

## —More letters

## Earnestly speaking, to Let's be Frank

Earnestly speaking, I'd like to take exception to Frank Giorno's insignificant column. First of all, it is people like your beloved columnist who make matters worse for us "liberated" males. Though I find it commendable that he denounces chauvinistic attitudes towards homosexuals; at the same time I must condemn his chauvinistic feelings towards women. Frank says that he likes his women "complete with all their physical attributes". Such an attitude in this modern day and age is disgusting. It's about time that we all viewed women as "whole" persons with distinct and important personalities. Really, Frank, is a tit that important?

Second (I don't wish to dwell excessively with trivia), I'd like to deal with Frank's frankness. The idea that your columnist "chanced" to walk down Yonge St. on Hallowe'en night to shop for a coat is plausible, but entirely doubtful. His purpose was to stare and drool over Toronto's gay population. The beloved columnist in fact was looking for action: "Fifteen minutes passed. Nothing happened. Fifteen more minutes passed. STILL nothing."

I won't comment on the fact that Excalibur breaks all precedents in establishing low points in journalism. (I expect this portion will be deleted.)

Oh, by the way, I still haven't seen that coat, Frank.

Hearnest Helder

## Anti-strikes

We wish to express our opposition to the emergency mail service announced by the Postmaster, York University on Oc-

tober 24, 1975. The rerouting of university mail via Ogdensburg, New York during a strike of Canadian postal workers can only be construed as a total disregard by the university administration of this struggle.

Withholding one's labour is the only power which workers have in contention with private business or public sector agencies. The least the university could do would be non-interference. Setting up alternate mail services is akin to taking an anti-strike position.

James Laxer  
Howard Buchbinder  
John Saul  
Ian Lumsden  
David Davies

## York busing is courteous

Your report on the York bus system three weeks ago seriously misrepresents the quality of service provided by the drivers. For over two years, the full-time drivers have consistently provided unusually considerate and courteous service, as any regular user will testify.

The university staff who have been administering the service have constantly sought to improve it, but are inevitably operating under severe financial constraints that reflect the general underfunding of most university services.

And how many riders who have complaints and suggestions have ever taken the trouble to communicate them to those who administer the service?

Roy Merrens

## Opinion

# Controls; a federal con-game

By ZAHIR ANTIA

In recent weeks the stage has carefully been set for the Liberal government's wage freeze. The public has been softened up with innumerable sermons over the airwaves, in newspapers and magazines, convocation addresses, etc. urging "tough action" to dampen the "rising expectations" of an unruly mob of workers workers hellbent upon sacrificing the "public interest" to their narrow, selfish aims by extorting higher wages which have resulted in soaring inflation.

It is not possible in this brief space to prove that inflation has but one immediate cause — increasing the supply of money and credit — and that it can be caused by only one agent — the federal government. Although this may seem hard to swallow, it is the plain and simple truth.

To put the matter somewhat crudely, what happens is this. Prior to inflation, there exists a certain distribution of wealth between Labour and Capital; this distribution is remarkably constant over many decades, and represents what the market system itself considers "fair" or appropriate, in accordance with the "laws" of supply and demand.

Now the government, quietly and unexpectedly, increases the supply of money (and hence of credit) excessively. This fresh purchasing power ends up in the hands of big corporations, which take advantage of the low interest rates to borrow heavily. Only a small portion of this fiat wealth accrues to labour, thus, the relative distribution of wealth between the classes has been changed, to the benefit of Capital and the detriment of Labor.

Now, as the fictitious wealth which the government has printed begins to be spent, prices are bidden up. Working people

naturally fall behind, because they did not expect this inflation and hence simply did not know their own bargaining power; that is, they underestimated the wages they could have and should have obtained under the rules of the market itself.

So, precisely because inflation takes them completely by surprise, workers fall behind for a period of time. Then, as they begin to catch on to the swindle that has been perpetrated on them, they fight back with such demands as the Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA), and their wages begin to rise again.

Let it be carefully noted that, under capitalism, relative wages can never rise above a certain ceiling because of the threat of unemployment — the strike of Capital against Labor. Wage controls are required only when wages are below the ceiling which the market itself considers the "equilibrium" level. Thus, such controls are a blunt instrument with which to keep profits at a level which by any standards is bloated and grossly unjust.

The federal government's aim in creating the present inflation is often obscured. When a huge new issue of Canadian currency is created and dumped on the money markets, the Canadian dollar becomes cheaper in terms of US dollars. The effect, is to make it easier for US firms to buy out the real resources of Canada — land, labour, productive equipment, goods. Inflation in Canada represents a giveaway of Canadian resources to the United States. And the logic of capitalism is such that this giveaway — which is very clearly against the interests of Canadian working people and the generations of the future — is essential to maintaining and increasing the profits of "our" corporations.

That, then, is the reason for inflation, as such. The reason for wage controls is that there is in Canada a chronic "shortage" of foreign capital (despite the fact that over 60 per cent of this country is already U.S.-owned!).

We have shown that there are compelling reasons for Big Business to want the government to continue a policy of inflation — to drive down the price of Canadian money by flooding the markets with more and more dollars. When wage controls are in effect and the money supply continues to increase, the benefits must accrue to capitalists.

If the controls are not defeated, working people will continue to fall further and further behind. More and still more of Canada will go south of the border.

In summary, wage controls are not only a weapon in the arsenal of Capital against Labor; ideologically, they represent a snow job, a gimmick used to detract attention from the real cause of inflation — the eagerness of Big Business and its henchmen in Ottawa to sell this country, its labour, resources and goods to foreign capitalists, even if it means giving them the very cash with which to do it! For such a policy is very much in the interests of the US-owned branch plants which run this country and hold Liberals and Tories alike in their pockets.

It is essential that working people not be bamboozled by Prime Minister Trudeau, who, with his outrageous blather about self-restraint, is trying to pull the wool over their eyes.

As the renowned economist Harry Johnson has stated, wage and price controls are "absolute nonsense" and to call for them as a means of stopping inflation is to betray "a complete misunderstanding of how the economy works".

# On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to the Communications Department, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

## SPECIAL LECTURES

**Today, 9 a.m.** — PUBLIC LAND OWNERSHIP CONFERENCE — a three-day conference focussing on alternative viewpoints of public land ownership and its policy implications — registration will take place today from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the lobby of Winters College — for further information on the conference call the Coordinator, Ann Montgomery, at local 3981.

**11 a.m.** — Development of Teaching Skills — "How Students Learn in Lectures: Implications for the Lecturer" with Dr. Chris Furedy, Division of Social Science — this will be the last meeting for the Fall term, the programme will resume in January — 108, Behavioural Science.

**1 p.m.** — Lecture (English) "Cervantes and Don Quixote" with Professor Isaac Bar-Lewaw of York's Department of Foreign Literature — A, Stedman.

**7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.** — Innovative Approaches to the Helping Relationship — (Centre for Continuing Education) "Art Therapy" with Bina Smith — general admission \$6; \$4 for students — 107, Stedman.

**Monday, 2 p.m.** — Public Lecture (Graduate Studies, C.R.E.S.S.) "Theory of Electrostatic Probes in a Flowing Continuum Plasma" by Jen-Shih Chang, candidate for the Ph.D. degree — 317, Petrie.

**4:30 p.m.** — Biology Department Research Seminar — "The Biogenesis of Mitochondrial Membranes in the Yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*" by Dr. E.R. Tustanoff, University of Western Ontario — 320, Farquharson.

**1 p.m.** — Guest Speaker (Jewish Student Federation) Dr. F.R. Lachman, editor of Encyclopedia Judaica, will speak on "Judaism from A to Z" C S101, Ross.

**Tuesday, 12:15 p.m.** — Dean's Colloquium (Administrative Studies) "Risk Capital for Technological Innovation in Canada: a Brief for Action" with Mr. R.H. Grasley, Financial Consultant — 038, Administrative Studies.

**4:30 p.m.** — 1975/76 GERSTEIN LECTURE SERIES — "The Changing Vision: Some Women Artists of the 19th and 20th Century" by Linda Nochlin, Professor of Art, Vassar College and Visiting Professor, Columbia University and Graduate Centre of the City University of New York — Moot Court, Osgoode.

**Wednesday, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.** — Lecture/Demonstration (Music) "The Philosophy of Change: Towards a Culture of World Music" with Charles Camilleri, composer from England — F, Curtis.

**4:15 p.m.** — Guest Speaker — Harry Pollack, Associate Fellow of Stong College, will talk about his first novel, Gabriel — Senior Common Room, Stong.

**4:30 p.m.** — Chemistry Seminar Series — "Chemical Aspects of Insect Communication" by Dr. Iain Weatherston, Canadian Forestry Service, Insect Pathology Research Institute (Sault Ste. Marie) — 317, Petrie.

**7:30 p.m.** — International Women's Year: Lecture Series (Arts, York Colleges) "Feminism and Marxism" by York Professor Mary O'Brien — Club Room, Bethune.

## FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

**Today, 11:30 a.m.** — Film Library Screening — "The Peter Principle" (25 mins. col.) — 114, Scott.

**3 p.m.** — Natural Science Film — "The Grain in the Stone" from the Ascent of Man series — L, Curtis.

**8:30 p.m.** — Film (Bethune) "Night Moves" (Gene Hackman; directed by Arthur Penn — Bonnie and Clyde, Little Big Man) — general admission \$1.50 — L, Curtis.

**Saturday, 8 p.m.** — Benefit Concert for Israel (Jewish Student Federation) with Batsheva Paul, Steve Schwartz, Magical Mystery Tour, Mark and Paul Freedman and Marla Lukofsky — admission \$1 — I, Curtis.

**8:30 p.m.** — Film (Bethune) "Last Tango in Paris" (Marlon Brando, Maria Schneider; directed by Bernardo Bertolucci — general admission \$1.50 — L, Curtis.

**Sunday, 8:30 p.m.** — Folk Concert (Absinthe Coffee House) featuring Eddie Schwartz — 013, Winters.

**8:30 p.m.** — Film (Bethune) see Saturday's listing at 8:30 p.m.

**Monday, 3 p.m.** — Natural Science Film — "Music of the Spheres" from the Ascent of Man series — I, Curtis.

**Tuesday, 12 noon** — Concert (Music) featuring the Howie Spring Jazz Quartet — Founders College Dining Hall.

**2 p.m. - 4 p.m.** — Japanese Film (East Asian Studies Programme) "Ugetsu" (Mizoguchi) — L, Curtis.

**8:30 p.m.** — Concert — the Glendon Orchestra, under the direction of Alain Baudot, will perform the following: Overture — Der Freischutz-Weber; Concert Piece for 4

Horns and Orchestra — Schumann; and Symphony No. 3 in D — Schubert — Old Dinning Hall, Glendon Hall, Glendon College.

**8:30 p.m.** — Concert (Music) the York New Music Cooperative will perform two works by John Cage — Concert for piano and orchestra; Atlas Eclipticalis — F, Curtis.

## CLUBS, MEETINGS

**Today, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** — A.I.E.S.E.C. — office is open Monday through Friday at this time — 020, Administrative Studies.

**12 noon** — Integrity Group Meeting — "Chiropractic in the New Age" with Dr. Nick Ashfield — 107, Stedman.

**4 p.m.** — Meeting (Stong Commuter Club) — for information please call David Adolph at local 3095 or local 3315-364, Stong.

**5 p.m.** — Meeting (York Chinese Christian Fellowship) — two cartoons will be shown — all interested persons are invited to attend — Music Room (016), McLaughlin.

**8 p.m.** — Eckan Eckankar — 103, Winters.

**Friday, 1:30 - 5-30 p.m.** — Winters Chess Club — also on Wednesday's from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. — 030A, Winters.

**Monday, 2 p.m.** — Christian Science Organization meeting (Library open from 12 noon - 3 p.m. today) — 030A, Winters.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Today, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** — Israel Awareness Week (Jewish Student Federation) continued — 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. — "Hebrew Ulpan" — Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross; 11 a.m. - 12 noon — "Child Rearing Methods on the Kibbutz" with Era Fritsch and Jeff Climans of Kibbutz M'abarot — S872; 12 noon - 1 p.m. — "The Palestinians: Is there a Solution?" — broadcast for Radio York, Beat Pit.

**Square; and 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.** — Israeli Folk Dancing — Bear Pit, Central Square.

**Friday** — Muslim Students Prayer Meeting — for time, location call 633-3821 or 537-1087.

**Sunday, 6:10 p.m.** — Radio Interview — York President H. Ian Macdonald will be on the "Let's Discuss It" programme, speaking on "Universities" — CFRB, Station 1010 (Please note time change).

**7 p.m.** — Roman Catholic Mass — 107, Stedman.