

QUEZAVA SAYS

Workers, students oppressed

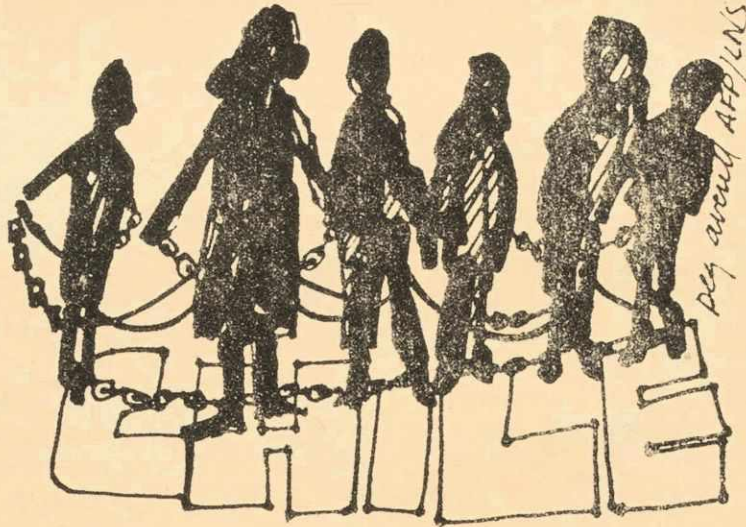
by Scott Gray

Carlos Quezava, co-ordinator of the Central Workers Union of Chile, spoke to a group of students last week at Dal about the problems of the Chilean workers and students under the Fascist regime of Augusto Pinochet.

After the military coup four years ago, the unions, which had enjoyed considerable freedom under the Allende government, were severely repressed by the dictatorship. One of the first pieces of legislation brought in by Pinochet was Bill 198, which restricted all types of union activities.

He believes, however, that the unions have been regaining some of their former powers in the past year. One month ago, 850 union leaders, from 500 unions, sent a petition to the junta, asking for the repeal of the law.

Universities were also hard hit by the junta. During the coup and the months which followed, several universities were bombarded and many students were killed. The students are considered "dangerous" by the junta and thus the student leaders were open to reprisals. Many were killed or imprisoned. The vacancies in the



universities are now double what they were before the coup. Enrollment is down by 60% and now only the rich can afford to go to university, thus limiting the futures of many poorer students. Many professors have emigrated because most of the funds which used to go to the universities now goes to the military.

Unemployment in Chile is now running at 20% and this represents 33.3% of the working population.

University Services.

The proposal outlines the proposed structure and budget of the centre. The committee is hoping that the university will help to subsidize the centre by providing space and perhaps assisting with the renovation costs. Vagianos has been receptive to the proposal, but no concrete offers of assistance have yet materialized.

A public meeting on day care will be held on Wednesday, October 12, at 12:30 in room 424 SUB.

Dalhousie day care

Since the completion of a report last May on the need for day care at Dal, the Dalhousie Day Care Committee has been working actively on getting a day care centre set up at Dalhousie.

The report which summarized the results of a survey carried out by Marie Alphonse and Cathy Dyke, outlined the urgent need for a day care centre at Dalhousie. Many student parents at Dal have a great deal of difficulty in finding accessible and adequate daycare that they can afford and welcomed the idea of a centre being located on campus.

The Day Care Committee, which is made up of representatives of the Faculty Association, Staff Association, Student's Union and Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, then wrote a proposal for a new centre and presented it to Louis Vagianos, Vice-President of

Chile has no form of unemployment insurance or welfare. These jobless workers must rely on such things as food kitchens and a program called "Minimum Employment" which is a governmental program which provides the workers with one week's subsistence salary for one month's work or unemployment.

The workers and the students are now attempting to stand up against the junta. They have co-ordinated themselves into neighborhood asso-

Cameron and Larry Worthen headed a meeting Tuesday night, discussing the plans for a social event in the near future, and continued funding of the organizations sponsored by the Arts Society last year. Among these were the language clubs, the Sodales (the Dal debating club), the Dalhousie Russian Film Society, guest speakers for various faculties, the fee for Thomas Winner, the renowned linguist, and many other special events. This funding will continue and suggestions for new projects are welcome.

It was clear at this meeting that the Arts Society has a great potential this year and all Arts students are welcomed to take advantage of it. Bring your ideas and opinions to Wednesday's meeting. The location will be announced in the posters all over the campus, and on CKDU Radio.

Lots of free coffee and donuts!

Art society wants you

by Greg McSweeney

Anyone with ideas and opinions about what the Arts Society should be doing this year is welcome to an open meeting Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7:00. What should the Society's goals be this year? What can members expect to be involved in? Your suggestions are wanted.

Arts reps Mike Power, Janet

Government to blame?

PRETORIA (ENS-CUP) — The South African government is admitting for the first time there may have been police "irregularities" in the death of Steven Biko, reportedly South Africa's most popular black leader.

Biko's sudden death more than a week ago has plunged the country into its gravest political crisis since rioting broke out last year.

Justice Minister James Kruger, who originally attributed Biko's death to an eight-day hunger strike, is now hinting that may not have been the cause. He is also beginning to change earlier details concerning Biko's death, and said that "heads may roll" in the police force once an investigation is completed.

Furthermore, a "reliable source" has told June Goodwin of the Christian Science Monitor that Biko's body showed signs of brain damage and broken ribs. The source added that it is possible that electricity was used on the black leader.

So far, the South Africa blacks

ciations, youth associations and unions. These have been spearheading a movement against the junta. Every time these groups meet with the government, the issues of unemployment and missing persons are the topic of discussion, these being the two unifying issues in Chile today.

Quezava said that the U.S. and its multinationals were at least partly responsible for the coup. He felt that the immigration policies of the U.S. and Canada left much to be desired. He praised the Communist bloc and several Western European countries support.

Quezava's lecture tour is designed to raise support for the Chilean people. Several similar tours are going on throughout the U.S. and Canada. They are asking the support of students and unions in fighting the junta. They hope that students will write letters to the governments of Canada and Chile, asking for a return to democratic processes and the release of all political prisoners in Chile.

Quezava feels that in order to return to these processes, the junta has to go. He hopes that with the support of Canadians, the otherwise inevitable war will be avoided.

who revered Steven Biko as the "Father of Black Consciousness" have remained quiet. Major protest gatherings are planned during this week. But sources say any black confrontation with white authority will most likely "come in some unexpected way and at some surprising time".

Student sexist

SASKATOON (CUP) — The University of Saskatchewan student union has censured a member of its executive held responsible for including a sexist verse in the student union's handbook.

Executive vice-president Kathy Swalm, who initiated the censure motion against finance vice-president Ean Kasper at the union's Sept. 15 meeting, said that sexism "is not in good taste" and has no business in a student union publication.

Kasper's "poem", titled Return of the Co-ed, reads: "With books she enters through these doors/To decorate the corridors/And midst the academic try/Perhaps she'll snaffle off some guy."

Other council representatives said they were disturbed by the values contained in the lines, saying they accuse women students of being at university only to "decorate these hallowed halls of learning, of being unable and unwilling to engage in serious academic study, instead of preferring to 'snaffle off some guy', presumably a serious student, i.e. a male one".

Kasper attempted to defend the verse by saying "I'm sure that we could produce the names of a good number of women who fit into the category described in that poem", and added the handbook has done well financially for the first time in years.

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pointed before the meeting; 1 Secretary (Dalhousie SU employee) to record the minutes; and myself. Order was called under the auspices of "the Maritime Federation of Student Union Presidents," a pseudonym that was to change 3 times before I departed the premises. It was then pointed out that, "No one but SU Presidents has the right to speak or vote concerning matters at this meeting." This was questioned, not by myself (being a SU Secretary and the only NSCAD delegate), but by a member of MFSUP. He was answered by the Chairman (a VP remember!) that, "we have the right to do anything we want." But don't get me wrong, I was still permitted to sit at the same table as these all-powerful elected representatives of Maritime students.

After two delays, totaling 35 minutes, caused by the fact that some individuals could not compre-

hend the reason for, or the exact coinage of, "recommendations for alterations in the AFS proposed constitution," the comedy continued for approximately an hour. At this point, a newly elected president unfamiliar with the cast and totally lost in the colonialism of the affair threw in the bucket. Asking that his colleague, more familiar with the order of power present, be permitted to vote and speak in his place.

Unfortunately, it was a lost cause after the above mentioned occurrence. Although I was conceded verbalization and voting I must thank the chair for that. It was a chance for NSCAD to abstain from the moral insanity that prevailed. I mean Mr. Sampson, if you are attempting a coup de grace, "you had better get your act together," as we say at NSCAD.

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