

Another mid-east war?

Lebanon - In a second week of fierce fighting in South Lebanon, Israeli-backed Christian rightists launched an artillery attack against Khiam, a stronghold of the allied Palestinians and leftists. Meanwhile there were reports that Israeli gunboats had blockaded the port of Tyre, though an Israeli spokesman denied this. In view of the strong Arab condemnation of Israeli involvement in this area, and Israel's professed commitment to the Christian rightists, some observers have raised fears that another Middle East war may be imminent.

Mozambique - Meeting in Maputo, Mozambique, the leaders of the African 'frontline' states bordering Rhodesia — Angola, Botswana, Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania — last week gave cautious approval for Anglo-American plans for a Rhodesian settlement. President Nyerere of Tanzania said that though the plan has negative elements, it provides the basis for further negotiations. Although they were not specific, the Presidents probably object to the proposed retention of the Rhodesian police force during the transition period to majority rule, and a clause allowing Whites to retain large tracts of prime land.

Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith meanwhile has said that he is prepared to compromise on majority rule, on the condition that the UK-US plans are modified. Smith's 'modification' would be that the white Rhodesian army be maintained rather than dismantled as called for in the plan.

Namibia - Representatives from the

World news at a glance

by James Brennan



five Western members of the UN Security Council (US, Britain, France, Canada and West Germany) have met with South African Prime Minister Vorster in Pretoria, S.A., to discuss the withdrawal of South African troops from Namibia (formerly South West Africa). The UN delegation is backing SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization) demands that the South African forces leave the country before the upcoming elections, believing that their presence would jeopardize a free vote.

Pakistan - Military leader Zia U-Haq has replaced Pakistan's Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with the deputy Chief Justice. The Supreme Court was this week to have considered whether the military had the right to detain former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who is being held on charges of rigging earlier elections and of misuse of power. Bhutto is also awaiting trial to face charges that he murdered a political opponent. Since U1-Haq forced the whole Supreme Court to take a new oath, which does not even mention the constitution, next month's elections have been put in some doubt.

United States - US President Carter and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko last week met in Washington to discuss problems blocking a new S.A.L.T. (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks) agreement. No details of their discussions were released though U.S. Secretary of State Vance, said no agreement would be possible before October third, when the current five year

accord expires. However he stressed that the United States would continue to observe the old S.A.L.T. treaty, until a new one could be signed.

Europe - The European Economic Community (E.E.C.) and the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON), comprised of East European countries, made little progress last week towards establishing a formal trade agreement. Although the two organizations have agreed to hold a second preparatory meeting next year, the major obstacle appears to be that the EEC wants to negotiate trade deals with individual COMECON members, rather than with the bloc as a whole. In general, the aim of mutual expansion of trade has been pushed into the background by problems of procedure.

Atlantic - The United States government has given highly conditional permission for the Anglo-French built Concorde Supersonic jet airliner to land at eleven U.S. cities in addition to Washington and New York. However Concorde must also gain individual landing rights from the authorities of each city. So far only three have given the go ahead, while the most vehement opposition is found in New York City, the most important airport for the economic viability of the jet.



Anne Salter of the counselling and development centre.

Group programs begin at CDC

By Peter Hadzipetros

The Counselling and Development Centre (CDC) is offering members of the York Community an opportunity to explore their problems in a group atmosphere.

Co-ordinator of the group programs, Anne Salter, believes that it is "often difficult to handle problems on a one to one basis." However, when people get together in a group with other people who share similar problems, initial shyness is soon overcome. Once an individual realizes that they don't have a monopoly on a particular problem, it becomes much easier to discuss it in a more open way.

The group programs began five years ago at York when only two groups existed. Today, there are ten. They include such topics as assertive training, gestalt group, consciousness expansion, singles, couples, mature women students, theme-centered interactional encounter group, a gestalt approach to bioenergetics, therapy group, growth through movement, and love and trust in human relationships.

Last year almost 300 people took advantage of the programs. They came with such diversified problems as communication difficulties, problems in leaving home, problems in relating with parents or peers, and difficulties with the opposite sex.

The groups are limited to no more than fifteen people. In this way, the group feeling is preserved, allowing the individuals a chance to get to know one another and feel comfortable together. The key to the group is participation. "The more

you put into it, the more you get out of it," Salter says.

The methods employed by the various groups also differ. For instance, in assertive training, group members try to pick out behaviours in other group members that show a lack of assertion. They help find new ways for the person to express himself rather than to uncover the feelings that might lie behind the behaviour. In the gestalt group, however, they might prefer to explore these feelings.

The group programs have a staff of fourteen including Salter, Stephanie Tonin, assistant co-ordinator, as well as twelve group leaders. It is the responsibility of Tonin to match the person and their particular problem to the right group.

Contrary to some beliefs, the groups are not always sombre and serious. According to Tonin, "you also have a lot of fun. You're meeting new people, and you'll very likely come across something to make you laugh."

They don't talk in terms of cures or of getting people better at the group programs. They assume that people are not sick but are instead looking for a way to feel better about their problems.

Registration for the group programs goes until October 7. The sessions start soon afterwards and go until mid-December. For those who miss the first term, a second set of sessions will commence in January. Registration for the couples group, group for mature women and therapy group will go on all year. Contact Stephanie Tonin at 667-2305.

Minister of Colleges and Universities, Dr. Harry Parrott, will be at Minkler Auditorium in the Finch campus of Seneca College next Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., to introduce the 1978-79 Ontario student aid plan.

CYSF will charter a bus to Seneca if a sufficient number of students express an interest in attending. Contact CYSF, 105 Central Square (-2515) if you're interested.

Volunteer feminist magazine in serious financial straits

By B.J.R. Silberman

Breakthrough, York's feminist magazine, is suffering serious financial problems. Last April's issue failed to appear. Now it looks like the October issue will have to be postponed.

Breakthrough, which was founded three years ago, survives solely on donations and grants from the various individuals and organizations on campus.

The magazine is published five times a year with 4,000 copies per issue, except in the summer when the number is reduced to 2,000. It is distributed free around the campus.

In the past, the administration has granted enough funds to cover 20% of *Breakthrough's* printing costs. This year's budget projects total printing costs of \$5,000. The Administration donated \$1,050 towards the 1976-77 printing year. However, last April it refused to



renew its grant for this year due to a tighter budget policy. The CYSF also refused to grant the magazine any money in April.

Despite the problems, an issue of *Breakthrough* did appear in July. It was made possible by a \$410 loan from the Women's Centre and a \$100 donation from Bethune.

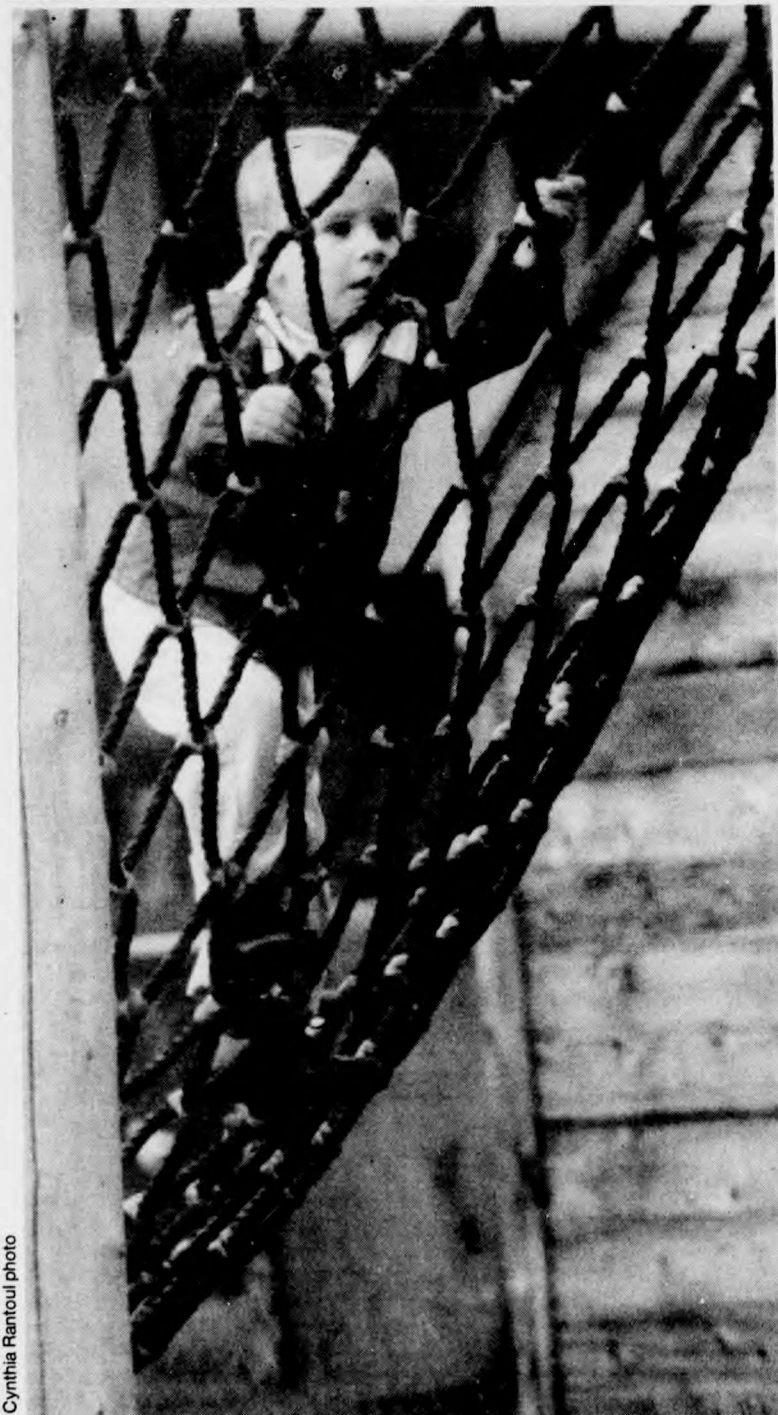
To date, *Breakthrough* has now received a \$100 grant from YUSA (York University Staff Associa-

tion). York's student government CYSF has also just voted to give an emergency grant of \$400 to the magazine so that it can clear up its summer debt. However, Council President Paul Hayden says that the council cannot grant *Breakthrough* any further funds until the by-elections have been completed.

One of the *Breakthrough* editors, Lynn McFadgen, says that the magazine could still be published in time for October if organizations could guarantee the funds within 30 days after the issue appears.

The October issue, according to McFadgen, is one of the most important. It serves to acquaint the student with the various women's groups operating on campus, as well as providing a serious forum for feminist ideas.

Breakthrough is appealing to the colleges and readers on campus for funds to help it survive.



Cynthia Rantoul photo

Nothing is going to keep this young Yorkite from going to Seneca on Wednesday and asking Dr. Parrott a few pertinent questions. For details on getting to Seneca, see box this page.