

Communist, prof, student debate

By GAIL EVASIUK

The invasion of Czechoslovakia was an absolute necessity for the preservation of world peace said William Kashtan of Toronto, Tuesday noon in TL 11.

The leader of the Canadian Communist Party was participating in a debate on Czechoslovakia with Gabriel Fischer, U of A poli sci prof., and Sybyl Sargeant, arts 3.

The communist leader said there were alternative proposals to the present situation in Czechoslovakia.

"Czechoslovakia could separate from the Warsaw Treaty countries." "Czechoslovakia could adopt a position of neutrality in the world."

As the country is in a strategic position, realization of the former proposal would change the balance

of power in Europe, said Kashtan. West German interests and imperialists could use the freer situation to advance their interests, he said.

Although the measure taken in August "was a matter of internal concern for Czechoslovakia, it was, by virtue of its strategic position, a matter of concern for other members of the socialist community."

"The occupation, by ensuring the peace and security in Europe, safeguarded world peace and security," Kashtan said.

"If a move prevents the danger of war, then the move is of benefit to humanity."

"Part of the danger arose because of the fact that West Germany is in collusion with the U.S." West Germany is still trying to

unite Germany and rule Europe, he said.

Gabriel Fischer, U of A expert on Eastern Europe, agreed that Germany is still a threat to European peoples.

"I would be the last one to omit the emotional and real consequences of the German problem in Europe today," Fischer said.

As the USSR bore the main burden of World War II against Germany, "It is my conviction there is no popular opposition in the Soviet Union to the Czechoslovakian invasion because the German problem is involved."

The Czech communist party never gave up the idea of a German threat, he said. "The party does not want to get rid of a Soviet alliance."

But Germany itself presents no real danger because the Soviet army is too strong, he said.

"The danger exists only if West Germany is allied with the United States. If this is so, then we

have a U.S.-USSR confrontation."

The situation has evolved to the problem of a permanent type of intervention of the Soviet Union in Czechoslovakia and possible escalation of this intervention, he said.

The Czech communist party had been the real leader of the population. Now the party is not followed one hundred per cent, he said.

"The Soviet Union did not intervene because the Czech party had no authority; it intervened because it had too much authority," Fischer said.

"The power and influence of the Czech communist party have been eroded with the present compromises. . . . This is a tragedy for the cause of socialism and for the cause of the Soviet Union," he said.

Miss Sybyl Sargeant invited to participate by the sponsors, viewed the invasion as an effort by the Soviet Union to maintain socialist solidarity and world peace.

"West German provocation and infiltration into Czechoslovakia threatened Communist territories and world peace," she said.

"Troops were called into negotiate with the Czech government. Now that negotiation is taking place, the troops are starting to withdraw."

"The action was necessary to preserve the solidarity of the smaller nations."

"Although the U.S. denounced these actions, the U.S. thought nothing of intervening in the affairs of Russia and Cuba in 1962," Miss Sargeant said.

The debate was sponsored by the Norman Bethune Marxist Study Group.

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New university symphony will debut Monday night

By BRIAN CAMPBELL

Just picture the Marching Band stomping through Dvorak's "New World" Symphony or the Mixed Chorus doing Brahms' Violin Concerto in D.

Can't do it? It's not surprising because at one time that wasn't the campus bag in music.

The University Symphony is about to change that with a concert including these works in SUB Theatre this Monday at 8:30 p.m. The University Symphony has had its ups and downs since it was formed before WWII and has been in virtual hibernation since then.

But now what we can call the new University Symphony is a strong, 72-member orchestra under the direction of Ted Kardash, a slim, bearded, second-year music student. Kardash, originally from Winnipeg, studied conducting for five years at the Kiev Conservatory.

The University Symphony is the only student-financed group of its kind in Canada, and Kardash sees "no reason why the orchestra can not become a viable part of the community." The concert on Oct. 18 is the first step towards this goal.

The US will also perform Tschai-kovsky's Marche Slav at the Monday concert.

There are two more concerts planned for this year. In February the orchestra will present a pops concert with Simon and Garfunkel (music, not in person) on the program as well as some light classical works, and in March they will do Shostakovich's 1st Symphony.

But Kardash is looking beyond this year in his overall plan for the group.



TED KARDASH

"We would like to premiere Canadian works," he says. "We have many active composers on this campus whose works need a hearing."

He also sees high school concerts as a distinct future possibility.

According to Kardash, the feature of this first concert will be the Brahms Violin Concerto with Broderyck Olson as soloist. Mr. Olson is the assistant concertmaster of the Edmonton Symphony. Tickets for the first concert are one dollar and are available at the door.

Official notices

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The honorary degrees are to be received by physicist Dr. Herbert Frohlich and to Judge John E. Read.

Dr. Frohlich will give the convocation address and President Dr. Walter H. Johns will report to Convocation.

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