

JDL confront the accused

By FAY ZALCBERG

Violence erupted outside Old City Hall on Queen St. W. Monday as 50 demonstrators, including some York students, assembled to protest the activities of Ernst Zundel.

Zundel, 44, who operates the Semisdat Press on Carleton St., was charged with two counts of unlawfully publishing false statements about the Holocaust. The publications *The West, War, and Islam* and *Did Six Million Really Die?* were presented as evidence.

Zundel arrived in a chartered bus accompanied by 20 bodyguards clad in yellow hard hats when several scuffles ensued. A CBC cameraman met with physical resistance when he tried to film several demonstrators and angry protestors who struck the chartered bus as it left the scene.

The Jewish Defence League organized the rally. Meir Halevi, the league's national

director insisted "Nazi propaganda will never be tolerated in this city."

Police provided a barrier between demonstrators and Zundel's bodyguards.

The York Students For Responsible Action (YSFRA) distributed a flyer on campus last week urging students to attend the rally. "We do not support all methods of the JDL. In particular, we do not support the concept of courthouse demonstrations as these are often viewed as attempts to influence the decision of the court," said a member of YSFRA, who wished to remain nameless.

"We do however, strongly feel that in any circumstance in which Jews are likely to be harmed, every measure will be taken to ensure this does not happen," said the member.

Zundel is scheduled to appear in court June 18 where he will be arraigned and a trial date set.

Socialist puts women's cause in historical perspective

By STEPHANIE GROSS

Within the struggles of women through the years, there has often been a division—those women in the upper or middle classes, and those in the working class, according to Lindsey German in her talk on "Women in the Revolutionary Tradition" in Winters College Tuesday.

German took a historical look at women "beginning to organize and fight for ideas." She pointed to the French and Russian Revolutions, when women wanted the rights to education and certain work.

"The problems of being a woman were completely subdued compared to problems in the difference of class," said German.

German said women who worked in factories began to join unions and to fight "not on the basis of the common interests of women," but could best fight "for working class rights."

In the Russian Revolution "society as a whole began to take the responsibility of looking after the family and home," said German. They set up communal kitchens, laundries, and an organization for the purpose of educating women and encouraging them to take up their rights, she said. German said Bolshevik women won rights "in the workplace through workers' struggles."

German criticized "feminist separatists" saying "you cannot accomplish a change in society when only half the people are involved."

When questioned about the rising numbers of rape, wife battery, and sado-masochism in pornography German attributed it to the economic crisis saying "people internalize their anger" and cause harm to their families "to make them feel they have some power in a society that makes them feel powerless."



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Lindsay German

German said this is especially true in working class families or those families where unemployment has struck.

She said those who blame individual men or male dominance for the oppression of women "have moved women away from collective action." She said the oppression of women comes from the whole of society.

German, who hails from Britain, will give a series of talks in Canada and the U.S. She is a leading member of the British Socialists Worker's Party and a long time activist in the British women's movement. She is also the author of several articles on socialist and women's issues.

Her talk was sponsored by York's International Socialists Club.

King and bisexual repression

By DAVE BYRNES

The horror fiction of Stephen King "testifies to the urgency of the need for social sexual revolution," according to Atkinson film professor Robin Wood, who spoke on "Freud and the Repression of Bisexuality" at Bethune College Tuesday.

Wood said that King's work testifies to the "unbearable" sexual repression that is caused by our patriarchal capitalist society.

"Contemporary decadence is an absolutely logical outcome of capitalism itself," he said.

Wood equated the elements of evil and the supernatural in King's novels with sexual repression in patriarchal capitalist culture. He supported Freud's observation that "bisexuality is an innate condition for everyone in childhood" by disagreed with the founder of psychoanalysis's supposition that bisexuality

should be repressed in the course of normal individual development.

He argued that even Freud saw that repression "was already reaching the limits of the bearable."

Wood claimed that King's novels speak forcibly of this repression and "are in a very real sense written by the culture out of an urgent necessity."

Wood's talk was the third in a series of lunchtime seminars in Contemporary Cultural Studies, sponsored by The Robarts Centre For Canadian Studies (York) and the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The next lecture in the series will be held February 23 and will feature Raymond Morrow of Western University. His talk will deal with Quebec Nationalism and Alain Touraine's Theory of Social Movements.

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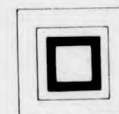
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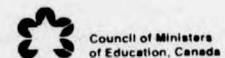
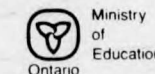
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