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You can't stop
the revolution,
Mann says**

By BOB ROTH

Students cannot hold back the revolution but they can help it, S.D.S. fieldworker Eric Mann told York students yesterday.

Mann, a Cornell University graduate and active member in the U.S. Students for a Democratic Society, told 250 students in Winters dining hall "we have to fight as hard as we can now."

"We will not be able to hold back the revolution but we'll be able to help it," he said.

"The revolution is going to be made by the third world. . . by black people. . . by the Canadian working people.

"When the shit comes down you're going to be forced to choose — and to act."

He explained why revolution was inevitable:

"You can't maintain stability when most of the people in the world hate their lives."

The reason the United States has such a high standard of living he said is because "the contradictions of capitalism have been rationalized temporarily through the exploitation of the third world."

"Ninety percent of Venezuelan oil is ours. Bolivia's tin is ours. Chile's copper is ours," he told students.

Therefore, for America to be affluent, third world people must live in poverty, and even with all the world's resources, at its disposal the U.S. does not take care of many of its people, Mann said.

Students graduating from North American universities are realizing that their role is "to hold together a system that most people don't like."

When the conflict reaches students "we have to choose whether we want to fight on the side of the people on top or on the side of the people on the bottom," he said.

"Canada is not a land of milk and honey. There's a lot of suffering," he said. "If we put our heads together, we can change it."

Mann told the students to maintain a strong defiance of authority. "Every time you're bored in a lecture, yawn very loudly," he said. He also advocated getting up and challenging lecturers when they tell lies.

Mann was asked why he did not devote much energy towards attacking Soviet imperialism.

He replied by saying he thought that U.S. imperialism at this time was far more dangerous but "after that we'll take care of the Soviet Union."

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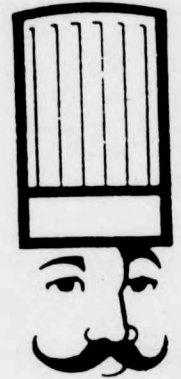
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