

South African struggle

U.S. imperialism imposed on Rhodesians

By GARY KINSMAN

Black students in South Africa "are determined to break the apartheid system," said Lydia Makgopela, a spokeswoman for the South African Organization of Students, Thursday.

She spoke at a meeting sponsored by the National Association of South Africans in Canada, the York Young Socialists, and the Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) Students Association.

Nkosana Maraire, speaking for the Zimbabwe Students Association, said the recent plan to allow a gradual transition to majority rule in Zimbabwe is an attempt by "U.S. imperialism to impose its solution on the people of Zimbabwe." He said "the western powers continue to trade with Rhodesia," in violation of their own statements. In his view, "no Zimbabwe will be born by signing a piece of paper but will only be guaranteed by the militants in the field." The U.S. in his view does not want any "fundamental change" but the only, "real solution is the removal of the fascist, racist infrastructure of Smith." He concluded that there is a "need for continuing support to the Zimbabwe people in their fight for liberation."

Lydia Makgopela has a son in Soweto, South Africa, where the revolt against apartheid began last spring. She was a lecturer at the University of the North at Turfloop and a staff advisor for the South African Organization of Students (SASO). She described the origins of SASO and its evolution into the "leadership" of the present struggle in South Africa. She described the "spreading idea of

black consciousness", and the "breaking away of youth from the attitudes of their parents who they blame for helping to maintain the system."

Makgopela said the protests were now involving black parents and workers. Later in the discussion period she explained how high school students had sparked the latest struggle and how SASO a

university based group had quickly moved in to support them. She also said the "fighters in South Africa will not stop until they rid the country of the imperialist monster."

Heidi Fischer speaking for the Young Socialists spoke about "support for the South African regime by the Canadian government through NATO." She said

Canadian weapons "were being used against the Namibian liberation forces." According to Fischer, "Canadian corporations are able to reap super profits in South Africa by the super exploitation of African workers." She said, "In 1972 Massey Ferguson had made 8 million in gross profits and Alcan 5 million in South Africa through paying low wages to black

workers." Fischer concluded by pointing to the need to "build a strong movement in defence of the blacks in Southern Africa."

During the discussion period the possibility of "direct links between RCMP and the South African police" was raised and the problems of South African blacks in getting landed immigrant status in Canada were aired.

Give love a chance: June Callwood

By DEBBIE PEKILIS

Vanier College's tenth anniversary began last Thursday as the journalist and author June Callwood addressed a dinner party in the dining hall.

Callwood's speech emphasized the importance of showing kindness and compassion to the less fortunate members of our society, namely welfare mothers, babies, and the mentally ill.

"It is touching to have a university in 1975 involving itself in community work ten years after every other university did," she said. During the 1960's, "we thought we gave love a chance and then it didn't work out. Now we are giving hate a chance, but it won't work out any better." She pointed out that, "during the 1960's we didn't really give brotherhood or real love a chance. We just had a lot of noise and a lot of flowers." Now that the 1960's are over, she said, York has a chance to show other universities what real brotherhood is all about.

Vanier College Master, Michael Creal, said in a speech saluting the college's ten years "the past ten

years have been a time of enormous social change and nowhere has this change been reflected more dramatically than in this university."

"Ten years ago, York had hardly begun on this campus," he said. "It was supposed to be a new kind of university, where we could do things that were different from other universities." He said York 10 years ago had the same amount of

student protest as other universities at that time, "but it was an interesting mixture of student unrest and student eagerness to build a university."

He feels that Vanier's 10th anniversary is "a period of reassessment, of reflecting on where we are now and where we are going in the future."

Other speeches were made by York President H. Ian Macdonald

and Vanier's representative to CYSF, Cindy Parks.

Other celebrations in honour of Vanier's tenth anniversary have been planned jointly by Vanier Council, who sponsored the dinner. A big reunion of former Vanier students, Masters, Tutors, Council Chairmen, and others, is planned for the weekend of October 22-24.

Alberta students won't support the October 14 Day of Protest

EDMONTON (CUP) — The University of Alberta students union will not support the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) in its day of protest October 14 against the federal government's wage and price controls, the union executive announced September 27.

The executive said it could not support involvement in a national walkout which might be illegal and which would have a detrimental

effect on the Canadian economy.

"We can't say whether our opinions reflect the opinions of 29,999 student on campus," student union president Len Zoetman said, "and students will have to abide by their own consciences on October 14."

"But we can't support a protest of questionable legal outcome where, in a number of cases, people are

breaking contractual agreements."

Zoetman said his executive also felt students had nothing to gain by walking out of class because they are paying to study on campus and are not workers.

The University of Alberta has joined ranks with University of Toronto's Student Administrative Council in opposition to the day of protest.

Ross wall posters banned

By DAVID SALTMARSH

A memo from Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, John Becker, has warned that any posters or notices posted on the walls of the Ross Building or Central Square will be removed by the cleaning staff.

Becker sent the notice to most organizations frequently posting notices in these areas. It said the only acceptable locations for notices are on the bulletin boards.

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The decision to implement this policy came in August although the policy itself was drawn up by the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) in October 1974. The reason for the move was to clear up some of the clutter of notices and to improve the appearance of the areas, said Becker.

According to Gord Travers of the York Social Co-op the main complaint is "too many people putting notices up

for the number of bulletin boards available".

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Jeff Atkinson of the York Progressive Conservative Association agrees with the general idea of the policy but both he and Travers feel there should be special notice boards available for specific purposes, such as social events or political clubs.

Paul Kellogg of the United Left Coalition called it "a silly policy. The walls of York on the whole are quite ugly... the posters help brighten up the halls."

CYSF President Barry Edson said he

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would "have to talk to Becker about it".

Later, when asked by Edson what one should do if he couldn't find room to post a notice on a notice board, Becker said, "If there's no room on the notice board, he should clean the notice board".

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