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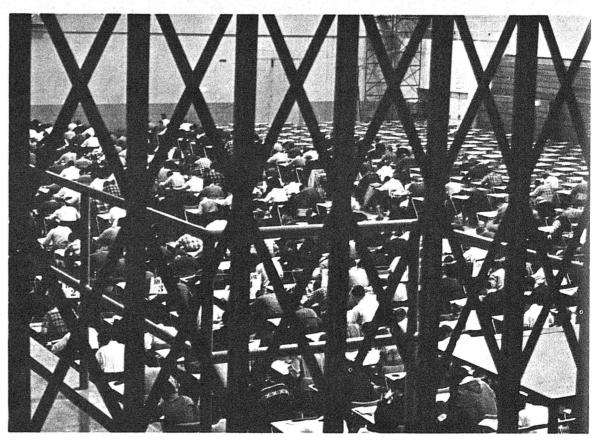
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# Present crises in America means revival of Marxism — Aptheker 9

### By MARILYN ASTLE

The present crisis in American society is leading to a revival of Marxism.

"Interest in Marxism is more widespread in the U.S. now than it has been for 30 years," said Dr. Herbert Aptheker, head of the American Institute of Marxist Studies and editor of Political Affairs, the organ of the American Communist Party.

Dr. Aptheker spoke to the Poli Sci Club Jan. 12 on Marxism's relevance to contemporary North America.

Interest was so great that the meeting, to be held in Tory 45, was moved twice to a larger room, fin-ally filling TL-11.

"It is not only the Communist devils who speak of a crisis society. America has a sick society by admission of some of its most observ-ant and loyal servants," Dr. Dr.

Aptheker said. He blamed the crisis on Ameri-can retention of outmoded systems and concepts:

• the private possession of means of production,

• the idea of the West being the centre of the world, • the commitment to power poli-

• the commitment to racism.

"The majority of Americans are opposed to the war in Vietnam," he

said.

On foreign policy in general, he

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said, "Abroad we still have some clients, but no friends; some debtors, but no allies." "There is a revolt in America al-

though it is not yet fully concious Demand for socio-economic

change is especially great among the clergy, Catholic and Protestant, who make specific demands with a

note of urgency and a deep social probing," he said. Only in the question period that followed did Dr. Aptheker make any statements that gave possible reasons for Americans' interest in Marxism as opposed to any other solution.

"The purpose of Marxism is not to make socialism but to make hu-man life better.

"Marxism has a high estimate of man. It agrees with Shakespeare, 'how like a god is he.'

'Marxism has done better in 100 years than Christianity has in 2,000," he said.

# **UBC** votes to end senate secrecy

VANCOUVER (CUP) - More than 600 University of British Columbia students voted to break senate secrecy by sitting in at the next senate meeting. The idea was first proposed by arts president Stan Persky at an open meeting. The meeting was called by two senators who wanted discussion on their threat to resign their senate seats.



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Persky said rather than discuss senate secrecy, "just send in some students to sit in." A motion to sit in on the Feb. 14 meeting was sup-

n on the reb. 14 meeting was sup-ported by the 600 students. Acting UBC president Walter Gage Wednesday called the plan "irresponsible".