

## Revolutionary Marxists speak on Quebec

# PQ victory does not represent oppressed

By HUGH WESTRUP

Commenting on Prime Minister Trudeau's likening of English-speaking Canada and Quebec to a married couple, Suzanne Chabot, a leader of the Ligue Socialiste Ouvriere, described it as a union between a "dominating husband and a beaten wife. Quebec should have the right to a divorce," she said.

The occasion for the discussion was a public meeting held last Monday at York sponsored by the Young Socialists, the Revolutionary Marxist Group and the League for Socialist Action. The speakers, Chabot and Jean-Paul Pelletier

leaders of the Groupe Marxiste Revolutionnaire, were visiting York University while on a two-week, cross-country tour.

The purpose of their trip, they said, was to convince English Canadian Canadians that Quebec should be supported in its struggle to determine its own future. The right to self-determination, they hope, will lead to an independent Quebec and the ultimate liberation from oppression in the formation of a Worker's Republic of Quebec.

Chabot said "At the present, workers in Quebec can speak French among themselves but are required to speak in English with

their bosses, the majority of whom only speak English. To get a job in Quebec, you have to speak English," she said.

The advantage of speaking English in Quebec, she pointed out, is evident in the choices of Quebec immigrants.

"Given the choice of language education, the immigrants consistently prefer English because they learn that it will enable them to secure good employment."

Chabot went on to explain that last fall's victory for the Parti Quebecois reflects "the desires of the French speaking citizens to end their oppression." However, the PQ party represents a distorted concept of independence and does not reflect the desires of the oppressed Quebecois, she said.

"The PQ have tried to look like they are on the side of labour but since the election they have attacked the workers. While they have raised the minimum wage by thirteen cents, on the other hand they have been cutting such things



Jean-Paul Pelletier from Quebec addresses meeting of 30 people last Monday discussing the right of Quebec to self-determination. Beside him is Suzanne Chabot and chairperson Joanne Pritchard of the Young Socialists.

as hospital budgets."

Pelletier, who was late for the meeting, addressed the audience of approximately thirty people after Chabot elaborated on the description of economic oppression and the goals of the PQ and

the Quebec socialist movement.

He said that, "oppression flows from the capitalist system. Ninety percent of the Quebec economy is dominated by foreign capital. There is no sector in which French speakers are dominating.

## Illiterate students need remedial work

By DEBBIE PEKILIS

York University should remain committed to the ideal of "general education for the whole person," in its undergraduate degree programmes, while at the same time ensuring the high standards of the specialist honours and graduate degree programmes. That was the conclusion reached by the Task Force on the Philosophy of Undergraduate Education in its December 10 report to the Commission on the Goals and Objectives of the University.

The Task Force started out with several concepts and aims, all of which are reflected in its recommendations. One of these aims is that "The General Education Programme should be developed on a University-wide basis and the earlier stress on good English analytical thought... should be restored.

Finally, the "interests of students, not the convenience of faculty, should be paramount" in such things as course offerings and timetabling of lectures.

After a survey of the scope and nature of general requirements and courses in the Faculties of Arts, Science, Fine Arts, Education, Glendon, and Atkinson College, the Task Force came up with the following recommendations.

One recommendation states that students entering York should be required to have a "university level of literacy". For students whose course grades reflect a lack of this

literacy, they should be required to take non-credit remedial work. "We recommend... that the resources of the Writing Workshop be further developed and publicized."

"We recommend that the Divisions of Humanities and Social Sciences be granted the opportunity to offer degree programmes," the report continues. It is further that departments should be "permitted to offer non-pre-requisite 100-level courses."

Another important recommendation is that "students whose educational and/or professional objectives are clear be allowed to elect their degree programme on entering the university, and that wherever possible they be advised by faculty who are competent in their intended area of specialization."

It is recommended that faculty be encouraged to "rotate for periods of one to six years between Atkinson, Glendon, and Arts." The faculty should plan their academic careers for at least three years, and "state whether they prefer one year sabbaticals after six years or six months after three years."

The Task Force further recommendation an exchange of professors between York and other universities in Ontario, across the country, and around the world.

Another recommendation is "That it is undesirable for faculty to spend their careers in one location on campus. The university should encourage the rotation of offices."

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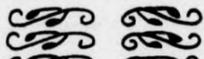
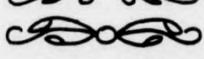
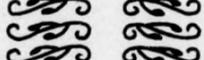
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