

**Radio Free Woman**

# Radio York manager labels group sexist

By ROSEMARY McCRACKEN  
Radio Free Woman is a "sexist operation" says Claude Vickery, Station Manager of Radio York.

"The very name — Radio Free Women — excludes men and stresses an all women membership. And why is the organization solely composed of women to the exclusion of men?" said Vickery.

Vickery says that Radio Free Women has an open invitation to broadcast from Radio York. RFW has already aired twice at York and staff

members have been trained to use Radio York's facilities. Vickery says it is now up to Radio Free Women to schedule programs.

Radio Free Women is a non profit organization geared to establishing a non-commercial, non profit community radio station in Metropolitan Toronto, and is applying to the CRTC in June for a broadcasting licence. Carol Bayer, RFW Office Manager said that the organization hopes to raise the \$56,000 necessary to set up operations as an autonomous broadcasting sta-

tion, from individual donations. Bayer thinks the group's chances of getting the licence are "very good".

The idea of a women's radio station originated with Flo Woods, 28, and Judy Girard, 24, two ex-social workers, in May of 1973, in order to facilitate communication between women. In December of 1973, Radio Free Women received a LIP grant of \$9,000 for six months, and a YWCA grant for \$2,500. The organization supports six paid staff members, two of whom are full-time.

Public Relations Co-ordinator, Mervyn Key stresses the fact that Radio Free Women is a community effort. "We hope that it turns into a community project as well as a women's

project. We will give community groups interested in preparing programs on issues of concern to them, technical and production assistance," Key said.

Radio Free Women hopes to counteract, through communication, sexist and racist discrimination. "Violence and discrimination are taboo on our programs", Key said. "Our interviews and profiles will feature women involved in the arts and in 'women's issue' such as day care and abortion.

"The programs are not exclusively for women. We are into a total liberation process and men have also been harassed by social pressures."

Radio Free Women is presently

broadcasting Tuesday from 5 pm to 7 pm on Radio Varsity at the University of Toronto. CJRT, DFTR and Scarborough Cable are considering giving Radio Free Women air accessibility.

## Staff meeting

Room 111,  
Central Square

4 p.m.

## Times tells of CIA invasion of England

LONDON (CUP) — There has been an influx of CIA agents into the country reports the Times of London and the Manchester Guardian.

The Times reported that between 30 and 40 agents have been drafted in Britain during the current crisis period, mainly to gather information on so-called "subversive elements" within unions.

However, reasons for the sudden influx remain unconfirmed. Miles Copeland, former CIA senior agent, said in London the CIA was convinced present strikes by British unions were motivated by more than want of higher wages, and feared a breakdown of democracy in Britain.

Since the agents were recruited, an operation has been undertaken by the army and police at Heathrow airport, reportedly in preparation for attacks by Arab terrorists. This is advanced as another likely reason for the infiltration.

Denials of reports by the American embassy in London were described by the Times as a "general automatic" and "understandable" reaction.

Meanwhile the Guardian reported that the CIA was setting up a large field office near Blackfriars bridge in London. The newspaper quoted one Irish labourer on the site as saying "Those Americans! Who else would build Fort Knox in the middle of London."

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