18,000 protest nuclear arms

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Members of the York Association for Peace (YAP) were among the 18,000 disarmament supporters who marched the streets of Toronto last Saturday to protest the arms race.

Demonstrators marched along Queen Street to Queen's Park via Jarvis and Carlton Streets. The crowd's sentiments ran high against U.S. President Ronald Reagan. "Ronald Reagan is no good, send him back to Hollywood," shouted the crowd.

A sign reading, "I want peace, a piece of Canada to test my cruise" was carried by a man wearing a mask of the U.S. President, as speakers from Against Cruise Testing (ACT) and the Toronto Disarmament Network (TDN) spoke to protesters. Throughout the march a live band played for the crowd.

York's Associate Professor of French Studies Melvin Zimmerman, also a member of YAP, called the huge turnout "encouraging." "Leaders are waiting to decide, so people must act now to influence their decisions," he said, adding, "the best aspect of the march is psychological. We're at a point where people are definitely afraid of an imminent outbreak of war."

Mike Kaufman, a lecturer with York's Political

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but it should not be so because we do have power,
Science department, shared Professor Zimmerman's view. "The march shows that the anti-

backgrounds and religions," said Kaufman.

The primary objective of the march was bilateral disarmament. However, emphasis was placed on Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's decision to test the cruise missile in Canada this January.

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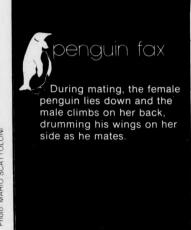
Angela Browning, ACT chairman, stressed unity. "Canadians have feelings of powerlessness,

not as individuals, but as a group."

"Our potential is mind-staggering. The will of the people matters, not the will of a military minority," said Bob Penner, a TDN member.

Across town a simultaneous raily was held by pro-nukes at University and College Streets. The demonstration was supported by the Canadian Coalition for Peace Through Strength and the Anti-Bolshevik League of Nations.

Anti-Cruise groups have scheduled another march, the Santa Claus Parade Against the Cruise, for December 3.



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