

Theodorakis performs for the "heroic dead" of Greece

By ROBIN ENDRES

"The songs of Mikis Theodorakis are the uniting symbol of the Greek spirit".

The comment was made by a Greek student from York at a press conference held shortly before Theodorakis performed to an audience of 2,400 at Massey Hall last Tuesday.

Theodorakis, who gained worldwide acclaim as a composer with the soundtracks for Zorba the Greek, Z and State of Siege, is a militant supporter of the resistance to the military regime in Greece. He was imprisoned there for his activities in the Lambrakis movement in the early sixties and again for protest actions against the present Greek government.

Since that time he has lived in exile in Paris. People have been jailed and tortured in Greece simply for owning his records.

Greeks now comprise the third largest immigrant group in Toronto, and Theodorakis' appearance here was doubly significant in view of recent events in Greece. A worker-student uprising of over 50,000 Greeks was repressed by the ruling colonels ten days ago.

Theodorakis began the question

period by underlining the fact that the press conference was taking place at the same time that people are being massacred in Greece".

Claiming that all Greeks, regardless of ideology, are against the regime, Theodorakis said, "To confront a well-armed, well-organized system, it is necessary to have a well-armed, well-organized resistance."

Although the recent uprising was crushed, Theodorakis said it was completely positive and should not be criticized for lacking political sophistication.

The students at the Polytechnical Institute of Athens took over the radio station and began making public broadcasts. They also occupied a hospital. This was the first time since the military coup in 1967 that the banned works of Theodorakis were heard publicly.

Theodorakis also expressed concern over the similar political situation in Chile. He had been invited to perform in Chile by Salvador Allende in 1970.

Asked if he was critical of artists who do not take political stands, he said, "Artists to take positions but many choose the side that is most accommodating to them. I view every activity as political."

The concert at Massey Hall was dedicated "to all the heroic dead, who died for the dignity and liberty of the Greek people."

Three singers and eight musicians presented a 3 hour performance of Greek folk songs and compositions based on the poetry of Pablo Neruda and on the Greek freedom movement, together with the better known compositions for movies like Z and State of Siege. The audience responded with cheers, standing ovations and in many cases tears. Red carnations were strewn repeatedly across the stage.

The concert was dominated by Theodorakis, his extraordinarily long arms swooping and emphasizing with the same passion and exuberance expressed in his music.

The performance ended with a minute of silence and the announcement of a demonstration.

About 2,000 people marched to the cenotaph at Old City Hall and then to city hall, carrying placards saying "Out of NATO" and "Say No to Fascism."

Theodorakis addressed the crowd, saying that the blood of youth has been spilled in Greece, but the on it generals will slip and fall.

News Briefs

New student senator needed

The caucus of student senators is looking for a student member for the Senate Committee on Non-degree Studies, a standing committee responsible for the policy of the Centre for Continuing Education. For further information contact Michael Mouritsen, Room N111 Ross, 667-3627.

Berrigan in Toronto

Father Daniel Berrigan will speak on Freedom and Law at Metropolitan United Church, Church and Queen, this Saturday at 8 p.m. Mary Sanderson has information at 366-8611 or 694-1810.

York Soc. Sci. slides on Kenga

A group of York social science students who travelled to Africa last summer are presenting 1,300 slides of Kenya this Tuesday. The show will begin at 6 p.m. in Curtis L. There will also be an exhibition of African artifacts. Call David Reiner at 661-4155 for information.

Space on June trip to Brazil

York student David Coombs is organizing a tour of Rio and Buenos Aires from June 7-23. The \$762 price includes all air and ground transportation, hotel, breakfast, and three tours in each city. The guide speaks Spanish and Portuguese and lived in Rio for four years. Twenty places are available. Coombs is in Room 708 McLaughlin.

Volunteers for drought booth

Anyone interested in helping run a booth in Central Square to collect donations for the victims of the African drought can contact Excalibur. Their names will be forwarded.

Want to play Post Office?

If you are between the ages of 16 and 65 and are available for work before December 15, you're eligible for one of 5,800 part-time positions with the Toronto Post Office this Christmas. Wages range from \$1.90 to \$2.15 an hour. Contact your local Canada Manpower office.

McGill prof to lecture on values

Professor Joseph McLelland, professor of philosophy of religion at McGill University, will present the second Humanities Lecture Monday, Dec. 3, at 8:30 p.m. in Stedman Lecture Hall F.

This lecture is one of four sponsored by the Atkinson Humanities department, on the theme "The Search for Values."

Author of Toward a Radical Church and co-editor of The New Man, McLelland will speak on "Prometheus Rebound: the End of Humanity."

U of T students present counter-brief

In a counter-brief, the University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council has criticized U of T officials for their brief to the Committee on University Affairs. The council was upset that student views were not given a fair hearing when the administration prepared its brief. Council was also critical of U of T's emphasis on research over teaching.

No tanks, women have other defenses

OTTAWA (CUP) - Ladies, there are other ways to protect yourselves when you go out besides going shopping in a tiger tank. Here are a few suggestions which may help in time of danger:

-If you are going out at night, become familiar with the fire alarms on your route; fire engines usually move fast.

-Carry a small can of hair spray and keep it accessible. If you hit the assailant in the eyes you will immobilize him temporarily. A can of spray paint is also suggested.

-When attacked, yell "fire" instead of "help".

If you have been sexually assaulted:

-Report the rape immediately and subject yourself to an immediate medical examination. Reporting the rape may be embarrassing, but you owe it to other women.

-Expect to be questioned like a criminal - you must prove you have a case.

-Dropping the case is condoning rape.

If women refuse to be intimidated by hospitals and the police, rape will lose its stigma and the rapist will lose his best defense against arrest and conviction.

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