



THE MASSES DIDN'T COME

Excalibur - Harry Kitz

This was the scene in the Winters dining hall last Thursday when about 30 people, including the members of the Presidential Committee on Rights and Responsibilities of Members of York University and York president Murray Ross, turned out to a public hearing to discuss the committee's report. Then-Winters College Council president Marshall Green complained that the rights and responsibilities of university staff had not been mentioned in the report. Young Socialist Jim

Chisholm said the report was "vaguely worded" and charged that leaving the responsibility to call police on campus to the university president was "a real threat" to students. Assistant vice-president in charge of student services John Becker reprinted 2,000 copies of the 16-page committee report published in EXCALIBUR last November to advertise the hearing.

## 300 told to stop Spadina or else

By MIKE SAVAGE

Bill Thompson is worried Toronto might soon be just another Los Angeles and he wants to do something about it.

At a meeting organized by the Stop Spadina Save Our Cities Coordinating Committee in the Winters JCR last Thursday, Thompson, a native of Los Angeles now teaching humanities at York, told an audience of 300 the Spadina Expressway must be stopped or Toronto, too would become a city split into hundreds of ghettos by expressways.

He said the California city's 4-1/2 million cars and "filing cabinet" houses were "like a bad dream," and blamed Los Angeles' high divorce rate and migrant population on "this Berlin Wall that's a freeway."

Controversial Ward 7 alderman John Sewell told the audience to confront their aldermen by phone or in person about the expressway problem. "They get scared" when faced in person by their constituents, he said.

Sewell outlined four assumptions underlying the Spadina Expressway part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

"They don't want to plan a transportation

system that will help the city," he said. "They can't convince people they don't need their cars" to go downtown.

"They're really saying 'let's keep the power in the hands that have it now. Let's not change the system,'" he said.

Sewell said 30 per cent of Toronto residents didn't own a car in 1961 and noted that many people are still dependent on public transport. But politicians are not interested in human needs and how to satisfy them, he said.

He said politicians are "interested in what developers will do." They want to keep power.

"It's difficult to study human needs. People who don't own cars don't have much money, so they don't count," Sewell said.

What can you do? "Develop some sort of program to intimidate them," Sewell said. He said you just have to confront the politicians and let your views be known.

Pollution Probe member Rob Mills views the problem from the ecological standpoint.

The obvious effects of expressways are that, usually, parkland is being paved. Parks keep cities liveable, Mills said. Trees in the city in the summer are 20 to 30 degrees

cooler than the surrounding air. If the trees are not there, he said, the temperature goes up.

Trees soak up carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. A city without enough trees would be "unfeasible and intolerable," Mills said, along with cars that emit carbon dioxide and noise pollution.

He cited studies done in New York on noise pollution where it was found that many New Yorkers have a hearing level lower than that in the rest of the country. "I guess the New York Philharmonic Orchestra will have to play a little louder" Mills said.

"Pollution and urban planning are completely interwoven," he said. Population will have to be kept down somehow, because more people means more pollution, Mills said.

Dennis Lee discussed some of the facts presented in *The Bad Trip, The Untold Story of the Spadina Expressway* (see review, page 15).

The Spadina Expressway is just one phase of one planning item, Lee said. If the freeway goes through the other five or six expressways will go through too. They are all part of one plan.

Paul Levine, a York humanities professor, asked who wants the expressway. He said former Metro chairman Fred Gardiner was partly responsible for pushing the expressway item through city council.

Gardiner quit politics several years ago to work for a developer. Gardiner promised at the time the decision was made that the expressway, if it was built, would end at Lawrence Avenue. The present plan would link the expressway to the Gardiner Expressway at the lakeshore.

A lot of what went on in the early sixties regarding the Spadina Expressway is suspect, to say the least, Levine said. Quoting from *The Bad Trip*, Levine revealed how North York controller Irving Paisley "invented organizations that had died, people that had died, and wrote letters in their name."

Levine said Paisley "filed 25 briefs for ratepayer organizations that did not exist. He invented public opinion." The Paisley case is documented in *Politics Canada*, edited by Paul Fox.

Jack Granatstein, a York history professor, gave a passionate plea for help to put the facts before the public. "We need manpower," he said.

## Our leaders 'selling us out' — Mathews

By JOHN KING

Students at York are going to have to "threaten" university president Murray Ross "very seriously" before York will become a Canadian university,

Carleton University English professor Robin Mathews warned Friday.

Speaking to a capacity audience in the McLaughlin junior common room Mathews told students and

faculty: "we must become more militant. The people who run this country are selling us out."

Mathews quoted a document released by the Committee of Presidents of the Universities of Ontario saying "scholarship is useful and citizenship is not a criterion" by which to choose faculty to bring to a university.

"They are saying they are content... that Canadian faculty is disappearing," Mathews said. He noted that the United States has strict immigration laws to keep out foreign professors. "Canada is the only country to open its doors" to foreign professors he said.

Mathews admonished prime minister Pierre Trudeau for his anti-nationalistic views.

He quoted a New York Times interview with Trudeau, an interview which, Mathews said, was read into the U.S. congressional record. In the interview Trudeau was quoted as saying "I think the problem of economic domination (by the United States) is inevitable... they are the facts of life and they don't worry me."

In another interview Mathews said Trudeau was quoted as saying: "I am against nationalism in general."

"The colonial-mindedness in Canada is destroying Canada demonstrably," Mathews said. "Anyone who takes over the country economically takes over the means of transmitting culture."

Throwing off charges that he was an academic racist Mathews said: "We are not picking on individuals. We are picking on a major Canadian problem."

"They (U.S. professors) believe they come from a superior country. They honestly believe they are bringing culture to the wogs, that they're going to an underdeveloped country... They've been conditioned to believe it," he said.

"The United States has always coveted Canada," Mathews said. "We know this has been a normal thing — the American desire to eat up Canada, and the Canadian desire to survive."

Mathews also admonished the Canada Council for their policy in handing out grants. If universities hire 70 per cent non-Canadians, Mathews said, then the Canada Council thinks it has to give away 70 per cent of its grants to non-Canadians.

Mathews said he approached the council with figures showing only 32 per cent of their grants had been given to Canadians. "You're wrong — it's 37 per cent," the Canada Council replied.

Mathews said that eventually "the Canadian begins to feel he is in a no-man's-land — a feeling that

comes out of absentee landlords."

He said Canadians only own about 20 per cent of their economy.

Mathews criticized University of Toronto president Claude Bissell for recognizing that there is "a major invasion" of U.S. professors, but for doing nothing about it.

"He said his little bit and then ran away," Mathews said.

Mathews said 85 per cent of the faculty hired at Carleton last year were non-Canadian "and this year we will do the same."

"If they were 10 per cent... they'd be a mild problem," Mathews said. He also noted that only 50 per cent of full time PhD students in Canada are Canadians.

"We must have legislation about proportions of Canadians in universities," he said.

He urged York students to "do your own thing where you can. Make the Liberal Party a Canadian party. I think they'll destroy you in the process, but show them you can do it."

"We are going to be masters in our own house."

## Prof called racist

To raise the issue of Americanization of York is to expose yourself to unpleasant and degrading harassment says C.I. Lumsden of the social science division of Atkinson College.

Addressing an audience gathered to hear Robin Mathews in McLaughlin College last Friday, Lumsden claimed that "racist" and "fascist" had been scrawled over a poster he had posted in Atkinson College to solicit the names of those interested in for-

ming a Canadian liberation group.

"The purpose of the group," the poster says, "would be to analyze the nature of the education offered by Atkinson College with respect to the citizenship and ideology of the faculty and the content of the courses."

Claiming that "the situation at Atkinson was critical" Lumsden was dismayed that "just to raise the issue is to be called a racist and a fascist."



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