

Capitalism probable cause of division of classes



Photo by Stainless Steve

William Kashtan, leader of the Communist Party of Canada since 1965, said the party hopes to raise enough funds to hire a field organizer in this area.

By PAT POTTER

"Monopoly is in the seat of power. The same groups that own the economy in Canada also own the press in Canada," according to William Kashtan, leader of the Communist Party of Canada who spoke at Tilley Hall Wednesday. Kashtan called the working class "the vital force to bring about change."

The very development of capitalism brought about the division of the classes, he said.

"One class owns the means of production, the other class owns the labour power." The working class must ally itself with the forces necessary to bring down capitalism, he said.

The role of the communist party is to bring consciousness into the working class of its mission, he said.

"Canadians will move to the left more and more. It is irresponsible for Prime Minister Trudeau and Robert Stanfield to place the weight of the responsibility on the shoulders of the working class," said Kashtan.

The communist party proposes the prohibition of price hikes; government wage controls and the prosecution of price marketeers as means of controlling inflation.

Reduction of working hours from 40 to 30 a week, maintaining pay for the forty hour week and a vast housing program would easily conquer the unemployment problem according to Kashtan, as he discussed the ideology of the communist party.

"What the workers may have won on the bargaining table has been lost in government intervention," he said. If you "eliminate monopoly you open the door for

democratic development," he said.

"Canada is a secondary imperialist state, suffering from some elements of oppression," Kashtan said.

The advance to socialism will not be activated until complete Canadian independence is achieved. The enemies of our progress are "US imperialism and Canadian monopoly," Kashtan said.

In Canada the communist party looks to a multi-party system in which all parties concerned form a government promoting socialism. The communist party will be stronger in the Maritimes when it is decided it is necessary and those involved are organized by a field worker from the main party, Kashtan said.

This talk is the first of a series in which representatives of each political party in Canada will speak.

Individual student weakest link

By DERWIN GOWAN

The individual student is probably the weakest link in the higher educational system, National Union of Students executive secretary Dan O'Connor told the Students' Representative Council at Monday's meeting.

The administration and faculty are stronger than students, and they band together as well, he said. Therefore, students must do the same, he continued, if they are to have any influence over decisions made.

He also said governments are trying to cut expenditures at the present time, and post secondary educational institutions are among the first things to be cut, he said.

"There's a nice fat goose we can carve up a bit," was how he described government attitudes.

O'Connor said that Nova Scotian Premier Gerald Regan recently told the Atlantic Federation of Students, "It is the students' responsibility to defend their own interests."

O'Connor said the one dollar per student levy membership dues to the organization would amount to about three per cent of the total operating budget of our student union. He said NUS needs more members now because they are operating on a very tight budget. NUS had to raise \$30,000 over the

summer to pay short term loans, he said.

Unlike the Canadian Union of Students which collapsed in 1966,



Dan O'Connor

he said the organization which he represented had checks and balances built into it to keep it in close contact with the ordinary student. Student councils must approve policy decisions and they must meet in each province in turn.

Each province in which a university or college is a member of NUS is entitled to membership on the central committee. An institution can only join or leave

the union by a referendum.

New Brunswick has no representatives as no New Brunswick institutions are presently members. Mount Allison University was once a member, but they quit.

NUS operates a travel pool so that all members pay the same transportation costs to attend conferences, no matter how far they must travel.

The Central Committee is composed of a representative from each province with a member institution, a treasurer, president, and two members at large. The three full time workers are all graduates of Atlantic institutions, O'Connor said. These include a general secretary, executive secretary, and a field worker. The president is not paid.

O'Connor said that NUS was in a stronger position now than ever before. Some of the projects they are presently involved in include a student aid campaign, housing research, a women's conference, a review for the Canadian Radio and Television Commission dealing with student radio stations, and a review for the Central Mortgage and Housing Commission.

Thanks be to students

The Red Cross would like to thank all the brave students who donated blood Wednesday Oct. 8, in the SUB Ballroom.

It was a successful clinic as the minimum quota was 800 pints. The amount collected was 843 and after bad blood was taken out there was a total of 723 pints.

Some of the more colorful donors were, Miss Nancy Fraser, who won the "New Donor Grand Prize". Other prize winners were, Mr. B.A. Noble, Miss D.M. Noble, Miss D.M. Woodcock, Mr. Hamish Kerr, Mr. R.O. Carr, Mr. K.W. Scott, Miss Debbie Firth, Miss Kate L.

Merner, Mr. J.A. Spinney, Miss Catherine Eastman, Mr. Wayne Parent, Miss Cynthia Furlotte, Miss Mary MacNutt.

"Unable to donate" prize winner was Mr. Ray Gilmore. The next Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic will be held January 1976.

Stewart disagrees

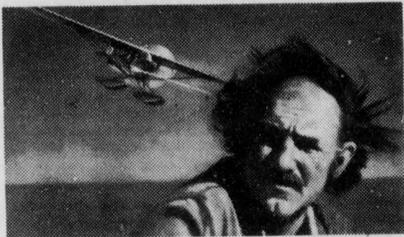
Accommodations officer Helga Stewart does not agree with the story The Brunswickan ran with respect to problems the residents of McGee House are having with respect to their leases.

First of all, she claims student union president Warren McKenzie never requested a copy of the lease. However, the university comptroller requested that a copy of the lease be sent to McKenzie, she said, and this was carried out.

Also, contrary to what McKenzie said, the lease was drawn up by the university's lawyer and a copy of it was sent to the accommodations office by the university administration.

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