

# Prof wants commission into expressway

By MIKE SAVAGE

There should be a commission set up to inquire into the proposed extension of the Spadina Expressway says York professor-turned-alderman, Bill Kilbourne.

At a meeting at the University of Toronto Sunday Kilbourne said he wants a review of what the consequences of the expressway will be, if it goes through. He suggested a study group to look into what the proposed expressway will do to the ecology of the city. He wants a review, he said, because the people want to know what the alternatives are.

"I don't think an alderman is going to be worth his salt if he hasn't gone to jail before his three-year term is up," Kilbourne said. He said people must stop the expressway until there is an inquiry.

About 200 people, their names reading like a Who's Who of Toronto municipal politics, attending the meeting, called to discuss ways to stop the expressway. Two defeated mayoralty candidates in last year's municipal elections,

Margaret Campbell and Stephen Clarkson, and alderman Ying Hope and William Archer were there.

The proposed extension of the Spadina Expressway, now running from the Downsview armed forces base to Lawrence Avenue and under construction to just south of Eglinton Avenue, was a prime issue in the December elections. Archer and Hope were both elected on an anti-Spadina platform in Ward 5. The expressway, if completed would go right through their ward.

Hope used Los Angeles as an example of what might happen to Toronto if the expressway goes through. "The city planners of Los Angeles have now found that indeed they have made a mistake" by building expressways all over the city, he said.

Hope has a personal stake in the issue. His house is on the route of the proposed expressway.

Who will the expressway affect? Everyone, says Jane Jacobs, author of the Death and Life of Great American Cities, a book concerned with air pollution. She

has served on task forces for former U.S. president Lyndon Johnson and New York mayor John Lindsay and is presently a consultant to the urban legal aid program at York's Osgoode Hall Law School.

"The widespread uprooting of people and disintegration of city neighborhoods exacts vast and mounting social costs," she told The Globe and Mail last November.

"But as the expressways, interchanges and parking lots downtown proliferate, as the local streets grow ever more congested, and the pollution and noise intensify, the quality of the inner city

deteriorates. The suburbanite is even cheated of his dream of a swift journey, if he travels during commuting hours."

York humanities professor Paul Levine is working with the publicity and citizens mobilization. He said there are three areas in which to work — media, broadening and consolidating public support through public events, and the petition. Petitions asking city council to stop the expressway are being mailed, sent door-to-door, and distributed in public places.

"This movement to stop the expressway is a movement of all

the people," Allen Powell, chairman of the meeting said. He said the present movement started in mid-October of last year. There was a parade down the route of the proposed expressway Dec. 6 to dramatize what the group is doing.

"We live in a town where planning is done by nineteenth-century minds," University of Toronto communications theory professor Marshall McLuhan said. "I say go North, Young man. Turn that thing around."

The meeting was sponsored by the Stop Spadina Save Our City Coordinating Committee. For more information, call 964-8162.

## Over fee increases

# Threats halts PEI sit-in

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) — Prince Edward Island education minister Gordon Bennett bran-

dished the threat of police action over the heads of 300 university students Tuesday, forcing them to discontinue a sit-in provoked by fee increases and substandard education at the University of Prince Edward Island.

After a march through downtown Charlottetown, the students filled the corridors of two floors of the provincial government's administration building for two hours, also occupying Bennett's office and the outer chambers of PEI premier Alex Campbell.

The students were demanding higher operating grants for UPEI, guarantees that students would not be forced to pay for further increases in university expenses through tuition fee raises and the institution of the grant scheme for student aid in the province.

The students also asked that Campbell live up to promises made in a government white paper issued in April, 1968, in which Campbell said the province "would have a university comparable to national standards."

An advance group which occupied Bennett's office were given no responses to their demands for government action.

After two hours of discussion, Bennett called in eight members of the RCMP and local police forces, and told students they would be liable to charges of obstructing a police officer, obstructing private

property and obstruction of justice if they did not leave.

Eventually the students filed out of the building, after convincing a small number not to face arrest by staying.

Tuesday's protest climaxed two weeks of unrest at the one-year-old UPEI campus, which began Jan. 15 when students discovered via a local television program that their board of governors had secretly approved a \$100 tuition fee increase and a \$100 residence fee increase for next year.

The board decision was made Oct. 27, 1969. Both administration president R. J. Baker and a single student union representative on the board justified their silence by saying "the students would find out about it anyway."

Monday, 250 students watched as the UPEI board refused to rescind the fee increases.

The University of Prince Edward Island is an amalgamation of St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College, which the PEI government created to raise educational standards in the province.

In the government white paper which announced the creation of the new university, Campbell promised the institution \$18-million in student aid and \$69-million for operating costs during a 10-year period ending in 1978. So far, neither has been implemented.

## Mac pushes OHRC over Arab prof

HAMILTON (CUP) — The student council at McMaster University agreed last week to prod the Ontario Human Rights Commission into issuing a three-month-overdue report into the case of political scientist George Haggar.

Haggar laid charges with the commission last September against five Ontario universities including York, charging that they refused to hire him because of his pro-Arab, pro-socialist beliefs.

The commission promised to issue a report on Haggar's charges by last October; so far no report has been released.

The council will present a petition to the commission, asking the body if it has come to any decision over Haggar's charges.

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