

Peace march maintains pressure against cruise missile testing

By KAREN KRIEGER

Toronto's annual "Walk for Peace" scheduled for October 20 is expected to draw between 10,000 and 15,000 participants, a figure close to that of last year's turnout, said a Toronto Disarmament Network (TDN) organizer this week.

The event, an annual one in most major Canadian cities, coincides with a presentation of petitions protesting nuclear arms in Ottawa, and anticipates next week's United Nations "Disarmament Week."

In 1983 Canada's role as a testing ground for American nuclear weapons sparked greater participation in the Canadian peace movement. This year, TDN organizer Bob Penner said that "70 organizations, more than ever before, are involved." The Auto Workers Union is one high profile new member.

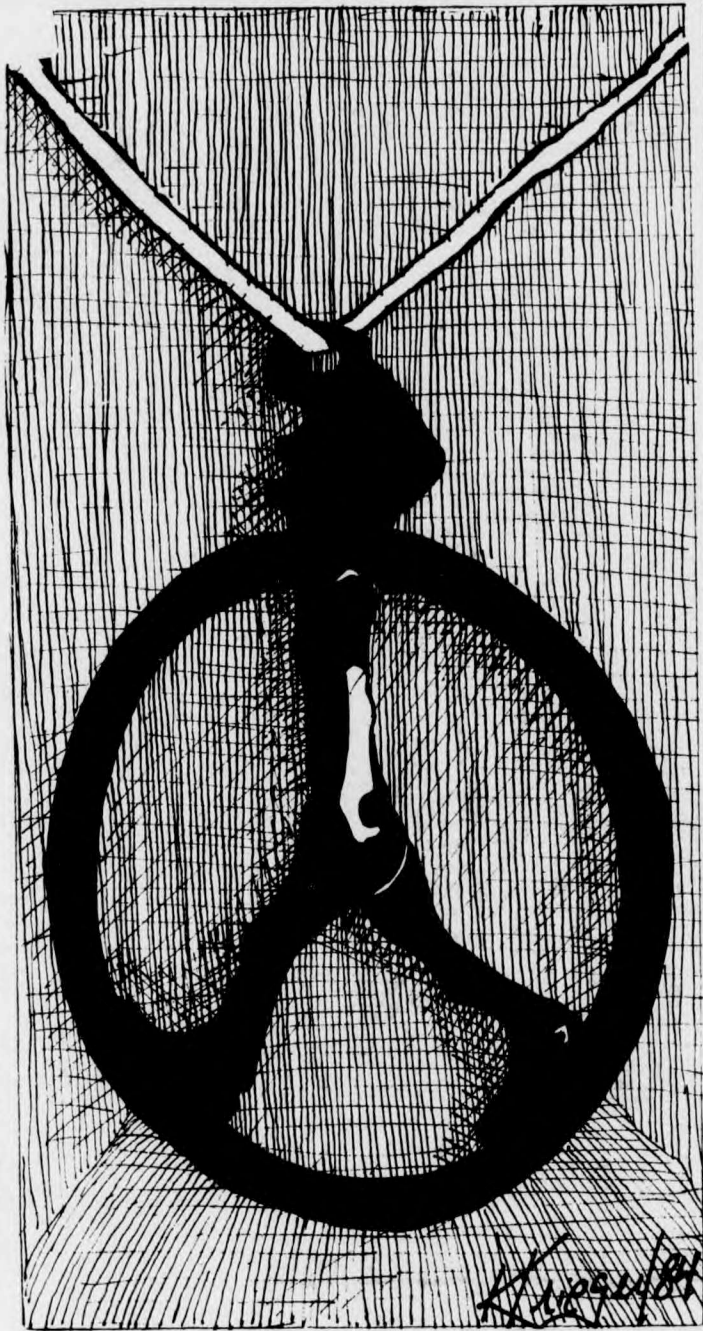
Public pressure made nuclear arms a high profile issue in both the American and Canadian national election campaigns this year and the probability of American President Ronald Reagan serving another four year term "has spurred more people to action," said Penner.

TDN spokespersons say their immediate goals are to stop Cruise missile testing in Canada and to make Canada a nuclear weapons free zone. TDN members would also like to see national governments divert money from arms spending into socially useful programs.

Locally, TDN reports an 80 percent response in favor of their proposals in petitions they have distributed.

As well as next week's peace march, peace movement representatives hope to meet with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on October 22, although letters sent by the Canadian Labor Congress and the National Action Committee for Women requesting such a meeting have as yet received no response from Mulroney.

Demonstrators will gather at 11:30 a.m. at University Avenue just north of Queen Street and will begin their march at 12:30 pm. Following a procession through Queen's Park, they will walk west down Bloor Street to the Christie Pits at Christie Avenue and Bloor Street. A short rally will be held there at 2:00 pm, featuring entertainers and speakers such as the *Cuban Fence Climbers* and Bob White of the United Auto Workers of Canada.



news bits

Good credit

By NORA HOYER

College tutorial enrolment has been hurt this year due to a revival of the rumor that they aren't worth the same number of credits as regular courses, said Stong's Academic Advisor Elizabeth Sabiston.

"Something went wrong at the Advising Centre this summer and it affected our enrolments," said Sabiston.

"This year we've had to cancel more courses than usual. Four Stong College courses were cancelled this year," continued Sabiston.

Sabiston explained that "other universities evaluate York courses according to whether there is an equivalent course at their university." If there are no equivalents (as is the case for all general education requirements that are interdisciplinary) they look for something with similar reading material.

Inter-College Curriculum Committee Chairperson Michael Copeland said that enrolment "will be pretty close to what it was last year" (approximately 30 percent of all first year students).

"The director of the Advising Centre had an operation and was away for five weeks and there was a little bit of confusion there. The people who ran the group sessions and delivered their spiel at the group sessions mistakenly told students that college courses are not transferable," said Copeland.

Both Sabiston and Copeland said the college courses are advantageous for the students in a

number of ways. The intimacy of small classes allows students to get to know other university students and the instructor better than in a lecture course. The dedication of the course director to the course (since s/he creates it) helps create a better learning atmosphere. Finally the great variety of courses allows students to take a course that really interests them.

College courses also provide a transition from high school classes to university lectures by sharpening research and writing skills, said Sabiston.

Fair fares

By KEN MOORE

With TTC fares threatening to hit the dollar-a-ride mark this year, Toronto Alderman Jack Layton has begun a campaign to lower transit costs for post-secondary students.

The battle over lower transit fares was originally launched by the Canadian Federation of Students in 1983, with Layton joining the fray this year.

In a policy statement released last month, Layton wrote, "Our TTC Commissioners and Metro Councillors believe that university students are a privileged lot: money, glamor, fun times and generous parents." In reality, "with increasing education costs . . . most students have a real tough time," said Layton.

Layton said other councillors claim there is not enough money in the public purse to allow university student a fare reduction, but countered this argument with what he says are two valid suggestions.

Layton said there should be an increase in property taxes on commercial outlets that benefit from the TTC bringing customers right to their doors. Secondly, he proposed that the TTC solicit additional funds from the provincial government which provides more per capita funding to other cities, such as Ottawa and Kingston, than to Toronto, said Layton.

Layton is presently attempting to assemble a coalition of students, unemployed workers, and people receiving social assistance to pressure Toronto's city council into providing lower transit fares for these lower-income groups.

A public meeting will be held to discuss the transit fare reductions on October 23 at City Hall in Committee Room number three.

Normal riots

By ADAM BRYANT

Besides higher education, university offers students an unsupervised opportunity to experiment with alcohol.

Witness the town of Normal, Illinois, where party-control laws prohibiting the sale and transportation of kegs of beer after 10 p.m. were passed in June. Permits for parties attended by more than 300 people must also be obtained under the new municipal rules.

Two weeks ago, in a protest against these restrictions, a mob of 1,000 Normal students chanted "we want beer" as they threw beer bottles and rocks at police and ransacked the downtown area.

The police, donning riot gear and firing teargas, dispersed the mob.

Other Campuses

By ADAM BRYANT

Ad fad

This fall, students and various clubs at the University of Guelph will be able to advertise a special video-taped message or event for only \$20. The low price tag is expected to cover the production costs of the 30-second commercial, which will be run intermittently over a day-long period in their University Centre's courtyard.

The service is on a one-semester trial. Should any financial losses be incurred, they will be underwritten by the University Centre programming department.

—The Ontarian
University of Guelph

Gay club's float sunk

The Gay Club of Wilfrid Laurier University was denied the right to enter a float in the university's homecoming parade last month by the Homecoming Committee.

Gay Club president Ralph Johnson said he couldn't understand why the float was vetoed, adding that it was "designed to be discreet, humorous, non-political and non-sexist."

On one side of the float was to be a small boy praying at the foot of his bed with a banner reading, "And God bless Uncle Harry and his roommate Jack, who we're not supposed to talk about . . ." The other side of the float was to have a young girl in the same pose, with the words "Aunt Jeanette and her roommate Susan" on the banner.

The Homecoming Committee says that the float had "sexual and religious connotations" and "didn't fit in with the theme of Homecoming."

The Dean's Advisory Council at Wilfrid Laurier also rejected

the design idea. The Council submitted a 10-point list detailing the reasons for their decision to Johnson. Their tenth reason read: "It had too long a caption (16 words) to be seen as the float rushed by."

—The Cord Weekly
Wilfrid Laurier University

Buses dyed

Last month, Queen's University made the national news on two occasions.

The first incident involved the engineering faculty's Grease Pole event, in which 25 students were taken to the hospital. The second focused on the behavior of students at the September 22 Queen's-McGill football game in Montreal.

Al Grazys, McGill's manager of athletic facilities, has estimated that \$2,000 worth of damage was done to Molson Stadium at the game. Damages included the loss of a set of goal posts, the theft of some astroturf, and the destruction of a concrete block wall. Grazys said that McGill has not yet determined who should pay for the damage.

At Queen's, athletic events manager Bill Sparrow said that, "If there's any payment to be made, it will be the university (Queen's). I don't see how or why the athletics department should pay anything."

A spokesperson for the Trentway-Wagar bus line which drove the students to McGill says the students are going to be billed up to \$4,000 for damage.

"We've got quite a bit more damage than usual, mostly with purple dye inside about 18 buses," said Clare Hannah, co-owner of the bus line. "We had to completely repaint the inside of three buses, and also replace 30 to 40 back seats."

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