

Under Attack comes to York

Child labour and wife-beating back in vogue

Our guest this week is a television programme which believes that confrontation is more interesting than debate; that student panels should attempt to be bombastic and hysterical; and that Henry Morgan has something interesting to say.

Under Attack is (drum roll from offscreen)... Under Attack.

— paraphrase of show's opening

By WARREN CLEMENTS

A black velveteen curtain cloaked the raised platform in Osgoode's Moot Court. Brilliant floodlights on tall silver spires blinded the student audience as they waited for the taping last Wednesday and Thursday nights of CHCH's Under Attack.

And at the front stood moderator Bill Walker, his resonant voice telling the audience when to clap and when to stop.

"The second half of the programme will be devoted to questions from you, the audience," he announced. "Our researchers

may come around to you during the commercial breaks and suggest possible questions.

"This is not an attempt to plant anything. Feel free to reject our questions and use your own."

When the time came, most of the audience told the researchers to take a flying leap at a rolling doughnut.

NEEDHAM

Richard Needham, Gibraltar-born columnist for the Globe and Mail, was the first victim. He suggested that Canadians should agree to take pay cuts of from 10 to 30 per cent, as they did following the 1929 stock market crash, to pull the economy back into shape.

"I think people would prefer to be paid less and to keep working," he explained.

He argued that governmental welfare should be cut off, and said private citizens would help the needy in each community.

"During the 30s, I had to beg. I

went up to one house and told the woman there that I would clean out her basement for a sandwich. When I got work in Toronto, I sent the woman back 50 cents, which I think was twice what the sandwich was worth."

Needham advised everyone to do work they enjoyed. "Happy is the man who's found his work and the woman who's found hers," he propounded.

"What about the workers who screw on bolts in car factories?" asked a student. "If they went off and found work they enjoyed, who would screw on the bolts?"

"I suggest we get kids around 12 or 13 to do the job," replied Needham.

He rejected the idea that poverty contributed to the rise in crime.

AERIAL CRIME

"Criminality is in the air," he said. "BC is wealthy, but has the highest number of suicides and crimes in Canada. Whereas in Newfoundland, there is no crime, except for a man pounding out his wife once in a while."

"In some societies," tossed in Walker, "that's not considered a crime."

There was a long silence.

Ontario's attorney-general Robert Welch appeared next and stopped all discussion of police brutality by saying "I am as concerned as any of you about the allegations." He refused to comment further, saying that he would receive a task force report on the subject "in two or three weeks."

He was fazed only once, by a student's report that politicians in Oakville or Brampton had been drinking beer on a public stage while the policemen present turned a blind eye.

"I ask you, sir," said the questioner, "whether this does not indicate that there is one law for the politicians and another law for the people?"

"I can only assume," hedged Welch, "that the police were exercising a police judgment under the circumstances."

BOTTOMS UP

Another student complained that he had purchased three beers at a restaurant at 12:50 at night, only to be told at 1:05 a.m. that he must drink them all immediately or the restaurant would lose its licence.

"I suggest to you, sir," he said, "that it is patently ridiculous to force my poor body to consume three beers within five minutes."

"I'm sure you could do it," said someone in the audience.

Welch said he failed to understand the question.

Thursday night started off with columnist Henry Morgan.

The tone of the evening was set when Morgan was introduced as a man "who believes university education is a waste of time" — a point with which the audience agreed wholeheartedly — and that the voting age should be raised to 25.

When somebody asked him why, he said he didn't really care whether

the voting age was raised to 70 or lowered to 12; he had been asked by the producer to say something controversial for his introduction, and had come up with the first thing that sprang to mind.

U.S. IMPORT

Morgan, who moved to Toronto from the U.S. in 1970, was asked whether he felt his job as columnist for the Toronto Star was depriving a Canadian writer of that job.

"Do you believe I'm taking a Canadian's job?"

"One of many Canadian jobs." "Well, just find me the Canadian whose job I took and tell him he can go to the States and take the one I left."

"Why did you leave it?"

"My ex-wife." William Pickett, Ohio-born president of American Motors (Canada), entered next, and the audience tensed for the kill.

"There's nothing wrong with foreign ownership," Pickett began. "I don't think Canada wants to keep herself exclusive for Canadians."

He wasn't worried about recent statistics which showed that the oil-producing nations, if they wanted to, could buy IBM, General Motors and 26 other top American firms.

"I believe in free trading," he said.

MEET THE SHAH

"Knowing that money is power, sir," asked one student, "what would you do if you walked into your office one day and found that your new boss was the Shah of Iran?"

"Knowing the Shah of Iran personally," said Pickett, "I would probably go in and shake him by the hand."

"He wouldn't have you by the hand, sir."

The confrontation began. Wasn't it true, asked a student, that "when a car gets into an accident, it winds up like an accordion?"

"We're constructing cars better than ever before," snapped Pickett.

Isn't it true, asked a market researcher, that the public is not supposed to want an engine that lasts, and that it has been convinced by TV commercials that it wants a sexy car with a smooth ride and no bumps?

NO DICE

"I couldn't disagree with you more," replied Pickett. "Buyers are car-conscious; they know all about axle ratios and what the warranty says."

Asked why cars had engines that could move the car at 120 miles per hour when the highest speed limit in North America was 70 mph, he said, "I'm all for 55 miles per hour. I think we'll see the end of 100 mph engines."

"When, Mr. Pickett?"

"Soon."

The lights were turned out. There was a round of applause, and everyone left the room.

Most people were yawning.

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