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## CPC(ML) undermines student efforts

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Several people have reported to *The Gazette* that "Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist)" members Susan Malloch and Chris Nielson forced the demise of an emerging student organization last Sunday (April 4).

At a meeting held by the Committee on Job, Loans, Bursaries and Tuition (JBLT) Malloch and Nielson attempted to force those members of JBLT who disagreed with them, to leave the organization.

Malloch and Nielson, best known on campus for their attempts to sell "People's Canada Daily News" were abusing the goodwill of other student members in an effort to turn the non-partisan JBLT into another mouthpiece for the "CPC(ML)."

Originally, the CJBLT was created to inform students about the likely consequences of provincial and federal government cut-backs on educational funding and student summer hiring.

The members, most of whom had participated in the "day of concern" at the legislature, had drafted and distributed a leaflet explaining the nature of these problems. They also had plans to organize meetings on campus to inform students and invite discussion on the issue.

The CJBLT was working to increase public support for the student viewpoint and supplementing energies of the various student officials.

A member of the committee, Heather MacQuarrie, noted that the behaviour of Malloch and Neilson forced many interested students to quit working with the committee since these two assumed the right to make all decisions without considering opposing views. Further, they exercised other executive responsibilities like taking minutes, and conducting meetings. Also, they apparently felt that they (Nielson and Malloch) had special status, since when the majority voiced opposition, they responded instead that the majority should resign.

In spite of this clique's forcefulness, intimidation, and audacity, their efforts failed. The other students although confused by their tactics, did not pass control over to them although they had to formally disband to achieve this end.

The CPC(ML)'ers stated that they wanted the committee to be independent of the students' councils and engage in separate activities. This would give them a platform from which to denounce the elected representatives of students for 'spinelessness' or 'parliamentarianism'.

Nielson and Malloch were so committed to demonstrations for the sake of demonstrations that Chris Nielson stated she would consider ten people (not necessarily students) chanting in a park, a worthwhile project. Such an undertaking MacQuarrie pointed out, would obviously do students no good, and the government would

also treat it as a indication of the feebleness of the students concern.

The "CPC-ML" members dismissed the possibility that students would ever be able to obtain a better deal from the government through negotiation. They proposed, instead, to organize confrontations and demonstrations against the provincial government.

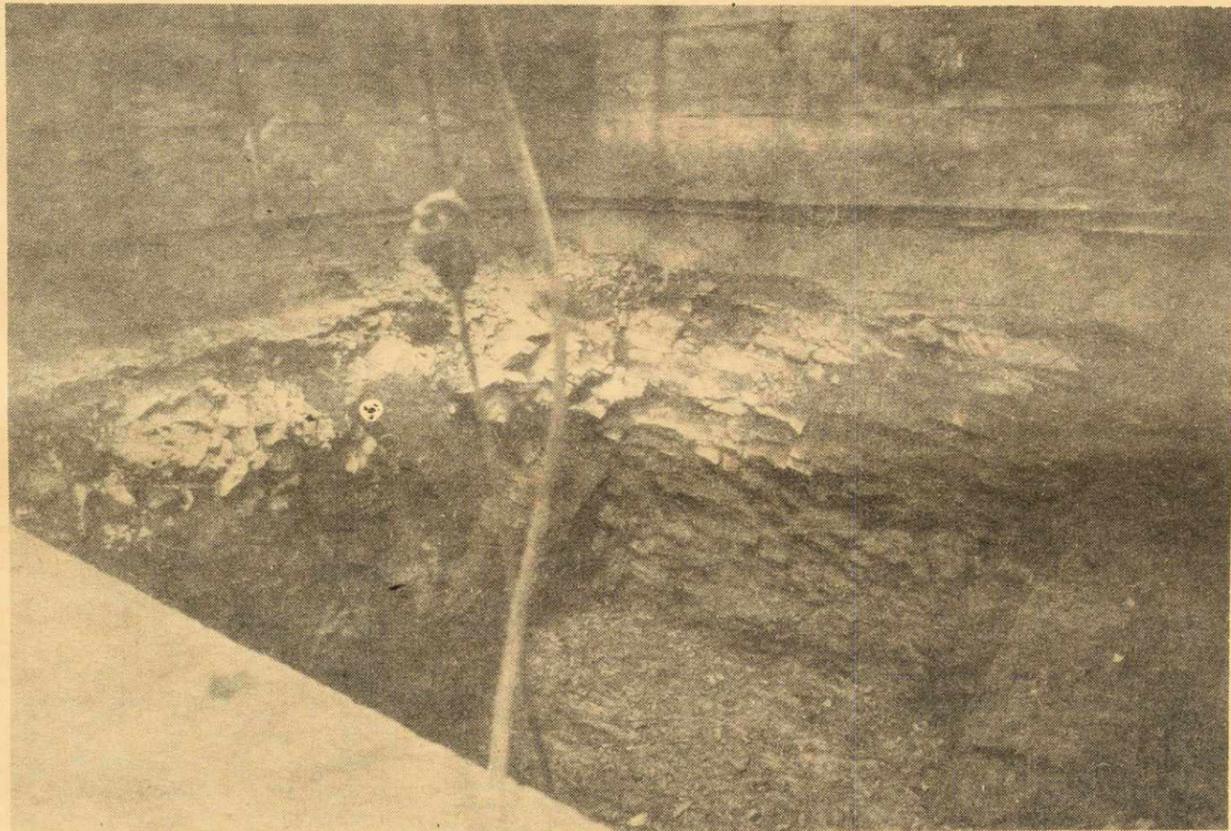
Some of the students initially involved in JBLT now question the motives of the "CPC-ML" people in

joining the committee. It appears to them that the "CPC-ML"ers were not, interested in bettering the lot of students, but were involved for their own selfish interests: (1) Their authoritarianism forced interested students to quit the committee; (2) they were intending to expend the energy of the group on internecine conflicts with student councils; (3) they had no interest in any goal except set-piece demonstrations; (4) they ultimately forced the dissolution of the JBLT and the

loss of the initiative and contribution of many interested students. The above four actions delivered a set back to all students lobbying for a fair deal on student aid.

The demise of the JBLT has caused many students to be wary of establishing working relationships with members of the "CPC-ML" in the future.

One student said "we would rather work alone than have that kind of help."



No rat dug this hole! This pit in the basement of the Life Sciences is due mainly to dynamite. Just another psychology experiment to determine how far off his chair a Psych Prof will jump when appropriate stimulus (TNT) is provided. Will also make for a comfortable home for the very cute nuclear reactor, Slowpoke 2.

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## Will Sociology hire a Canadian?

The Sociology Department announced that there would be an opening for a 1 year non-renewable contract for next year. Eighteen people have applied: 16 Canadians, 1 American, and 1 Russian. The only person called in for an interview was the American.

One Canadian member of the Department was so angered that he stated that the American would be appointed "over his dead body". Other Canadian members of the Department appear equally upset. However, the majority of faculty members in the Department are Americans.

The selection process was done in a highly democratic way. Each member of the department was asked to rank the 18 applicants. Oddly enough the Americans ranked the American applicant fairly high, while most of the Canadians ranked the American applicant very low.

The interview, which took place a few days ago, apparently went very

well. Except that the applicant admitted she did not know much about Canada. One faculty member told the *Gazette* that many of the Sociology professors have little knowledge of the country they teach in.

The next step in the selection process is the Departmental Meeting. And at this meeting it appears that stiff opposition will be put up to appointing the American and it is not at all certain that the American will be appointed.

If she is not appointed it is interesting to note that the second ranked person, also female, was the Russian, even though the Russian applicant was not trained in sociology. She is, however, the wife of a Dalhousie professor.

Some are even questioning the move to hire another professor when the Graham Committee's findings have not yet been handed down. The Graham Committee is a high-powered panel investigating the general structure of the entire Sociology Department, headed by

Economics Professor John Graham.

The University of Toronto underwent a shake up last year when its Department of Sociology hired several Americans for after advertising "an interest in Canadian research necessary". Some question was raised because it was felt that native Canadians would tend to have a broader understanding of the

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