

Suspension follows Central Square arrests

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The YSM has countered with an accusation that Nunn was "physically assaulted" by "fascist thugs".

One the same day an unidentified student tore up a copy of "Zionism is Racism", apparently after a YSM member refused to sell it to him.

Friday Nunn and Forest returned and set up a literature table, although they did not have a permit to do so. (The group has had a permit for every Monday and Thursday at lunch.) James Nugent, a CPC-ML member with no campus affiliation, joined Nunn and Forest at the table.

A crowd swelling between 100 and 200 persons in size again congregated around a core of students and YSM members engaged in loud, emotional and often-sidetracked arguments concerning Zionism.

Shortly before 2 pm, CYSF executive member Gary Empey discovered a 2 by 2 stick, about three feet long, concealed by Nunn. A chant of "We want the club" began.

Ten Metro Toronto constables from 31 Division arrived at this point and removed Nunn, as she refused to give up the stick. Several York Security guards and administrators were also at the scene.

While Nunn was being taken to one of eight police cruisers parked in front of the Ross Building, a fight broke out, resulting in the arrests of Nugent, Forest and Szenberg.

An attempt on Forest's part to escape the arresting officers was short-lived.

The crowd was afterwards ordered by constables to disperse or face arrest. A chant of "Out! Out!" broke out several times while the police were present.

Executive members of CYSF met with director of Security, George Dunn, and university assistant vice-president for student affairs John Becker, shortly after the arrests.

Nugent and Forest returned to set up the YSM table Monday, only to be informed that the permit (in Forest's name) had been revoked for the day by Becker.

A crowd, including at least half a dozen metro police and several York Security guards, again gathered as



Above, James Nugent after his arrest Friday, sits in squad car. Below, Jeffrey Forest is led away by police.

Ted Mumford photos

Nugent and Forest spoke against what they felt to be a suppression of free speech, specifically, "the right of students to disseminate progressive Marxist-Leninist democratic literature on campus".

Nugent and Forest also complained that the Student Zionist Organization had been allowed a table Monday while the YSM had not.

According to Lou Garber of the Jewish Student Federation, the Student Zionist Organization booking was made well in advance, and before the Thursday incident.

Forest and Nugent also distributed a statement bearing the title "Vigorously defend the right of students to disseminate Marxist-Leninist and all revolutionary, progressive and democratic literature! Oppose the fascist attacks of the Zionists!"

Nugent and Forest turned down requests from CYSF president Paul

Hayden to move into the Bearpit so pedestrian traffic would not be obstructed.

The police left after a brief attempt at crowd control. Their exit was followed by that of about half of the onlookers.

For the first time in the three days' proceedings, the crowd then broke into many comparatively subdued groups. In some the Zionism discussion was continued; in others freedom of speech and the presence of police on campus was debated.

Much of the crowd was apparently aware of what had transpired Friday.

On Monday two petitions advocating action against the CPC (ML)-YSM were initiated. One, in the CYSF office, recommended "some measure of control" to be employed in allowing "certain political groups" to present their views on campus. Hayden discarded this hazy document.

The second petition, circulated by an independent group named "The

Eyes of Israel", called for an end to Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada (sic) members voicing their views and selling their literature on campus. It quoted the criminal code subsection concerning public incitement of hatred, and accused the misnamed group of vending "hate literature".

Cary Green, who was circulating the petition, told *Excalibur* the danger in the CPC (ML)-YSM's literature and pronouncements is that they foster racial hatred.

At 3 pm Monday, Hayden and three other members of CYSF's six-member executive committee held an emergency meeting concerning the Central Square incidents. They moved to request the university to prohibit Forest from booking a table, and to recommend that he be dismissed.

Added to these voices were those of individual students who expressed their dissatisfaction with Forest's conduct to the university administration. Members of the administration met late Monday afternoon to consider what action to take.

Acting on recommendations from Becker, Dunn, and Dean of Arts Sid Eisen, president MacDonald suspended Forest for two weeks.

Becker said the suspension resulted from student complaints.

During the period of suspension a committee will investigate Forest's conduct. Forest has been warned he will be charged with trespassing if he enters the campus.

MacDonald said Forest was suspended to prevent further trouble. "The university cannot be a place of violence," he said.

Hayden told *Excalibur* the CYSF executive committee decision resulted from the laying of charges against Forest and the input made to CYSF by students present at the disturbances Thursday and Friday.

Tuesday Forest made himself available to students at the University Tavern Restaurant, which faces the Ross Building on the east side of Keele Street.

Nunn, Nugent and four off-campus CPC(ML) members distributed an updated statement in central square, and sold copies of the party's daily organ, *People's Canada Daily News (PCDN)*.

The one page statement is rumoured to have been typeset on university equipment. When questioned by *Excalibur*, Nunn (a typesetter in the university publications department) said it was not.

Monday's edition of *PCDN* referred to the students arguing with YSM members on Friday as "racist and fascist zionist punks" and accused the "Canadian State" of launching "a fascist attack" on the YSM members.

Tuesday's edition likened the "zionists" present on Friday to the Western Guard, a white supremacy group.

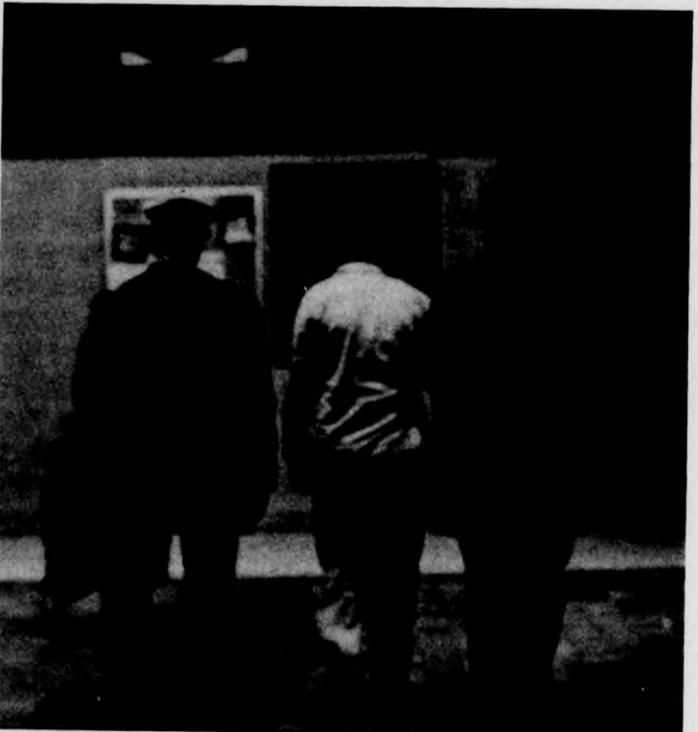
The statement on the York situation concluded, "These activities of the zionists backed up by the reactionary Canadian State are reminiscent of the fascist gangs who were on the rampage on the university campuses in Hitler's Nazi Germany." The statement was signed York Student Movement, Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist).

Besides the central square melee, York Security is investigating an incident in Bethune College November 4 when a York student was forcibly evicted from an anti-racism meeting organized by the CPC (ML), the East Indian Defense League, and one other group.

In October 1974, Forest was at the center of a controversy at Renison College, which is associated with the University of Waterloo. Forest and another professor did not have their contracts renewed because of what many students and faculty felt to be solely political reasons.

Forest's wife Marsha was also banned from teaching at Renison, and her contract was not renewed the following year at U of Waterloo.

Marsha Forest currently teaches social science at York.



Merger wouldn't be cheaper say Harbinger and centres

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This was later confirmed by Joan Stuart, chairperson of CDC. Stuart said extra training for CDC staff would be required if there was an amalgamation. She added that they don't have the money for it.

Stuart told *Excalibur* that CDC and Harbinger do somewhat the same things, sometimes, but CDC make referrals to Harbinger for areas such as birth control.

The possibility of amalgamating the two centers has been discussed between and Kaiser and herself, Stuart said. She added that all plans are tentative and, "the crucial problem is the budget."

Stuart said, "I can't see how amalgamation would help Harbinger's financial problem."

Charlotte Sykes, part-time coordinator of the Women's Center, said that she would like to know how CYSF thinks amalgamation would solve the financial problem. The Women's Center does not have enough money for a full-time staff person for itself, she said.

Sykes also said the two organizations have different functions. The Women's Center provides information, education and resource materials on feminism, and "we have no dealing with men or set up to do anything with men," Sykes said.

She said that if a woman comes to the Women's Center with a sexuality problem she is sent to Harbinger.

When asked to comment on CYSF's suggestion, Sykes said,

"The idea that they think there is no difference between us is insulting."

David Chodikoff, CYSF communications and student services vice president, told *Excalibur* that the dissent over Harbinger is due to what he terms "the overlap in services".

Chodikoff said that although Harbinger does have a worthwhile function on campus, they must cut out the services that are duplicated in other organizations.

Chodikoff added that this is all assumption at this time and he hasn't checked into the possibility of amalgamation.

Council is looking into the number of students who use Harbinger in order to determine its necessity on campus. Sue Kaiser told council at the November 4 budget meeting, the 2,500 people were served last year.

Chodikoff told *Excalibur* that according to the 1976-77 Harbinger report, 421 people phoned Harbinger for information and 409 actually went in. Chodikoff said the remaining 1670 people were served in classroom lectures.

Chodikoff said, "CYSF is willing to support Harbinger if changes are made and it becomes a more efficient service."

At this time, CYSF has yet to approach any representatives from the Women's Center or the Counselling and Developing Center to discuss the feasibility of amalgamation with Harbinger.

Federation nixes higher fees

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The Ontario Federation of Students has rejected the report for failing to offer any new insights into the province's educational problems.

Speaking on behalf of the OFS, researcher Rick Gregory said "Buttrick's proposal is merely a repetition of old reports. I'm surprised the OEC wasted money on it."

The major flaw in the report Gregory described as the limiting of educational benefits to a personal versus social dichotomy.

"Buttrick completely overlooks the corporate sector of society which is a major benefactor of university produced skills," he said.

Gregory also criticized Buttrick's student loan plan.

So that higher tuitions do not limit university education to the rich, Buttrick suggests that loans be made available, at the market rate, to all students and that repayment of

the loans be optionally contingent on future earnings. He also recommends that full-tuition scholarships be awarded to "unusually promising" students entering undergraduate and graduate studies.

According to Gregory, Buttrick has no understanding of the impact of loans.

"Time and time again it has been shown that loans are a disincentive to people from lower income groups and mitigate against university accessibility.

"Poor students will have to go into debt but the rich ones won't. So where's the equity in that?"

"If Buttrick is really interested in equity why doesn't he look at the income tax system? Loopholes in the current tax system favour people from higher income groups. Why doesn't he suggest that higher income earners pay a greater share of the load in terms of the taxes they pay?"