

'Workers will be forced to take over' says Baxter

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News Editor

"This is the age of imperialism and world-wide proletarian revolution," said Jay Baxter to a University of New Brunswick audience last Sunday. He said that Lenin said imperialism was the highest form of capitalism.

This means that boom and bust cycles, depressions followed by periods of inflation, will be short and frequent, he continued, and measures to correct momentary problems will be ineffective. Therefore, the workers will be forced to take over. The recently-formed Maoist University of New Brunswick

Student Movement, featured Baxter from Saint John in a general discussion on Marxist economics concentrating on boom and bust economies and the policies of the present federal government.

Baxter said the boom and bust economy is the result of the contradictions in the capitalist system. The resolution of these forces, he said, was the consolidation of capital. The increase in capital, he said, comes from labour, the source of all value.

Small producers, farmers and artisans, he said, are being continually wiped out by big capital as returns are forced below the break-even line for the smaller businessmen.

Baxter likened capitalism to an earthquake. The earthquake, he said, is the earth's way of releasing stress, just as capitalism releases stresses through the boom and bust cycle. However, just as one earthquake does not mean there will not be another one, so one period of bad times does not mean there will not be another such period.

The root of the contradictions, said Baxter, is the enslavement of the working class to the capitalist

class. Automation is a direct attack on the workers, he said, because under the capitalist system, machines drive workers into "the reserve army or the unemployed." These machines were bought by the surplus value accrued from labour in the first place, he added.

Workers are being "separated from their standard of living" which was won through "their trade unions," Baxter said.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and "various other lackeys of US imperialism" are telling workers they restore their wage demands in order to keep price down. Trudeau's economic program is an "open admission" by the capitalists that "they have no more reforms to offer" but only "outright reaction" Baxter said.

UNB student Richard Brown said the only way in which lowering wages would affect prices would be in affecting supply and demand. The lowering of the wage component of price would not directly lower prices, he said.

New Democratic premier of British Columbia Dave Barrett, other "NDP characters" and "all social democrats" talk of class peace and the "marriage of labour and capital," said Baxter, but "it is hopeless endeavour...Capitalism is in constant crisis now...It's like a man driving a car down the road and he's losing control and he's swerving," he said.

A person attending the meeting said Saint John industrialist "never had it so good," although New Brunswick never came out of depression. He said this is caused by the fact that there is an aggregate increase in capital in these areas, although in bad times capital leaves poor areas.

Baxter said the Canadian government of wiping out whole sections of Canadian agriculture to increase the market for U.S. food producers. A self-proclaimed agricultural expert said Canada should not try to become self-sufficient as

the climatic conditions in Canada are not suitable to grow all Canadian food requirements efficiently. Another suggested such a nationalist policy would be "un-Marxist." Baxter added, although different conditions would exist in a communist world with a "socialist division of labour," Americans were manipulating the market for their own benefit.

Baxter said "revisionists" have "disarmed" Canadian and American workers since they have "illusions of the nature of capitalism." He said at least certain segments of the Canadian labour force had to be reasonably affluent to buy myriad of consumer goods.

Another audience member said product value should not be equated with wages, labour and output, since this does not account for initial capital cost.

Baxter also said the Canadian worker was the object of a "massive anti-communist campaign" over the years and they have been "brainwashed" into believing communism is bad. He said the workers would one day find out the "true nature of communism."

Baxter said followers of Leonard Jones have a "keen sense of oppression" but they do not realize that Jones wants to divide the Canadian labour force in the interests of America imperialism. The workers do not realize who the true oppressors are, he said.

One person said that the welfare state cause workers to be contented and therefore impedes the socialist revolution. Baxter said he rejected this. He agreed the welfare state was designed to keep the market bouvant and not to benefit Canadian workers.

According to Baxter, there has been no inflation or unemployment in China since the communist revolution. Increases in production mean less inflation and a better life "for the masses".

Sound Off continued

SRC meeting is a farce

Dear Editor:

Monday nite (December 1) I attended my first SRC meeting. I would like to use the pages of this paper to express my impression of this prestigious events.

After entering the hallowed halls where the SRC was meeting I sat and listened for a considerable time to a rousing discussion on whether or not residence students enjoyed an advantage in procuring tickets to the various SRC sponsored events. Finally, after much bickering and many displays of fine oration it was concluded this was not the case and then a motion was past specifying how and when tickets would be sold.

Several other "important" matters were discussed until work on drafting the new constitution began. Here, to me, seemed to be the only moment in which our elected representatives were performing as the government they purport to be.

Four hours, approximately, passed before the new council members were allowed to take their seats at the oval table. Perhaps there was a good reason for this but I fail to comprehend it.

My final comment shall be concerned with one of the proposed motions. Two councillors wanted the particular privilege granted to councillors, A.B. members and other SRC committees discontinued. This privilege is that the

forementioned people may attend SRC sponsored events free of charge.

There followed many eloquent tear-jerking sob stories about the overworked councillors (just tonight they were meeting for over four hours) and Co. and how it was felt the free passes were only a small part of the true remuneration these people deserved. Alas the motion was defeated with only the proposer and his seconder voting for it.

Our new president, Jim Smith, also thought they were deserving of such special treatment. His new beginning seem to be only a re-emphasizing of the fact that council members are above and therefore better than the general Union student.

I claim that any such extraneous privileges, in effect, grant body cannot enjoy. These people should not enjoy the privileges the average student cannot. In spite of their crowing and claims, councillors and Co. do not perform any valuable service to students by being in attendance at these events.

I can sanction such free passes if and only if they are given to those people who are directly involved with the event.

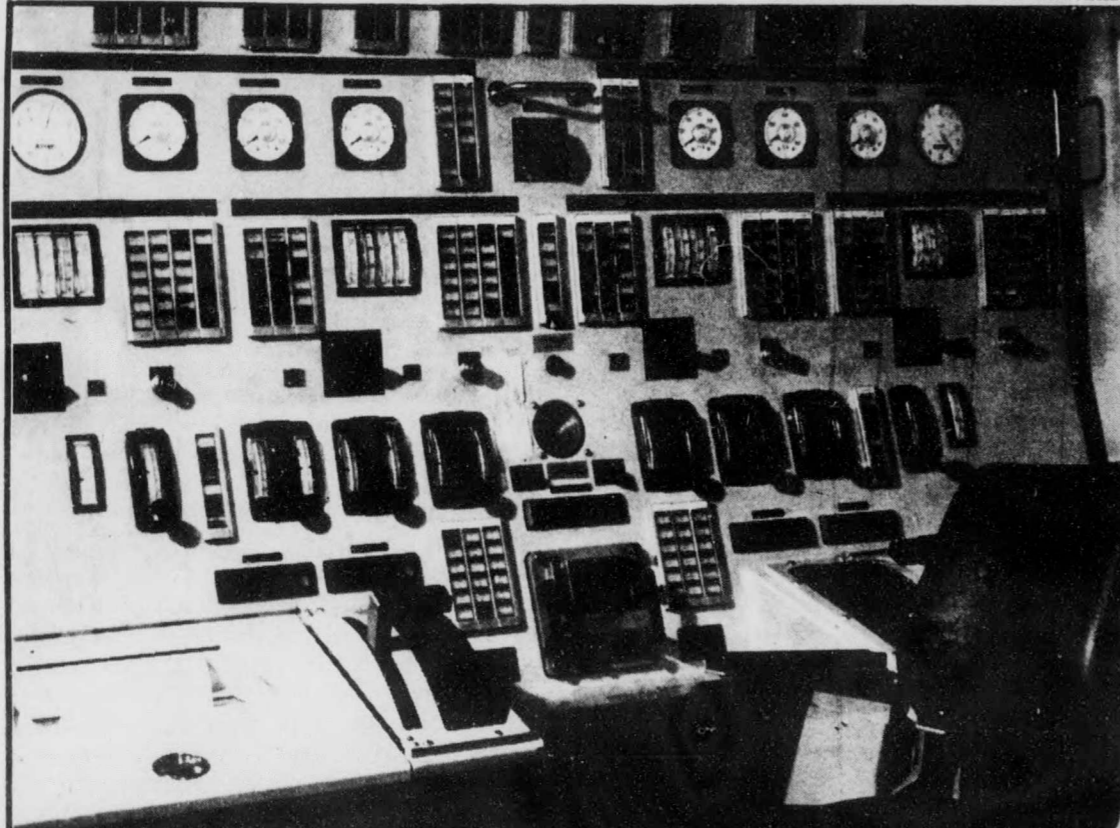
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6:35 p.m.

PRESENT: D. Bone, T. Mersereau, Neilissen, Porter

The SRC meeting of November

MOTION 1 BE IT RESOLVED amended.

Interim President and Vice

MOTION 2 BE IT RESOLVED three days and be open to

65% of the beer for winter approved by the Comptroller 19th and 20th of December. S prices because of group book Montreal have been booked Montreal will be held for a

Dave Porter leaves 8 p.m.

T. Bone leaves 8:05 p.m.

MOTION 3 Motion to adjou

T. Bone re-enters 8:10 p.m.

MOTION 4 BE IT RESOLVED events sponsored by the UN STU students.

Input as the best method to member of the SRC execut

The person running the event of the SRC.

AND FURTHER BE IT RES with expected ticket sales over event.

MOTION 5 BE IT RESOLVED unspecified amount of the

Porter re-enters 8:40 p.m.

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Ron Ward leaves 8:53 p.m.

Kennedy takes the chair.

Tranquilla leaves 9:18 p.m.

Chairperson returns.

MOTION 6 BE IT RESOLVED shall be open to members reserve the right to hold in

Tranquilla re-enters 9:20 p

Ward re-enters 9:30 p.m.

MOTION 7 BE IT RESOLVED member is to be recognize

Such Union member is to b

Rod Doherty passed out que due this Wednesday, Decem

MOTION 8 BE IT RESOLVED

Those people who didn't can for the meal before Friday

COMPTROLLERS REPORT

MOTION 9 BE IT RESOLVED honoraria for the entitled ca

MOTION 10 BE IT RESOLVED for the entitled Brunswick

A B.Y.O.B. party is being

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION 11 BE IT RESOLVED

The new council was seat

Stephen Berube
Terry Downing
Geraldyn MacFarlane
Elizabeth Phillips
Dave Smith