

Security Director Dunn to examine report

Proposal for new van service well-received

Barb Bench
A van service for students travelling on campus after dark is in the preliminary stages. York Security staff would drive the four vans presently in various departments of the university on four separate routes leaving simultaneously and covering all main pathways. Two of the routes would extend off campus, (on Sentinel to Finch and, on Shoreham to Jane St.). Many students live near the campus nearby because they could not get into over crowded residences. The vans would leave from the front of Ross and the front of Complex II at 6:15, 6:30, 9:15, 11:15, 1:15 and 1:30 in the winter time when it gets dark at 5:00. It would be run on a trial basis depending upon the ridership.

Valence Ellies, chairperson for Stong Executive, has designed the plans for the van service to encourage students to remain at school for classes, to use the library, services and to attend school activities and still feel safe getting to classes and home. He has spoken to John Becker, Assistant Vice-President in charge of student relations, who responded positively saying that "Although it's going to take a little time to work out (due to Metro bylaws for insurance), it will be helpful, especially for young ladies travelling to remote corners of the parking lots." Becker told Excalibur that he referred Ellies to George Dunn, Department of Safety and Security but when Excalibur asked Dunn about the possibility of

a van service at York, Dunn refused to comment saying: "I haven't any comments to Excalibur about anything!"

Ellies said that he has spoken with Dunn and received a positive response. he has also set up a meeting with Mr. W. Small, Vice-President of University service and if he receives his approval, a formal presentation will be given to George Dunn from Ellies for submission to the University.

Ellies said he thought of the idea of a van service at York over the summer when he visited Queen's and Western University, which both run a van service. he has learned

through Dunn and Becker that the money can be made available, the vans are there and they can be used. "It's entirely up to the students if they want it to be a success. It's likely now that the service can be offered; the ridership will determine if it stays."

Comments or suggestions referring to the van service may be mailed or dropped off at: Stong College Enquiry Office, Room 313 Stong, in care of Valence Ellies.

The colleges will discuss the van service at the next meeting of the "Working committee on Campus Security", Wednesday, October 27 at Bethune College.

EXCALIBUR STAFF

meets today at 1 p.m. in the Newsroom.



Disarmament conference

Carol Brunt
Disarmament--the emerging Global Mandate, is the theme of the 2nd Annual Conference organized by Operation Dismantle. It will be held at York University, October 22-23rd.

Guest speakers at the conference, which begins Friday afternoon and continues throughout the weekend, include Margaret Laurence, author of *The Diviners*; David Cartwright, Executive Director of one of the largest disarmament organizations in the United States; E.P. Goussanov from the Soviet Embassy; Art Eggleton, mayor of Toronto. The conference concludes with a banquet Saturday evening at which Paul McRae, MP for Thunder Bay-Atikokan and Dr. Linus Pauling, supporter of disarmament, will speak.

Operation Dismantle is encouraging world-wide disarmament through a global referendums, in more than 120 cities and towns across Canada, are set to coincide with this Fall's municipal elections. It is hoped that the results will reflect the 1978 Gallup poll that showed 70

per cent of Canadian are in favour of a world-wide referendum. It is hoped that this will convince the Canadian government to propose the idea of global referendum at the United Nations.

Since its inception in 1977, Operation Dismantle has gained the support of 138 MP's some of whom, including Paul McRae, are on a Canada-wide tour to promote the referendum in advance of the elections.

According to Roy McFarlane, representative from the Ottawa office, the conference will hopefully motivate the general public and students at York to get out and vote (their) support. The City of North York has not added the question of disarmament to their municipal ballots.

The conference will be held in Burton Auditorium, Keele Campus. Tickets are \$5.00 per session; half price for students. Banquet tickets are \$15.00. Session times and speakers, are available Thursday at the Operation Dismantle desk, Central Square between 12 noon and 2 p.m.

Spanish veterans are seeking recognition from government

At the time when Hitler was on the rise, Mussolini firmly entrenched in Italian politics, and Francisco Franco rising fast, the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion, a group of Canadian volunteers, went to Europe to fight against facism in the Spanish Civil War of 1937. The Mac-Pap's are now fighting for recognition of their contribution to history.

On Sunday October 17th a smattering of people, mostly Mac-Pap vetrans gathered together at O.I.S.E. in their last efforts to seek recognition. Included in the list of speakers was Provincial NDP leader Bob Rae, Bill Beeching editor-writer of the still unpublished book *Canadian Volunteers in Spain 1936-1939* by members of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion and Tom Butler of the Toronto Workshop Theatre who recited hemingway's Eulogy to the International Brigades. The problem facing the Mac-Pap's is that they fought against facists and facism before it became the dilemma of the "free" world.

Hitler and Mussolini

The Spanish Civil War of 1937 saw facist forces overthrow a democratically elected government. Generalissimo Franisco Franco, aided by European facist allies, "Hitler and Mussolini", then came to power. This was considered a localized crisis as politicians such as Mackenzie King and Neville Chamberlain did not recognize the facist threat and

even condoned Hitler's actions in pre-WWII Germany. Consequently the Mackenzie-Papineau volunteers, a left wing contingent, went off to Spain to fight their war against facism. This action was condemned by the Canadian government and laws were passed impending fine or imprisonment to any Canadian who fought in Spain at this time. Ironically only a few years later "legitimate" Canadian forces fought for the same ideals and against the same enemy.

Final campaign

Aging and unrecognized the Mac-Pap's final campaign is a fight for honour and recognition for their role in history.

NDP Bob Rae has been deeply involved in the movement. Rae's Private-members Bill concerning recognition for the Mac-Paps was never passed by Parlement. His message was that of inspiration as he stated that the Battalion had fought for, "the noblest political ideal, that of social democracy. After delivering his speech Rae continued canvasing to gain support for the upcoming by-election.

The fight goes on for the surviving vetrans of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion. Vetrans Ross Russell summed up the feeling of the gathering when he said, "They get recognition after they're dead. Were trying to have it happen before they die." 1987 will be the Mac-Pap's 50th anniversary.

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