum presents two views on last week's appearance by Western Guard leader Don Andrews, by Paul Stuart and Bill Eggertson. As well, a report by Oakland Ross on the condition of Valentyn Moroz.*

By PAUL STUART

On November 5, Don Andrews, the Western Guard Party leader and candidate for mayor of Toronto, was the guest at the Radio York Bearpit session.

His party wants to institute a

"White Christian Order" in Canada.

He is a racist and a fascist and he is proud of it.

Why is he running for mayor of Toronto?

"We have to show Mayor Crombie and the people against us how strong we are, so that they can't deal with us in a vacuum. You can deal with any gang in a vacuum..."

Why he came to York is a little harder to pin down. Radio York asked him to appear in keeping with a policy of "inviting controversial

speakers". Perhaps Andrews wanted to make some converts among the intelligentsia — if so he was quite unsuccessful.

Before the show got under way there was a large crowd around the bearpit, all thoroughly antagonistic, waiting for things to begin.

There was little rational debate with the man; such discussion is really impossible.

I made an attempt at one point. In response to an earlier question of mine about what his group would do about the black minority in this country if it rose to power, he said they would institute a 20-year programme of deportation.

### RACE MIXERS

I later inquired if he was in favour of freedom for whites.

"Not for white traitors," he said. "If there is anyone I can really develop a hate for it's race mixers." A 'race-mixer' he defined as "one who goes with a person of another race on a sexual basis".

In a series of questions, I tried to develop the point that such policies would severely limit the freedom of whites if they were implemented.

This was elementary, but what I was interested in was the way in which he would respond to a reasonable question, framed by a white.

After all, if he was talking to a reasonable white man he would have no excuse (in his own terms) to respond with a glib put-down.

Here is what it came down to:  
Q: Aren't you questioning my ability as a white man to live my own life?

A: Well, perhaps you've got a mental aberration.

Most of his responses were similarly snide, delivered in a sarcastic tone. But so were many of his questions and I was a little disappointed, to tell the truth, in a university audience's inability to really make the guy squirm.

This was due to the utter absurdity of the man's position; most people were content to voice their vehement opposition to everything he stood for, which — while understandable — lowered the quality of the debate a good deal.

### INSIGHT

Eventually a (black) questioner came up with the right combination of wit and insight to demolish Andrews.

He asked him, simply enough, "Why don't you want black people in Canada?"

"Because they have a different life style and attitude towards life."

"What is the black attitude toward life?"

"I don't know what it is."

"Come on," said the questioner, "You can't leave a generalization like that hanging, what is it?"

No answer (other than hemming and hawing).

"I was hoping," the questioner commented, "that your group would send someone intelligent to discuss these matters, but you are just an ass."

Host Rick Leswick tried to get an answer, but Andrews weaseled out by saying that he couldn't interrupt another questioner (who hadn't yet started to speak).

Eventually, the answer came and it was astoundingly silly.

"I consider Negroes to be a physical people. Their creative ability in abstract thought is relatively low."

He then proceeded to tie this inferiority in with the shape of black people's foreheads.

Truly an erudite fascist.

### AMAZEMENT

There was a genuine undercurrent of amazement in the audience.

Amazement that Andrews was saying the things he was and for some, amazement that he was allowed to say them.

A few brought up the question of whether or not avowed fascists and racists should be allowed a platform at all. To my mind it does little good to bring up homilies about freedom of speech where such people are concerned.

Dale Ritch, a Socialist League member, indicated during the bearpit programme that fascism is rising again in the western world.

As the western economy continued to falter, people like Andrews will get more and more opportunities to offer simple, brutal solutions to those hardest hit by hard times: the working people, the un-

educated and the jobless.

It is a historical fact that if Hitler had been denied his "democratic rights" 50 years ago, incalculable misery would have been avoided.

As the world teeters on the brink of another depression, it may be time for liberals to ask themselves if they want to risk repeating a terrible mistake.

### CANNIBALS

What else happened at the session? Andrews said he didn't hate Jews, that most blacks would likely be happy to return to Africa, and that once they did, they would become cannibals. (He said that after black people "threw the whites out of Haiti 200 years ago, they returned to cannibalism.")

Concerning the Chinese he had this to say: "I have nothing against a minority of Chinese living here. They're fine citizens, but I would certainly object to millions of them landing on our shores."

He said he had nothing against Jews. "Not this year," a black student observed.

And in the way he parodied the Caribbean accents of black questioners, he showed that he was not just a publicity seeker or a nut, but a real hater.



Rick Leswick and Don Andrews

## Bearpit format to continue despite protest of 'bigots'

By BILL EGGERTSON

It worries me to see that York University has the potential to degenerate into an ivory tower of narrow-minded bigots.

One good example of this move was demonstrated at last week's Radio York Bearpit session, when a number of students said radical elements from the Western Guard Party (represented by Don Andrews) should not be allowed on campus. One lady said Radio York should be ashamed of itself for inviting them.

I have no intention of defending the Western Guard. I have every intention of defending their right to speak.

The Bearpit always has been, and will continue to be, a place for people with minority or radical views to

present these views before a responsible audience in a mature way.

It really upsets me to see York students getting close to the actions employed last year to prevent a "racist" professor from speaking at the U of T. Last week, someone threw a coke can at Andrews. The week before, tempers flared when the Jews for Jesus were attempting to make a point. The York homophiles have complained of harassment in the Central Square area.

Perhaps these "bigots" and "racists" should be a bit more tolerant and considerate towards others. Hopefully, the Bearpit will help them to do so.

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## Moroz faces death

By OAKLAND ROSS

Russian dissident Valentyn Moroz is nearing death, said A.D. Sakharov in a telephone interview last week.

Sakharov, a nuclear physicist and chairman of the Moscow Human Rights Committee, spoke by telephone with representatives of the Canadian Committee for the Release of Valentyn Moroz. Moroz has been confined to an isolation cell in Vladimir prison since August, 1972 and, in protest against his treatment by prison officials, has been on a self-imposed hunger strike since last June.

"He is having heart seizures, he requires medication for his heart. The hunger strike is taking its toll; his face is jaundiced, his eyes are deeply sunk. He looks very bad...After forced feedings he urinates blood."

Sakharov added that Moroz expects to last for two more months, "but not any longer".

Moroz was permitted a visit from his wife and son last week. According to Sakharov, Moroz kissed the hand of his son during the meeting. "At that moment the guards jumped the 12-year old child, thinking that Moroz passed something on to him with his mouth."

"After a scuffle, the meeting was terminated."

Sakharov reported that Moroz' wife has pleaded with the Moscow KGB to help her husband. They have merely replied that "the fact that he (Moroz) continues his hunger strike is his private affair".

"Unless world opinion comes to his defence, Moroz will perish," said Sakharov.

In a communiqué released in October of this year, the USSR embassy in Ottawa reiterated the Soviet posi-

tion, first expressed last May, that Moroz "is guilty of seditious intention and conspiracy and not of thoughts or noble inspiration as he is pictured by his masters in the West". According to the communiqué, Moroz is serving his term "with the approval of the people of the Ukraine".

The communiqué also denied that Moroz is in poor health. It cited three entries from his prison medical record, the most serious of which involved "complaints about weakness following an inoculation". According to the communiqué, these entries constitute "exhaustive" proof that Moroz "has no complaints about the state of his health".

Representatives of the Committee for the Release of Moroz will meet today with Canadian minister for external affairs, Allan MacEachen. Canada has already officially protested the treatment of Moroz, but the Committee is pressing for a reiteration of this protest at a higher level. In Ottawa last week, a spokesman for the committee was quoted as saying "if Moroz dies, all hell will break loose".

Moroz was arrested in 1965 on a charge of "anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation". He was sentenced to four years of forced labour, which he served at the Beria Reservation. During his confinement at Beria, Moroz wrote a "reportage" which was distributed through underground channels and later used as evidence against him.

In it he wrote that "one can dress people in identical grey, build grey barrack-like buildings, burn all books except the official Talmud, and still a tiny crack of light, lethal to the mustiness of despotism, penetrates. Man's spiritual world remains".

Moroz was released in September, 1969. In June, 1970 he was "caught red-handed" and tried again under the same article of the Soviet Constitution. This time he was assessed a stiffer penalty.

Moroz is currently serving the fifth year of a six-year sentence at Vladimir maximum security prison near Moscow. He will also serve three years of forced labour and five years of exile.

If he lives long enough, Moroz will be released in June, 1984.