

# Bangla Desh struggle to start, says Tariq Ali

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"The struggle in Bengla Desh is not over, only beginning a new phase," contended Pakistani revolutionary Tariq Ali in a session of the Bengla Desh teach-in last Friday.

"People are slowly dying because of the low nutritional level. Sheik Mujibur Rahman, (leader of the Awami League now in power), is incapable of solving the problems of Bengla Desh because he is unwilling to break with capitalism and overhaul the social system," he said.

He added, "we have a new set of indigenous oppressors, and the class structure which existed before the war remains." Ali said that Mujib's inability to solve the social crisis would radicalize the masses.

Dr. John Rohde of the International Rescue Commission said that with all good intentions, aid is misused. He referred to an example where East Pakistanis were given food in exchange for work. As it turned out, they were being fed while digging trenches for the West Pakistani army.

Relief organizer and former CBC newscaster Stanley Burke said, "technicians who return to Bengla Desh institute western mechanical intensive programs. We in the west are just realizing that such programs are lethal to environment and man. The failure of foreign aid is so monumental that we have not grasped it yet."

In a confrontation after the morning session, Ali called Rhode and Burke middle class liberals with no real understanding for the plight of the Bengla Desh people. He added that foreign aid has institutionalized famine in Bengla Desh.

He challenged the whole concept of foreign aid saying, "the benefits and consequences of aid are marginal at best and it is not relief a country needs but foreign investment."

Burke argued with Ali's socialist views saying it was culture and not ideology that was the strength of the people. He defined culture as a feeling of belonging. He also stated that it was religious ideology at the root of the fighting.

The teach-in was organized by the York Young Socialists, and sponsored by York, the Political Science Department.

In an earlier interview, Ali explained that the reasons for Mujibur's visit to London are quite clear. First, he went straight there to get in touch with British and western imperialists, to request foreign aid and to press for recognition of the new government. The British Tories and Labor party leader Harold Wilson have both pledged support in return for Mujibur's pledge that he will keep Bengla Desh inside the British Commonwealth.

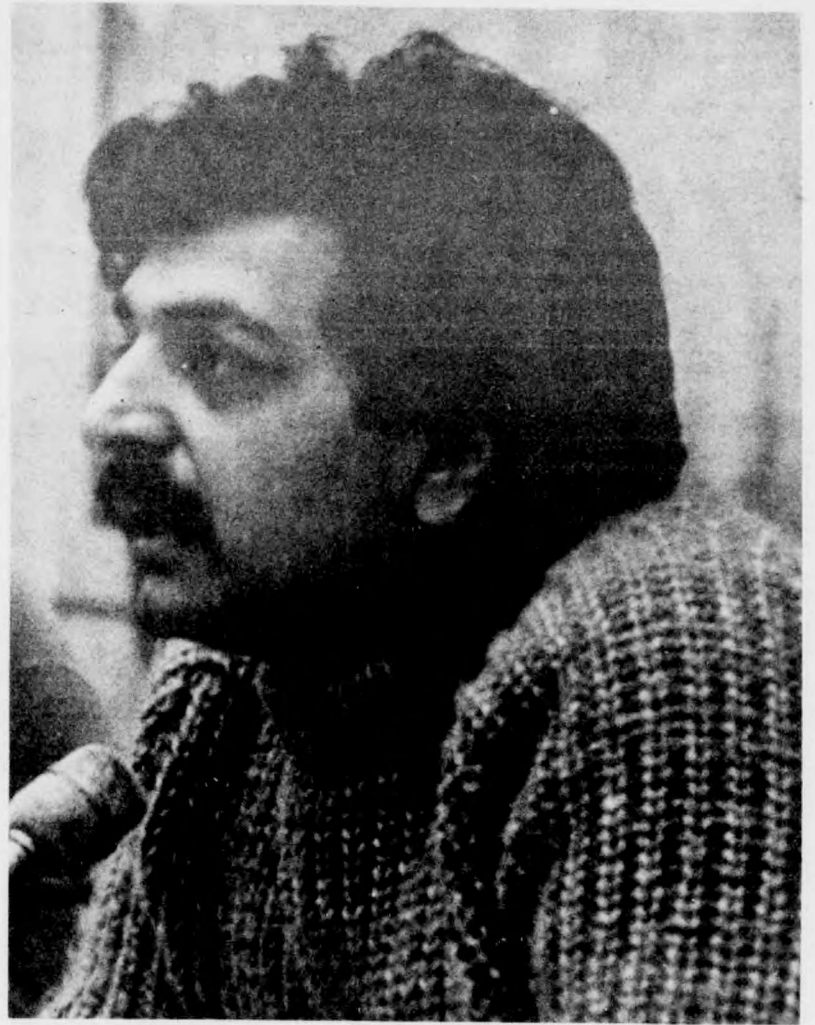
"Mujibur also met the ambassadors of other imperialist countries. But his stop-over in New Delhi is even clearer. To thank

Indira Gandhi and to assure her that he will keep Bengla Desh 'stable' and allied to India."

Tariq Ali explained the makeup of the Mukti Bahini liberation forces. "They consist of three elements. Refugees trained by India; deserters from the Pakistan army and student elements. It's the students who will probably prove to be the most difficult for the new regime and the Indian army."

"One of the first activities of the new state in Bangladesh will be to try to disarm the student elements and to institutionalize other elements of the Mukti Bahini into a new standing army. But the present disarmament plan has been only partly successful. Mujibur Rahman's role will be to carry out the disarmament of the Bengali masses."

What is the political situation today in Bangladesh? "The masses at the moment are in a state of elation and jubilation at the defeat of Pakistan repression. But they have yet to taste the fruits of the Awami League. The Awami League and Mujibur will attempt to impose a bourgeois state, backed up by Indian military power. But it is unlikely they can establish long-term stability — all the left groups are armed and there is economic chaos and devastation. These problems cannot be solved within the capitalist framework in Bangladesh, particularly by a government subservient to India."



Tariq Ali

## New Poli. Sci. chairman, Fred Dosman:

### U.S. domination, contract research stultify York

By BRIAN MILNER

"The university shouldn't become a stultifying public corporation," Ed Dosman, chairman-elect of York's political science department, said in an interview Tuesday.

In July, Dosman, a Canadian ("and from Saskatchewan too"), will take over at what he considers a critical stage in York's development — the shift from fantastic expansion to consolidation and the upgrading of both teaching and students.

Taking over from Howard Kaplan, an American, Dosman would like "a more relevant course structure to attract the really able students to York." Till now, the University of Toronto has had more relevant programs," Dosman said.

He spoke out against the stultifying effects of contract research, and American domination.

"The university is a political institution, in the sense of developing a critical attitude towards society.

Every attempt must be made to shield the university from those influences which would destroy this critical posture."

Such controls as contract research take away the freedom of professors and the university by tying them into the industrial structure, he said.

On Canadian dependence, Dosman believes "the department will have to develop creative responses to the problem, make an attempt to actually study the repercussions of Canadian dependence on the United States, and focus on our position as a peripheral state."

Dosman promises programs more relevant to the Canadian experience. The political science department has been dominated by Americans since its inception. At present, over half the faculty are non-Canadian.

"So long as we're obsessed by the U.S., we remain psychologically bound by it. We have to break this web of dependence. We need a program which carefully assesses these problems."

Dosman suggested a centre for the study of Canadian-American relations would be a very good thing at York.

Students entering political science in the next three years of Dosman's term can expect higher standards within the department, he says.

He proposes reviewing and upgrading the honors system. At present a student needs a C plus to enter the honors program. Dosman says this is too low.

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