

Arresting the world's top seven economic leaders

By ADAM KARDASH

"Excuse me Mr. Mulroney, but you're under arrest."

During the Economic Summit taking place in Toronto June 19-21, York Master of Environmental Studies student Karl Henriques will do his best to utter those words.

Henriques is one of several organizers of an *ad hoc* group entitled the York University Popular Summit Conference. The *ad hoc* committee is just one out of about a hundred diverse groups that have endorsed the Popular Summit, a set of events planned in protest of the Group of Seven's Economic Summit.

During a few days preceding the Economic Summit, a tribunal entitled "Crimes of the Official Terror Network" will inquire into the violations that the Group of Seven nations have committed against humanity. The tribunal will listen to the testimonies of over 150 activists speaking on various socio-political and environmental issues ranging from human rights violations to acid rain.

The Tribunal will specifically focus upon the violations of the Group of Seven as articulated by Bill C-71. The Bill, which was just recently passed in the House of Commons, established in Canadian Law the criminalization of crimes against humanity. The Bill calls for the indictment of Canadian citizens, and the refusal of entry of foreign citizens, involved in such crimes as murder, deportation, persecution, or any other inhumane act or omission.

Convictions against the Group of Seven nations will arise out of the testimonies given at the Tribunal. Then, after a rally to be held on the



19th, Henriques and about 100 other protesters, will march down University Avenue and attempt to serve warrants for the arrest of Prime Minister Mulroney and the rest of the Group of Seven leaders.

"This is a grass roots attempt to make sure our leaders address key social and political issues," Henriques explained. "We have to use the fact that leaders are here to get our point across."

A main goal of the Popular Summit is to establish a network between individuals interested in discussing these issues after the Economic Summit has ended. "We want to build linkages between academics and social activists," Henriques said. "We don't have the money for computer networks and FAX machines like our leaders do."

Another major Popular Summit event planned is the "Students For A

Just World" Tent City which will take place June 13-19. The Tent City will be set up in front of UofT's Hart House. The site will host a series of teach-ins to protest the use of the student run and funded Hart House for a Group of Seven dinner on June 17th.

"The (Hart House) students were not consulted about the dinner and are being forced to vacate the pre-

mises," Henriques stated. "The whole (Tent) city will be torn down by city officials long before the dinner, but we'll still get a tremendous amount of media coverage."

The Popular Summit is also hosting a Tour of Real Toronto throughout the early part of June. The Tour is designed to show visiting journalists what Henriques terms as "the flip-side of the prosperity coin." Journalists will be exposed to areas such as the Queen St. and Jarvis district, where poverty, hunger and homelessness are part of everyday life.

"Issues such as homelessness, racism, and hunger will not be discussed by the Group of Seven leaders," Henriques explained. "The Group of Seven don't have a Social Summit. The economic talks and subsequent decisions have profound social and political consequences. This is what we want to publicize."

Henriques seems determined to make the Popular Summit a success. "My motivation is based on a feeling of responsibility," Henriques said. "It is all part of my Masters project-Strategy for Social Change."

Some of the Popular Summit Organizers' more ambitious activities could result in confrontations with Metro's police force. Henriques even admits that he will likely spend the day in jail for his exploits.

Henriques, however, is well prepared for his law-breaking activities. "I've taken a course on non-violent civil disobedience," Henriques stated. "The two main rules are not to wear anything loose and to hold your thumbs firmly in your fists so the cops can't break them."

Construction, construction, and much more construction

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As the York community is about to find out, there is no joy in Mudville. Bracing itself for about three years of mud, dust, noise, and pot holes, York University is about to embark on the most extensive amount of campus construction since the 1960s.

York administration has already taken a number of steps towards easing some of the aggravation that the York construction boom is bound to cause. For example, as study has already examined the service access needs of the academic and administrative units in the campus core.

In addition, York's Department of Physical resources has formed a committee that will deal with all the problems relating to physical access during construction. The committee will study TTC routes, pedestrian walkways, access for the handicapped, in addition to the general movement of emergency, service and general vehicles.

The University will also establish a "construction hot-line" in the fall that will enable the York community to keep fully informed on the latest developments and the effect that they might have on the day-to-day campus functioning.

Campus Development Update:

- Construction on York's New Academic Building, to be located in front of Ross Building's South Tower, is scheduled to begin in late fall and is anticipated to be completed by September 1990. The building will likely consist of classroom and office space.

- The student centre will hopefully open its doors sometime in the winter of 1990. Construction on the project will likely begin in early '89, although the official sod-turning will take place in mid-September.

The Centre will be located east of the Behavioural Science Building



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(BSB) and just south of the Stedman Lecture Halls (SLH). The facility will house offices, space for student clubs and organizations, reception areas and interview rooms for the Peer

Support Centre, the Volunteer Centre, the Women's Centre and a host of other activities. It will also contain several common rooms, student lounge space, a large restaurant/pub, a separate food court area, an art gallery, music and listening rooms, a used bookstore, and an information and ticket counter.

- The ground has already been broken for construction to begin on the Centre for Fine Arts Phase III. The building will be located just east of Burton auditorium and will contain the Department of Theatre and the Department of Film and Video. The building is scheduled for completion by September '89.

- Parking lot HH, located just south of the Fine Arts building, has been expanded and now contains space for an additional 300 cars. As well, 75 spaces will be available in parking lot KK. The lot, which is

located just north of Steacie, will be ready for use early this summer. Both lots will initially be used for daily parking and later they will be used to accommodate the parking spaces that will be lost during construction.

- Two student housing projects are also in the works. One low-rise, apartment style building, consisting of 214 bachelor and 162 one-bedroom units, is tentatively scheduled to open in August of 1989. It will be located adjacent to the existing Assiniboine Rd. apartments. Another 270 bed single student residence, to be erected adjacent to Stong and Bethune Colleges, is set to open in August 1990.

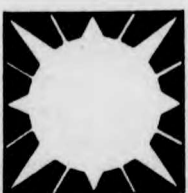
The University has sent proposals to the Provincial government in an attempt to receive financial assistance from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities' student housing subsidy programme.

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