

Arrested in Waterloo

Prof. accuses Mounties of "Gestapo" tactics

By MARSHA FOREST

A rally to oppose political persecution was held in the bearpit last Thursday. The meeting was sponsored by the York Committee to support the founding of the Canadian People's (Citizens and Residents) Defence Committee.

This committee made up of students, faculty and staff at York invited Professor Doug Wahlsten of the psychology department at the University of Waterloo to speak on the recent arrests in Kitchener-Waterloo of 17 people including Hardial Bains, the chairman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist).

Wahlsten, himself arrested in the raid and held in jail for over 12 hours, is the acting Chairperson of the organizing committee to found the defence committee.

Wahlsten discussed the raid, the history and significance of these sorts of attacks and what can be done about them. He claimed that a bunch of "goons" charged into the room carrying a sledgehammer. He said they refused to show any identification, give their names, or tell the workers of the Norman Bethune Institute in Kitchener-

Waterloo if they were under arrest and if so on what charge.

Wahlsten said that after a while the police announced that Fred Mason, a worker at the Norman Bethune Institute was in Canada illegally. Everyone in the room was then arrested and taken to the Kitchener jail.

Wahlsten said that at the Kitchener jail the arrested persons were kept for over 12 hours and were not allowed to make a phone call or even in some cases use a toilet or have a drink.

Wahlsten compared the RCMP to the Gestapo calling them outright nazis. He said that "no one has any rights when dealing with these guys."

Wahlsten said that under the immigration act, immigrants have no rights, and without committing any crime people are carted off to jail without any right to appeal.

He said that although several of the arrested persons were Canadian citizens they were detained because of "doubts about their citizenship."

Wahlsten told the audience that the RCMP have said there are "no political overtones to the raid—that it has strictly to do with im-

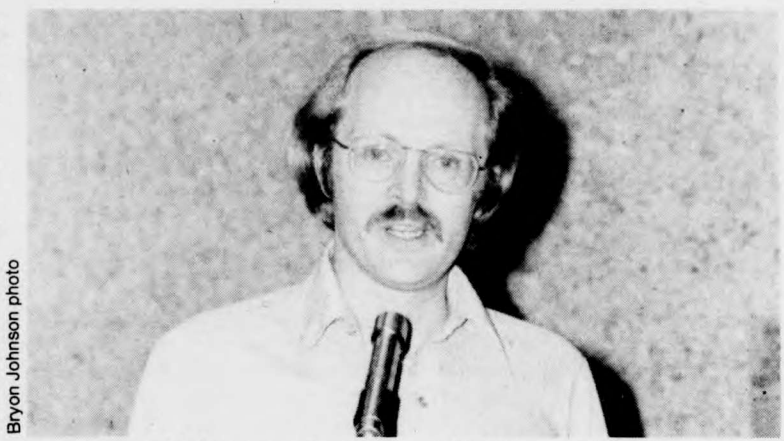
migration," but Wahlsten regards it as "a straight forward frame-up where they use various rules and regulations to attack progressive people and organizations."

Wahlsten said this is not the first time that such attacks have been organized by the state against CPC(M-L) and its leader Hardial Bains. Wahlsten said that since 1969, over 2000 arrests of CPC(M-L) supporters have taken place and over 25 have been deported. He also charged that several bookshops have been burned and vandalized over the years.

Wahlsten claimed that today the two superpowers (the Soviet Union and the USA) are preparing for a terrible world war to redivide the world. But before they can launch such a war, they must first suppress their own people and the people of the countries they subjugate.

In order to defend themselves against these attacks, the Canadian people must seek an end to political persecution and seek to establish a democratic state, said Wahlsten. "The establishment of the defence committee is a small step toward the building of a genuinely democratic state which can only be established by the majority of the people not by the tiny handful of the US imperialists and their lackeys who now rule and control Canada."

It was announced that the founding conference of the Canadian People's Defence Committee will be held on May 4 and those wishing further information can contact the organizing committee c-o Doug Wahlsten P.O. Box 2305, Stn. B, Kitchener, Ont.



University of Waterloo professor Doug Wahlsten as he discusses his arrest by the RCMP.

Students oppose Kissinger's hiring

NEW YORK (LNS-CUP)—A few choice plums have fallen Henry Kissinger's way on his return to private life.

After eight years as "doer", shaping and executing US foreign policy in places like Vietnam, Chile and the Middle East, the former secretary of State and national security council advisor is now at work on his memoirs, has signed on as an NBC media consultant, and is pursuing new posts in academia where he can hang his hat. He has said he's "very much at peace."

At New York's Columbia University, however, where the political science faculty voted 24 to 5 to accept Kissinger into the department, some students and faculty members are considerably less content.

The Ad Hoc Committee Against Kissinger has so far collected the signatures of about 600 students, faculty and workers at Columbia opposed to Kissinger joining the faculty. They plan to present the petition to the student senate and to university president William McGill.

McGill is not known for his responsiveness to petitions, however, and a majority of Columbia students are reported to favor Kissinger as an addition to the faculty.

"I think if McGill can get Kissinger to come, he'll do it," said committee member George Gewirtz, a Columbia junior. "It would be a real coup for the school. Kissinger would bring money and a lot of connections to Columbia."

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