

Montreal mayoralty candidate criticizes WMA

By MANNY MASONGSONG

"The Trudeau government has been trying to behead the nationalist movements in Quebec by imposing the War Measures Act and arresting innocent people," said Manon Leger, the national organizer of Ligue des Jeunes Socialistes, speaking before a crowd of 150 at York Central Square last Friday noon.

Leger, who was on a speaking tour of Toronto explained what she termed as the illegality and injustice brought about by the imposition of the War Measures Act throughout Canada. She also gave the audience a first hand report of the rising independentist and labour struggles in Quebec.

Being a mayoralty candidate during the Montreal elections that saw the arrests of both her campaign manager and treasurer last fall, Leger pointed to the imposition of the act as a form of capitalist intervention trying to prevent socialists from taking part in the running of the government. She said she refused to be intimidated and in the process ended up third in the race, although she managed to obtain 7,000 votes.

She also accused the government of using the FLQ terrorism as a cover up to suppress the socialist-nationalist movement in the province.

Sighting the dropping of sedition charges against the "Montreal 5" in the War Measures trial as an indication of the guilty conscience of the government, she said "Our campaign is gaining on the intimidators and victory is near." She added "The French-Canadians in Quebec have been struggling to be free for more than 200 years now and we will never want to give up. We will achieve our goal by means of socialist revolution."

One of the many questions that

CYSF having 6 by-elections

Vacancies on the Council of the York Student Federation will be filled through by-elections Tuesday March 16.

The three graduate students, one MBA and one College 'F' representative positions which were not filled in February's elections and the vacancy created in Winters College by the resignation of James Bull will all be filled. Nominations are open now and will close at 5 pm on Tuesday.

Information and forms may be obtained from CYSF, N108 Ross, 635-3515.

was raised was asked by a student who wanted to know why Leger felt her campaign being intimidated by the government. She replied that it could not be a coincidence that Trudeau imposed the War Measures Act on October 16 which was nine days before the elections, resulting in the mass arrests of people who worked for her. "Up to now," she said, "the government has been unable to provide solid

evidence that most of the more than 500 people arrested were, by any way, connected with the FLQ."

She said that they sympathize with the FLQ's complaints but not with their tactics of terrorism. She also points to the lack of evidence that the government dropped most of the charges. But she still could not see why many people are still

being held in Quebec prisons for no charges at all.

While the audience's attention was focused on Leger's speech, an envelope containing the week's earning of the York Young Socialist who sponsored her talk was stolen from the nearby pamphlet table. The envelope contained \$25.

Liberated Learning wants college

By IVAN FENTON

"The university is destroying large numbers of its students and teachers by sacrificing quality learning to quantity education," says the Committee for Liberated Learning.

Stating in a written brief that its programme "is not subject to compromise," the CLL demands an experimental college in which: all courses are given on a credit non-credit basis; course structure and content are decided by members for each course group; criteria for credit are decided by group members; complete degree credit is given for the full time programme; the university supports participants where transcripts of grades are

requested outside the university; and the status relationship between faculty and student is removed.

Criticizing large lectures "where no significant interaction occurs between teacher and student," the CLL adds: "We are opposed to the way in which the university is becoming a departmental conglomerate system at the expense of the more personal, more productive college system."

"Student apathy is a consequence of the experience of an outmoded and boring system of education," says the statement. "Students must have the right to share in the making of decisions which affect their university ex-

perience, from classroom interaction to planning for the university."

The CLL believes, "Freedom must exist if learning is to occur. Those who learn in the present system do so in spite of it not because of it."

Members of the CLL spent reading week living in Stong College, demonstrating how they believe a more unstructured system of education would be beneficial.

An open general meeting of the CLL will be held today at 3:30 in the staff common room at Stong College. All interested people are invited.

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