

Task Force promotes division

Opposition to the **Task Force on "National Unity"** will be the focus of a demonstration called this week by In Struggle (IS), a Marxist-Leninist group. Calling the Task Force "an increase in the continuing campaign to promote division in Canada", the IS is asking people to congregate outside the Dalhousie SUB at 6:15 Friday. The crowd will march to university of Kings's College, the site of the hearings. Speakers at the rally will explain what they see as the real intent of

the hearings.

"This Task Force is an organized effort with a lot of media hype to stir up racism and division amongst English-Canadians towards the people of Quebec", said an In Struggle spokesperson. "Through this they hope to legitimize to the public their attempt to deny Quebec its right to self-determination and to decide its own future."

While the group feels it is essential for all Canadians to support Quebec's basic rights as a nation,

including independence, they are quick to point out their view that separation would not be in the interests of the working class in either Quebec or English Canada.

"Remember that what unites us, Quebecois, English Canadians and immigrant workers, is a thousand times more important than what makes us different from one another", said the IS spokesperson. "Both Trudeau and Levesque are experts at exploiting the differences to sew division amongst

us and consolidate their rule. In other words, divide and conquer."

"Halifax is the first stop of this cross-country 'road show'. It is therefore important for all of us, faculty, students, and workers, to show our support for the national rights of the Quebecois. It is only by recognizing and struggling for Quebec's right to self-determination — which has nothing to do with supporting separation — that we will really be able to develop the unity of the Canadian people on a basis of equality. It is with this unity that we can best fight in our common struggle against oppression."

After the demonstration, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a public meeting on the national question in Room 2805 of the Life Sciences building.

Chile speaks today

Carlos Quezava, co-ordinator for the **Central Workers Union of Chile**, will speak in room 410 of the Student Union Building Thursday, September 29th at 12:30.

An active trade unionist before and during the Popular Unity (Socialist) government of Salvador Allende, Quezava was imprisoned for a period of months after the fascist Pinochet army overthrew Allende by Force, Sept. 11, 1973. Granted asylum by the Canadian Embassy in Santiago, Quezava has,

since his arrival in Canada, been actively working to educate Canadians about the worsening living conditions under the Pinochet dictatorship.

Quezava's talk is sponsored by the Halifax Oxfam Committee and the Halifax-Dartmouth Committee for a Democratic Chile and is entitled "The present situation of workers, teachers and university students in Chile."

Everyone is welcome.

Co-op bookstore to open

A co-operative bookstore called **Red Herring Books** is to open somewhere in Halifax between October and December of this year. A group of 12 individuals worked over the summer to establish an 'alternative' bookstore.



A meeting was held September 14 to discuss the content of the first order of books. They decided that there will definitely be a section on Women and Labour History. There may also be a variety of political theory books available. Cathy Crouse, a member of the interim Board of Directors, calls Red Herring Books "a progressive bookstore."

The intention is to expand the areas of concentration as capital increases. The co-op hopes to sell journals, magazines and newspapers, as well as publish a newsletter

which will contain book reviews, information on available books, meetings and events.

The bookstore is a co-operative, the cost of one share being ten dollars. This entitles the member to a vote and a say in the running of the bookstore. However, one does not have to be a member to use the bookstore. It was decided by the board of directors that the co-op be operated primarily on a volunteer basis, but providing for paid management when necessary and possible.

With approximately eighty members, about two thousand dollars has been raised, with many members buying more than one share. The Executive Committee feels a capital base of five thousand dollars is needed to get the project underway with the purchase of books and materials. Another meeting is planned sometime before October 10 to finalize decisions and to elect a Board of Directors:

If you are interested in joining Red Herring Books, contact their office at 422-8339.

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Political patronage was in evidence, and many of those who made application to the programme did not receive positions. It is also true that in some cases individuals who had not applied were personally contacted and offered employment.

Many of the participants in the Job Corps package are currently receiving or seeking UI benefits:

another example of short term employment creating a dependency on another form of government. Job Corps successfully juggled the statistics but provided no real improvement in the employment picture.

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