

letters to the editor

Free North Movement needs data

Sir:

It was gratifying to see Dr. Paul Ehrlich's "Eco-catastrophe" reprinted in the first issue of Excalibur for this school year. That, plus the fact that you ran an article on the attempt by CUS and the Free North Movement to expose the Mid-Canada Development Corridor Concept for what it is, leads me to the purpose of my letter.

I am a Civil Engineering Technologist, specializing in the field of geomechanics (applied ecology). I quit my job working in conjunction with the Federal Government to assume the position of Research Director: Ecolog-

ical and Resource Management Factors, for the Free North Movement. Basically, it is my intention to direct the collection and collation of all the available physiographic data on Canada, so as to run a system's analysis on the ecology of Canada, and represent it mathematically (employing linear vector analysis, involving anywhere from 5,000 to 25,000 factors, and utilizing some of the most sophisticated programming techniques and computers in existence). It can be done, and surprisingly enough, for practically nothing.

The potential uses of this research should be obvious; a water and mineral resources inventory of all of Canada would be created, allowing anyone to follow and criticize exploitation and pollution accurately, even to the extent of extrapolating present trends and proposals to see the logical conclusion of present actions.

What we need firstly is a group of interested people on each and every campus, who are willing to spend a couple of hours every week for the next few months in digging up data and sending it in to us. The nature of the data we will need will largely depend on the kind of long-range concerns the people working choose to express; i.e., if someone is concerned about the results of phosphate pollution on Lake Erie, say, then it is easy to outline the general nature of the data needed to run such an analysis. I would be prepared to come down to your campus to explain this research program, if there were any interested individuals who would care to get involved in it.

Besides this area of research, there are other sections of the Movement studying the labour movement, student unrest, Corporate control and U.S. investment in Canada, and the role of the university in resolving the resultant conflicts. All of these areas need other people in other places, willing to do a little work, if the facts are to be uncovered, and action based on that knowledge to be forthcoming.

Secondly, although we are prepared to operate on a shoe-string budget, even a shoe-string must make ends meet; Would the students Council of York, or any of the other clubs or associations in the University be prepared to contribute towards this effort? It goes without saying that the information would then be available to any such contributors. We could prepare reports on almost any area of concern by this coming spring, either for

collective or individual use. My department's first task is a critical study of all of the existing plans for export of Canadian waters to the USA, and it should be ready by the end of October.

Would anyone who is interested in our program please contact me at: 104-A.S. Cumberland St., Port Arthur, Ont.

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the government was held responsible for services.

The act of giving in terms of money "frees" people of any further responsibility. They've done their bit. The health campaigns deliberately use the attitude with highly emotional appeals. I think this association of helping with giving money is a dehumanizing thing which ends up hurting everyone. Not only is the man on the street given a false way out but society as a whole can point to these organizations as an excuse for not providing adequate treatment or research. And if you think these campaigns do, just ask a victim of cystic fibrosis or the few struggling health researchers! If you want to put it coldly, by holding Shinerama, you have condemned another generation to the disease because a cure will not be found on that relatively small amount of money.

A similar mentality is generated by poverty drives to sponsor orphans, buy milk, educate a Korean, etc. To quote a leaflet for the "Miles for Millions" march:

"In the developed countries per capita income is increasing by about \$60 each year; in the developing countries it is increasing by less than \$2. The rich get richer and the poor get children.

The external debt of the developing countries has grown from about \$10 billion in 1955 to about \$40 billion in 1966."

By feeding even a million for a day and resolving a wealthy nation's responsibility, you condemn the entire populace to a malnutrition — a slow starvation.

"But what can I do to help, then? Surely a little help is better than none! That's what people feel and the solution is easy to find. We must first arm ourselves with the facts. Just as in pollution — to control it you must understand it. Every York student should understand the health problem, whose responsibility it is, what can be done to solve it. Then we must campaign with the public to demand a painless life for everyone as a problem for society as a whole and the government who represents society. Certainly a series of teach-ins with the same enthusiasm as Shinerama but involving all York, would go far to the killing of the killers.

I'll end with the words of Dr. Norman Bethune, Canada's internationally famous tubercular surgeon:

"The best form of providing health protection would be to change the economic system which produces ill-health and to liquidate ignorance, poverty and unemployment. The practice of each individual purchasing his own medical care does not work. It is unjust, inefficient, wasteful and completely outmoded.

"Service should be available to all, not according to income but according to need. Charity must be abolished and justice substituted. Charity debases the donor and debauches the recipient."

Ron Rosenthal
Member, Young Socialists

Kaplan denies discrimination

Sir:

Having read Excalibur's phone interview with George Hagggar, I still stand by my original position. The York University Political Science Department is not guilty of political or religious discrimination against Mr. Hagggar. Since Mr. Hagggar replied with invectives rather than with concrete evidence, there really isn't much more I can say on the matter. Mr. Hagggar's attempt to cast me in the role of a Zionist conspirator had its comic overtones; but I was sorry to see him sling mud at the finest political science department in Canada.

Harold Kaplan
Chairman, Department of
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