

## Artistic strikers

# 108 face charges

By RON ROSENTHAL

The dust has settled on the picket-line at the Artistic Woodwork Company and the 108 people arrested are now facing the court appearances.

Those up for trial include 16 Artistic workers or union organizers, 55 worker supporters, six retired or unemployed persons, and two artists, teachers, and a minister, alderman and businessman.

Charges against the 108 range from mischief and common assault to assaulting or obstructing an officer on duty. Almost a third of these have been tried, resulting in five acquittals and 25 convictions.

Nine of the nineteen students charged are from York University. The York students include Alex Cox, Pat Deutcher, Peter Dorfman, Bob Griffin, Treat Hall, Peter Matilainen, Alen Urem and Ray Van Eenoughe. Peter Bennett who was charged with common assault is a student at Glendon campus. Mark Golden, a lecturer at York, received a mischief charge that was dropped.

The 12 persons convicted of mischief received \$200 in fines while four had an added 6 month probation period. Common assault convictions won \$200 in fines while two defendants also face 14 day sentences served intermittently on weekends.

Sevario Verdaro, a construction worker permanently disabled by an industrial accident received a \$200 fine for common assault. Verdaro is supporting his family on a disability pension of \$300 a month. Lee Zaslowsky won a 15 day sentence for the same

charge, although common assault is not an indictable offence.

Ray Van Eenoughe who was charged with mischief spent 3 days in the Don Jail protesting an order he claims he was forced to sign denying his right to go back to the picket-line. Later the charges were dropped on a "technicality". A second charge of assaulting an officer resulted in a conviction in spite of a photograph disproving police testimony. Van Eenoughe faces a \$100 fine and 14 days served intermittently.

## Lang speaks at York Waffle rally

Law courts are operating as an arm of big business, claimed John Lang, an organizer for the Canadian Textile and Chemical Union (CTCU).

Lang spoke with York students at a rally sponsored by the York Waffle in support of the persons convicted on charges stemming from the Artistic Woodwork strike.

Ninety-nine percent of the arrests made at the picket-line were totally unwarranted, Lang told the group of thirty. Police often charged picketeers at random, and, the Artistic Woodwork Company's refusal to allow arrested workers to return to work is also illegal, Lang asserted.

Another speaker, Dave Monie, who belongs to the United Electrical Workers (UE), declared that anyone who works in a plant where there is a legally declared strike is clearly a professional strike-breaker.



Ray Van Eenoughe passed three days in the Don Jail protesting an order prohibiting him from the picket-line.

## Artistic funds held

By BONNIE SANDISON

The Council of the York Student Federation cannot yet release the \$300 to the students involved in the Artistic Strike. The resolution was passed at the Dec. 10 student council meeting under the assumption that a quorum was present. The following day President Michael Mouritsen discovered that council did not have a quorum.

After legal consultation, Mouritsen stated that a new vote had to be taken at the next meeting of council. The council's own constitution says nothing about dealing with proceedings where a quorum is thought to be present, but in actual fact is not.

At a council meeting Monday a quorum was once again absent. The meeting was cancelled before any proposals could be made. It was suggested however, that the council would vote on a time allotment of ten or fifteen minutes to be made if at any time in the future, a quorum were not present at seven o'clock.

The vote on the confirmation of the Dec. 10 decision will take place at the next council meeting, Jan. 14. Mouritsen made little comment on the \$300 except to say no money would leave council funds until after the vote.

Mouritsen stated he was disgusted by students who let their names stand for council and then don't show up for the meetings.

## Versa hints prices will be increased due to cost rises

By J.W. BELTRAME

H.D. Knox, acting chairman at the last meeting of Versa Foods Services, hinted that due to "the ever-rising cost of raw material", the prices of foods sold by the company would have to be increased. Knox stated that he was concerned about how to "express this need to the community", but felt that the need for the increases was not temporary and that "markets have not fallen" as was earlier supposed by the company financial experts.

At the meeting Dr. Ioan Davies of Bethune was elected the new chairman and Chris Tillson chosen to succeed Lyn Brooks as director of York campus operations. The upcoming meeting of the Food Service Committee which will take place next Monday, January 14, will make it clear to what extent the new increases will affect the cost of meals at the York campus.

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