

Students form Israel mobilization group

Jewish union decries diplomacy of terrorism

By SHELLEY RABINOVITCH
 "The terrorists have been shown that the technique of guerrilla warfare works. Not only that, but the Arab countries are actually patting them on the back," stated Linda Ross, director of the Student Zionist Organization and member of SMI, the Student Mobilization for Israel Committee.

"As students, we are saying that we are not going to be caught like the Israeli government was in the Yom Kippur War — with its pants down. We are trying to do something."

The SMI, a joint venture of the Jewish student groups in Toronto (including Hillel House, the Jewish

Student Federation, and the Student Zionist Organization, and others), is trying to end the "lack of sensitivity in the diplomatic community" through a series of committees.

SMI is built on a general committee which has four sub-committees — fund raising, newspaper/letter, educational, and a volunteer programme. Their services include the dissemination of information, open forums, a speaker series and a (planned) critical analysis of major newspapers (New York Times, Washington Post, etc.) as to their stands on the issue.

According to Linda Ross, the SMI is "a basically moderate organization. We believe in national deter-

mination not only of Palestine, but of all peoples in the Mid-East. However, this must include Israel, which is a country of over two million people with a common language and religion."

When asked if the tactics of the Palestine Liberation Organization could be paralleled with those of the Stern Gang and the Irgun of the 1940s, Lind replied, "The Irgun and Stern Gang were considered outcasts by the Jewish people. Within an hour after an act of terrorism, Jewish leaders would publicly

denounce the action.

"The PLO, on the other hand, is not only condoned by the Arab states, it is praised. Those who die while committing acts of terrorism are called 'martyrs'.

"The Arabs are using oil as a weapon; the world is afraid of another oil embargo, so the tactics being used now are of appeasement. If the Arab states care so much about the Palestinians, why don't they use some of their money to help them?"

SMI is being run on the York cam-

plus through the Jewish Student Federation, and will be having guest speakers on the issue on campus. Created two weeks ago, the SMI has already distributed leaflets and set up an information table in Central Square in mid-November. They will also have a mass meeting at 8 p.m. on December 4, at Holy Blossom Temple, Bathurst and Ava Road.

More information on the SMI can be obtained from Linda Ross, spokeswoman for York's faction or the Jewish Student Federation in S101 Ross.

City cutbacks hamper daycare centre, as fees double and toy budget expires

The York University Co-operative Daycare Centre is facing serious financial problems.

As of January 1, 1975, the cost of daycare for the average child will increase from \$103 per month to \$155 per month. Last January the cost to parents was \$75.

This increase is due to the fact that the city will no longer subsidize the centre for the same amount it has in

the past. The city allots the daycare centre a certain sum per child, based on the expenses of running the centre; that cost is \$9.25 per day per child based on a 18-day month.

After January 1, it will cost parents \$1,860 a year to have their children in the daycare centre. Many of these parents are full-time students who cannot afford to pay this much, and they may receive some assistance from the city.

Originally, the daycare centre could claim such expenses as rent and janitorial services, which amount to slightly over \$20,000 a year. But since York provides these services at no cost to the centre, the city will no longer recognize them as valid claims. Total subsidies from the city had amounted to nearly \$30,000.

The centre is currently cutting its budget in order to keep the cost of daycare down. Centre director Maria de Wit claims "the centre spends

less than \$1 a day per child for food. It is impossible to cut back anymore in this area."

According to de Wit, the children are using the back of old exams for painting, and such things as memos to be sent to parents are being written on previously used paper. The amount of money allotted for toys is also being cut.

Alix Stainton, chairwoman of the centre, claims that 80 per cent of the \$150,000 needed to run the centre for one year is spent on the staff salaries and that there is no possible way to cut back on staff.

This Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. the centre is holding a fund-raising rummage sale and a raffle on the first floor of Atkinson residence. Students will be able to purchase things such as books, records, plants and crafts. Tickets for the raffle will be sold five for \$1, and there are many prizes offered.

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