

# CTV apologizes for W5 program

Ottawa (CUP)—The CTV Television Network apologized publicly Sunday for airing a report on International students, on the W5 program, that has been called racist and inaccurate.

The apology comes five months after CTV broadcast the W5 report "The Campus Giveaway", which alleged that foreign students were taking the places of Canadian students in university programs.

The report also showed film of students of Chinese descent on campus while a voiceover talked about Canadian students being denied access to certain professional faculties. But a viewing of the film footage by members of the Ad Hoc Committee Against W5 found

that of all those shown, only two people were actually foreign students and that the rest were Chinese-Canadians.

The apology, read at the beginning of W5's program on Sunday, also said that another program will be aired at a later date that will "let all sides have their say" on the international student situation.

John Helliwell, Director of the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), said Monday that if CTV continues to move in the conciliatory tone of the apology, those fighting the program will be satisfied. "I consider it a major victory," said Helliwell. "I'm delighted with it."

W5's apology admitted that

figures it used which said there were 100,000 foreign students in Canadian schools were inaccurate.

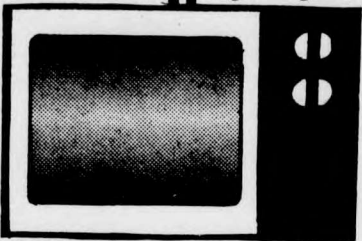
Liz Paterson, Director of the International Students' Centre at the University of Toronto, said she believes W5 seriously underestimated the reaction the report would get from campuses and the Chinese-Canadian community.

In addition to a protest by 2,000 people outside CTV headquarters in Toronto last month and other actions in various Canadian cities, several libel suits were filed against the network. It is not yet known if the suits will continue.

According to the Department of Immigration, there are 58,000 international students at all levels, including high schools,

community colleges and universities.

W5 also apologized for what members of Canada's Chinese community have called its racist overtones. "It was never our intention in doing the program to give offense to any Canadian community: W5 sincerely regrets any offense that may have been unintentionally given to the Chinese-Canadian community."



## Gulag survivor speaks

**Dan Gormley**

(The Varsity) Hundreds of people packed the Medical Sciences Building at U of T last Wednesday night to hear the address by Victor Herman, an American survivor of Stalin's Gulag Archipelago. The overflow crowd was apparently undeterred by charges that the entire event had been sponsored by the "Moonies"—members of the Unification Church.

Outside the auditorium, members of the Council On Mind Abuse (COMA) distributed leaflets claiming that the two campus groups organizing the lecture—the Canadian Unity and Freedom Federation (CUFF) and the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) are both associated with the church of Sun-Myung Moon.

Pamphlets distributed by COMA last Wednesday charged that the Unification Church was "using the good name of Victor Herman" as part of "another scheme to recruit people."

Inside the lecture hall, there was little sign of religion—Moonie or otherwise. Herman described his experiences as a member of a group of 300 idealistic American families who travelled in 1931 with the Ford Motor Co. to work in a Soviet

truck factory in Gorky.

He said that all of the families, once they became citizens of the Soviet Union, were liquidated in Stalin's labour camps. Herman, the only member of the group who did not give up his American citizenship, survived 10 years in such camps and was finally allowed to return to the United States in 1975.

He has related his experiences in a book called **Coming Out of The Ice**.

Herman, an accomplished athlete who coached several

prominent Soviet boxers after being released from the Gulag, gave his reasons for supporting an international boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

In response to questions from the audience, he also voiced his own feelings concerning detente and the need to oppose Soviet expansionism.

The single religious reference in the entire address arose when Herman claimed that "the only ideology or force ultimately capable of opposing communism is religion—God."



## Rally Ho!

Students who are going to the Queen's Park rally today should pay heed to the wise advice of the Ontario Federation of Students. In a recent newsletter, the organization printed the following "ADVICE TO PARTICIPANTS":

- \* Dress warmly.
- \* Bring banners, especially ones that identify your school.
- \* Go to the bathroom before you get on the bus.
- \* Practice the songs on the bus.
- \* Bring your own entertainment, like a small marching band, or a bagpipe or kazoos.
- \* Appoint marshals from each voice to help keep order.
- \* Make megaphones from construction paper and bring them along.
- \* Bring faculty and staff along.

To help students with their singing, the Council of the York Student Federation have published "SONGS OF HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION". One of the selections is "The Sound of Fee Hikes" (sung to the tune of "The Sounds of Silence"). The song goes as follows:

*Hello fee hikes my old friend,  
You've come to gouge me once again,  
Because of Tories softly creeping,  
Picked my pocket while I was sleeping,  
And the price they were charging  
was much too high,  
So bye bye,  
Now only rich are coming.*

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