

Black Rose offers alternatives

by Bruce M. Lantz

"To the Anarchist there are two types of society: on the one hand the open life-centered society that must be decentralized, and on the other the closed power-centered society that is authoritarian and totalitarian. He sees the former as springing from the impulse of love and spontaneity, whilst the latter is rooted in the impulse to coercion, authority and guilt. In social living we find power, fear and guilt or we find love, freedom and spontaneity — the Anarchist seeks the latter."

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These words are part of a

policy statement from the Black Rose Collective, a recently formed group of Anarchists on the Dalhousie campus.

The group consists of approximately eight people who could generally be classified as "anarchal communists". The collective stresses that they are not against organization but they want it to come from below — from the people, not the group itself. "Society must be non-coercive, with the major emphasis on co-operation," said one Black Rose member.

The collective sees the end result of such a movement to be a "communist society of free communes with no class

structure," based on the principle of voluntary association. "You must have the freedom to be yourself, as long as you don't harm other people."

The collective evolved from a class on the "Theory and Practice of Anarchy", which is conducted by Professor John Godfrey of the History Department at Dal. Early in October these people got together and formed the "Revolutionary Anarchist-Marxist Alliance" (RAMA). At this time they produced several pamphlets and played an active role in the Amchitka demonstrations. They maintain that

there was not as much contradiction in the group as might be gathered from their title. "There were and are basic tenets of marxism that closely align with what Anarchists are trying to achieve."

Through its previous actions the collective has established relations with two major groups. One of these is New Morning, a Halifax group which has been working in the community for some time, and also the Quebec "Movement for the Nationalization of Finance Companies".

Although the Black Rose Collective states that they respect New Morning "as people, and because they are at least struggling with themselves in the community context", they feel that the tactics of that group are often wrong. "New Morning hasn't destroyed the vanguardism that prevailed when MacKinnon (former collective member) was around."

Black Rose maintains that New Morning continues to look for a revolution in the immediate future, "without a proper, realistic outlook toward the needs of the people."

In the recent Student Union Council elections Black Rose proposed an alternate student union which is still in the organizational process. At present, several meetings have been scheduled to formulate such a union, which would center on "physical opinion rather than intellectual". Should enough students express interest in such an organization, Black Rose intends to remain very much in the background, allowing the students to decide exactly what they want.

"We feel that the main necessity is to encourage all students to become involved in the community which surrounds the university, to work with workers and to learn to understand them," stated one Black Rose member.

Jobs available in Europe

Post-Secondary students planning to take part in this year's international student summer employment exchange with 11 European countries should make application at their campus or local Canada Manpower Centre immediately.

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re-imburse return travel costs within Canada for students who fulfill their work commitment in Europe.

In a telephone survey of half of the some 1,000 Canadian students who participated in the first international exchange program last summer, 77 per cent expressed satisfaction with the program.

It's a burn!!!

The above blurb, which was submitted to us from the Manpower Office in the SUB, smells like a bummer. Although you might not notice it at first reading, they are NOT going to pay any expenses except those you incur while travelling IN Canada — if you live in Halifax you'll get the price of a bus ride in from the airport.

Be prepared to sept most of your pay on a CHARTER flight over and back. And think about who decides if you filled your "work commitment". If someone thinks you didn't, then you'll have to find your own means of travel when you get back here.

We understand their need for safeguards to prevent freeloaders, but surely the big, ol' Canadian government can think of something just a little bit better.

Peace meeting

by Walter Plaut

Kay Macpherson, president of the Voice of Women, gave a talk at the Art College February 21 about the recent peace assembly at Versailles. Formally called the Paris World Assembly for Peace and the Independence for the Peoples of Indochina, the assembly was attended by 1200 delegates from 84 countries.

Publicity of the event was so effective that the Americans postponed their Paris peace talks and condemned the assembly, thus calling into question U.S. motives in Paris.

The Versailles assembly was told of the current American build-up of the air war as U.S. ground troops are being pulled out of Indochina. Forty new B-52 bombers and another aircraft carrier were reported in the area. Newly developed anti-personnel bombs are being tested on the Vietnamese people, while a leader of a Saigon women's peace movement has been jailed.

The peace assembly divided itself into four commissions to study the political implications of the war, the economic effects, new forms of warfare, and means for aid and action.

A discussion following Mrs. Macpherson's talk brought out the economic and racist aspects of the war, and the fact that the Chinese are not popular in

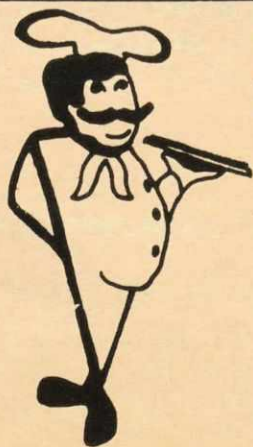
Indochina. The puppet governments in Laos and Cambodia were said to control only small areas of land.

The first Atlantic Conference on the Indochina War was announced for March 18. Its theme will be "Vietnam — Is The War Really Over?" Per-

sons of all political views opposed to the war are invited to take part. Those interested in helping to organize the conference should attend the weekly committee meetings on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in Room 318 of the Student Union Building.

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