

York Briefs

Red Forum on Chilean resistance

"Chile: The resistance continues", is the topic of a Red Forum being held at York next Tuesday Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. in Curtis Lecture Hall C. Sponsored by the York Revolutionary Marxist Group, the forum features Bob Mills, leading member of the RMG who was in Chile in 1972 and worked there with the M.I.R. (Movement of the Revolutionary Left). He has also been active in Canada since the coup around solidarity actions with the Chilean workers movement and was one of those arrested during the cross Canada occupations of immigration offices, following Canadian government refusal to take refugees.

Among the issues to be covered at the forum will be a balance sheet of the Popular Unity in action, details on the resistance, and the condition of refugees who are still in Chile. Discussion will follow the main presentation and all are invited to attend.

Student summer jobs in Europe

The American European Student Service assists university students in finding summer employment in Europe. This year, the AES Service is carrying out the program on a larger scale, due to a greater number of available jobs. For further information, write to American-European Student-Service, Box 34 733, FL 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein, Europe.

Black Coalition to hold funds dinner

Members of the Black Student Coalition from York University, University of Toronto, and Ryerson are sponsoring a fund raising dinner to sponsor a Black Community Centre.

The guest speaker from People United to Save Humanity will be Reverend Jesse Jackson former assistant to the late Martin Luther King Jr.

Dinner will be held Feb. 16, at Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute, Birchmount and Danforth. Price of tickets \$10. Further information and tickets can be obtained from the contacting Sylvia Seerles, Lorna Benjamin, or Bert Smith in the Office of the Black Peoples Movement 109 Ross.

Dancing Worlds at Moot Court

The third lecture in the Humanities Series sponsored by Atkinson College's Department of Humanities is next Tuesday, January 29th at 8:30 p.m. in the Moot Court of Osgoode Hall Law School.

Professor Larry Chisholm, Professor of American Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo, will speak on "Dancing Worlds: Steps in Parsimoniously Comprehensive Human Experience."

The lecture will involve speculations about cultural space and world life, about synaesthesia, memory, integrative cortical processes, eroticism, language and play. Guest-lecturer Chisholm is a Yale University Fellow in Chinese Studies.

Math prodigy to play numbers game

Indian calculating prodigy Shakuntala Devi will be at York on Tuesday, January 29 at 1:00 in Curtis lecture hall 'E'. She will be giving a demonstration of her mathematical expertise and admission is free.

Taste makes waste?

New York (CUP) — McDonald's fast-food chain uses enough energy annually to supply the cities of Pittsburgh, Boston, Washington, and San Francisco with electric power for an entire year.

According to University of Illinois computer scientist Bruce Hannon, the packaging of McDonald's hamburgers, french fries, and other products consumes three billion kilowatt hours worth of electricity per year, or the energy equivalent of 12.7 million tons of coal.

For each customer, the average energy equivalent of 2.1 pounds of coal is expended.

In addition, McDonald's uses 174 million pounds of paper yearly, which is roughly the sustained yield of 315 square miles of forest. Each McDonald's patron discards 2.4 ounces of packaging.

"They are a symbol of nationwide waste of material and energy resources," says Hannon.

Destroy business unions

Ottawa (CUP) — Canadian workers must struggle to destroy "business unionism", the author of (Canada) Ltd., a new book on Canadian economics, said in Ottawa, January 13th.

In a meeting of Waffle Party supporters, Bob Laxer described business unions as those that encourage professionalism among their executives, emphasize negotiations rather than struggles for workers' rights and are usually part of the large American unions.

He said that although business unions presently represent most Canadian workers, the basis for business unions is breaking down and the movement for Canadian unions is grown. Laxer said that increasing numbers of the working force, especially those in the public service industries, are becoming unionized but "organizing the unorganized will not happen on a large scale under the present business union leadership."

The capitalist economic system encourages competition among those who sell their labour power, Laxer said. The value of unions is that they reduce this competition and provide a focus where workers can engage in a collective struggle against those forces that affect them all.

He criticized Canadian unions for not being more militant when, for the first time since 1940, the absolute purchasing power of the average Canadian has dropped. Laxer said that despite propaganda that the current economic problems affect everyone equally, the gap between the rich and the poor is widening.

Laxer said the union movement must be the focal point for the socialist struggle and, by advocating a 30 hour work week and a \$4 per hour minimum wage, the Waffle Party recognizes this.

David Whalley, a CUPE organizer, told the meeting most union leaders are alienated from the rank and file. He criticized the fact that there is no ongoing educational process within the union movement. Whalley said that there have been few attempts to educate union members about the nature of unionism.

The Ontario Waffle recently formed a political party separate from the NDP, following Saskatchewan's lead. In 1972, Ontario NDP leader, Stephen Lewis, and the party executive expelled Waffle members from the NDP.

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A forum - the Law and the Consumer

The 11th annual "Conference on Law and Contemporary Affairs" will be held in the Medical Sciences Auditorium, 1 King's Circle, University of Toronto on February 1 and 2.

The focal point of the conference, which is sponsored by the students of the Faculty of Law at U of T, will be, "Consumer Protection and the Law."

Registration fee (which includes background materials and banquet) is \$5.00 for students and \$15.00 for non-students. For further information and registration information contact the Faculty of Law, U of T at 928-5 016 or 298-4849

Sit George cafeteria boycotts grapes

MONTREAL (CUP) - The Sir George Willaims cafeteria has joined in the Grape and Iceberg lettuce boycott led by the United Farm Workers. The decision by the local management of Saga Foods to participate in the boycott was made in early January.

Greek coup will be discussed at UofT

Two months ago George Papadopoulos was ousted as Greek President and replaced by his hardline military underlings led by General Phaidon Gizikas. The events surrounding the coup and the perspectives of the Greek resistance will be the subject of a forum this Friday Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. at the Hart House Debates Room at the University of Toronto. The event is sponsored by the Revolutionary Marxist Group and will include a panel of speakers followed by a discussion open to the audience.

Two day Marxist education courses

The Norman Bethune School of Social Sciences, centre for Marxist Education is offering four six week courses: Introduction to Marxism-Leninism, English-Canadian Culture and the Class Struggle, Marxism and Women's Liberation, Strategies of Labour. All courses start in early February; one course is \$5; each additional course is \$2.50; students and unemployed are charged \$2. Two weekend seminars, The Communist Viewpoint on Quebec and The International Economic Situation, are offered on February 16 and 17, and March 2 and 3. For information call: 923-9831.

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