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Chartrand given warm welcome

By DAVID CHUD

Canada is an "economic dictatorship" controlled by American corporations, Michel Chartrand told 750 York students last Thursday.

Chartrand was speaking with Laurier LaPierre in jam-packed Winters College dining hall at a forum sponsored by the New Democratic Youth, the Council of the York Student Federation, the

Student Christian Movement and Winters College Council.

According to Chartrand the country is on the road to fascism since the purpose of capitalism is the maximization of profits "by any means necessary" and the ruling class is willing to use violent means. There is no thought about the social or national purposes of production.

Chartrand outlined the attempts made by him and other political prisoners held under the War Measures Act and the Temporary Measures Act to ensure their legal rights.

He told how he tried to get Jean Marchand indicted for contempt and the runaround he encountered. Both the provincial and federal judges said that it was not their jurisdiction.

"We didn't know whose ass to kick!" he said.

Chartrand commented that it hadn't taken the authorities long to find the correct procedure for finding him in contempt of court.

He complained that the administration of justice takes too long and that if necessary courts should be set up in church basements.

Chartrand argued that the political prisoners "aren't asking for our liberation, we're just asking for a trial."

Chartrand spent almost four months in jail waiting for his first appearance in court.

The audience, which seemed unsure of how to respond to him at first, warmed to Chartrand through his 30 minute speech and he was given a long ovation at its close.

Laurier LaPierre, former CBC personality, stressed that his talk reflected only his own feelings. He said it was a popular myth that the Quebec political climate is monolithic.

He outlined his former commitment to federalism and said



photo by Tim Clark

Michel Chartrand was greeted with an ovation by York students in Thursday's forum.

that October 16 had been a "profound crisis" for him.

It is no longer possible for him to be what he was for this would put him on the side of "crypto-federalist" Bourassa and Trudeau.

In October, he said, all Quebecers were "forced to make a choice" and that he can no longer take the middle road.

He called the York united Canada rally (held after the implementation of the War Measures Act) "stupid and immoral" and condemned those who had taken part.

LaPierre said the choice of whether Quebec will become independent or stay in Canada is up to Quebecers and as for English

Canadians, "it's none of your goddamn business."

Chartrand commented that Quebecers want a government of their own "even if it's a government of crackpots, at least it will be ours."

Repeatedly in his emotional speech, LaPierre stressed Quebec was where he had found his roots as a person, Quebec was where he wanted to live and work and where he wanted his children to go to school and grow up.

LaPierre said our long term goal should be a strong Canada and a strong Quebec, which together can fight their common enemy, American imperialism.

CYSF may not pay for Fletcher's debt

The \$1,500 debt allegedly owed by the Council of the York Student Federation to Founders College Council will probably not be paid back in full, according to CYSF treasurer Rob Macrae.

The debt was incurred last year when Mike Fletcher, then CYSF social commissioner, borrowed the \$1,500 from Founders to sponsor a concert by the Guess Who. Fletcher, however, failed to obtain CYSF endorsement for this action.

According to Founders president Bob Thompson, Founders council, on behalf of Fletcher, sent the \$1,500 directly to the agency handling the Guess Who. The concert deal subsequently fell through, but the agency kept the money.

The debate now centres around who should pay for the loss. Thompson argues that CYSF should reimburse Founders since the money was loaned under the assumption that Fletcher was acting with CYSF endorsement.

Macrae argues that Founders should have checked into Fletcher's status before loaning and sending the money. However, Macrae says he also feels that CYSF may have a moral obligation to pay for at least part of the debt.

According to Macrae, if CYSF did pay part of the debt the councillors could then, if they desired, sue Fletcher personally for return of that amount.

There is also a chance that the money could still be retrieved from the agency. The matter is now in the hands of CYSF's lawyer.

Staff elects new editor at Excalibur

Andy Michalski has been elected the new EXCALIBUR editor for 1971-1972.

Michalski, who was editor of Glendon College's Pro-Tem last year was elected by the EXCALIBUR staff a week ago last Friday.

The election was a contest between two applicants who were questioned in detail by the staff. Applications had been opened in early February.

Michalski has not set any specific editorial policies as of yet and jokingly told the staff he applied because he was "a born masochist."

The election must be formally ratified by the Board of Communications and the Council of the York Student Federation.



Laurier LaPierre grits his teeth as he tries to get a point across to the crowd of 750 at a forum last Thursday.

RCMP nab 1000 a month

Dope arrests increasing

OTTAWA (CUP) — The RCMP averaging about 1,000 dope busts a month last year, appear to be out to get as many people as possible before the government starts taking the Le Dain commission seriously.

"Soft drug" arrests in the 10-month period ending January 31, numbered 10,845, said an RCMP spokesman — and that doesn't include arrests by all police forces.

Soft drugs are those generally considered non-addictive — mainly grass, hash, acid, etc.

The figure, double last year's rate, is an all-time high. Possession is a relatively easy charge to get a conviction on, and according to many members of the youth culture, "dope plants" are also an easy way for local authorities to rid themselves of "undesirable elements" in the

community.

Hard drug arrests, according to RCMP statistics, mostly involving heroin, numbered 619, up from 507 last year.

Heroin addiction is on the increase, said a narcotic control division official, particularly among youth. The increase was especially noticeable in the prairie provinces.

Even defense minister Donald Macdonald is alarmed.

About 100 cases of drug abuse were investigated in the service last year, involving about 400 people. About 50 servicemen were discharged after narcotics convictions.

He said there was a grave concern about security aspects. A foreign agent might gain control over a soldier using drugs by becoming his supplier.

Macdonald noted that the "drugs" concerned were soft drugs. He didn't explain what kind of control he expected a dealer in grass or hash or acid to have over his buyer.

Educational programmes to combat drugs in the military stress the incompatibility between being in the service and being a drug user.

Meanwhile, in Fresno, Calif., Golden Eagle, 30, a Navajo Indian, has filed a \$1.5 million damage suit against county authorities.

Golden Eagle was held in jail for 31 days after peyote, a hallucinogenic cactus, was found in his car.

The California Supreme Court ruled in 1964 that members of the Native American Church, most of them Indians, have the right to use peyote for religious purposes. Golden Eagle is a member of that church.

Vanier's scrap paper going for \$8 a ton

By BARRY LERNER

A pilot project for the recycling of paper will be started by York's Pollution Probe in Vanier College and residence on Monday.

Separate containers will be set up for paper and for other waste (food, glass, soft drink cans). Students are being asked to cooperate in placing their waste in the appropriate containers.

The paper will be picked up each evening by the York maintenance staff and will be deposited in the Stong barn where it will be bailed

and banded. When two tons are collected Pollution Probe has arranged for a paper wholesaler to come and pick it up.

Pollution Probe will be paid \$8 a ton for the paper and will use the money to expand the service on a campus wide basis if the idea catches on.

Because the separation of the paper and other trash involves an increased work load for the maintenance staff, the 10-15 active members of York's Pollution Probe must be responsible for collection of trash and its transportation to the loading dock at Vanier.

In asking for help in transporting the trash and placing it in the proper containers, Pollution Probe reminds the York community that seventeen trees will be saved for every ton of paper collected.

They stress that this is only a pilot project and its success or failure will decide on future expansion or dropping of the project.

Excalibur exposé

Next week's end-of-year issue will feature an expose on EXCALIBUR which will answer all your questions: how much York content was there, were we biased, what about salaries, etc. Don't miss it.