

# Heap advocates Christian socialism

TORONTO (CUP) -- Speaking out against the "self-righteousness" of many socialist movements, Dan Heap said that men must learn to forgive, as Jesus did, in order to end the bitterness arising from conflicts between different social classes and to ensure the success of the labour movement in organizing a cooperative society.

Heap, federal MP for the Toronto Spadina riding, spoke on Christianity and Labour at the University of Toronto October 25. Stressing that his

call for forgiveness was not "a formula for political action", he nonetheless termed it essential.

Heap has a broad background in both the Christian and labour movements. He studied theology at McGill University and now serves as an honorary assistant at Trinity Anglican Church in Toronto. Heap had been a socialist ten years before he and his wife joined the Canadian Commonwealth Federation (later the NDP) in 1957. He stated that his political understanding and

actions were based on his Christianity.

Heap felt that many of the disappointments of the labour movement in the past were the result of the existence of many kinds of socialists who had each felt that their idea of socialism was best. He also noted that the bitterness which existed between economic classes was sometimes turned inward once the oppressing class had been removed. He noted the example of the Chinese Communist Revolution and Cultural Revolution,

which led to the purging of many Communists. The Christian idea of forgiveness may be an answer to these problems, stated Heap.

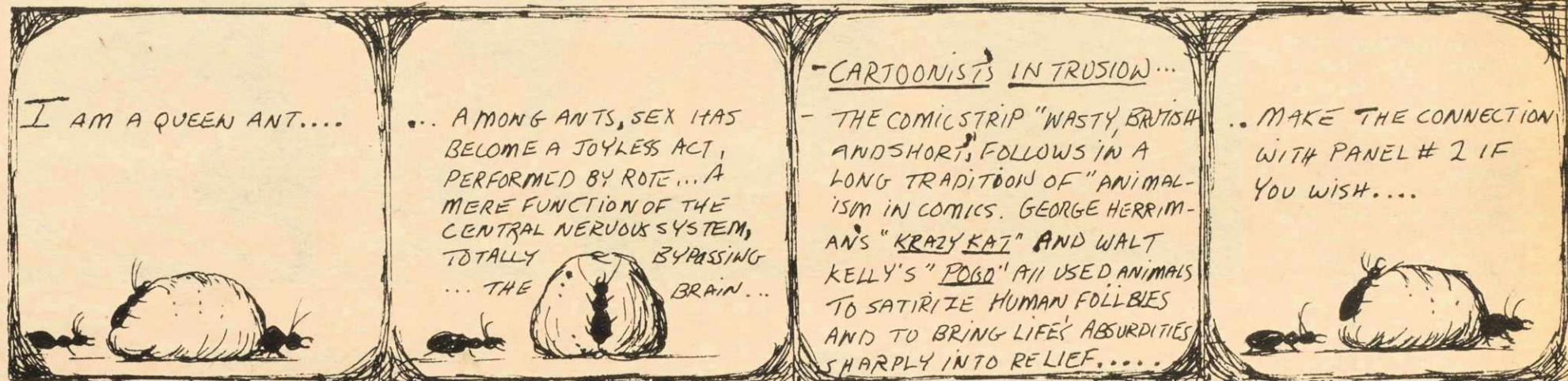
Heap sees a positive role for the Church to play in the labour movement. In response to a question about this role Heap said that the Church "has to pay attention to what is happening" in economic matters and deal with them.

He felt that the Church should speak out against such things as the "robbery" taking place

under our system of government. He pointed to the Federal Government's Bill that would take land in the North away from the Indians as an example.

When asked how he viewed the relationship between Marxism and Christianity, Heap replied that Marx's analysis of human relationships and what he said about the Church of his time was "right on". He disagreed with Marx's atheist stand, however, saying that it did not necessarily follow from his analysis of the times.

## NASTY, BRUTISH, AND SHORT . . . . BY TOM OZERE



## LETTERS

### To the Editor

In your November 4 issue of **The Gazette** you published a cartoon by Withers showing a Faculty dog chasing an Admin cat and dragging a student yelling "help". A political cartoonist usually shows the political mood of the times and if Withers is typical of the student body then students are fairly ignorant of what is going on around the university.

The faculty at Dalhousie is not out to get the Administra-

tion, a 'pussy cat', at the expense of the poor student body. In fact the opposite is true. If students were aware of the situation they would see that it is the Administration who has bungled the finances over the past 15 or 16 years and now everybody is being made to pay, faculty and students alike. The university has expanded considerably over the last two decades without any real money decisions. This will mean fewer and larger classes and more

and now the debts must be paid. Where does the interest plus capital come from?

If the Administration gets its way in the current contract negotiations, budget considerations will overrule academic work for the faculty that is left after the cuts, resulting in a lower quality of education. It is unfortunate the students are not aware of all the implications of the financial situation because ultimately they will be affected.

Sincerely,  
Peter Wallace,  
Instructor, Geology

### To the Editor:

As a participant and runner-up in the recent Grawood Talent Night, I must express my disappointment and dismay with the awards given to the second and third place winners. In past

years the awards were \$100 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. We and all the other contestants were under the impression that the prizes were again so for this year.

In fact, we have it from the Gazette ad manager that student council submitted a Talent Night advertisement with a list of awards as in past shows. However, due to space shortage, that ad appeared without mention of second and third consolations, but it was generally assumed the status quo would remain unaltered. The first we heard of non-monetary awards was when third place finisher Alison Pugsley was presented with a pair of record albums (no doubt promo copies).

Our reward for finishing second, above nine other con-

testants, was a dinner for two at a downtown tavern. (We've employed a third year math student to split that five ways for us.)

Now, I don't mean to gripe because we had a lot of fun that Thursday night and would have gone on stage regardless of prizes. But, I am upset with the backhand slap we and the other contestants received for the time and effort we contributed to Talent Night, without question an extremely profitable evening for the Grawood and Student Council.

Why didn't they announce publicly the intended second and third place prizes? Afraid it might discourage potential contestants, perhaps? Whatever, it was sleazy and an insult.

Greg Dennis, Drummer  
The Rumble

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