Superpowers play with detente

Canada unaware of world war preparation

By KEITH NICKSON

The two superpowers are preparing for war and no political party has warned Canadians of this fact, Harvey Bains, the chairman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), charged recently.

He was addressing a symposium held downtown to discuss China, the superpowers and the threat of world

Bains accused the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. of creating "theories of detente, theories of a global system of peace, and theories of a balance of

power between the two superpowers, merely to perpetuate their hegemony over the world". He admitted, however, that "global problems are to be solved only through the sincere collaboration of U.S. and social imperialists.

On the question of China's relation to the superpowers, Bains suggested that China has stronger ties with the U.S.S.R. than with the U.S. He said, "The Chinese Revolution is part of the inevitable world Revolution and has learnt many things from the Russian Revolutionary model.'

K.T. Fann, another speaker at the

symposium, felt differently. He U.S. and the U.S.S.R., China would stated, "Russia is seen by China as more of a threat than the U.S. because it deceptively puts on a facade of socialism." He added that "in the case of a clash between the

remain neutral and above all work for world peace."

Fann further stated that "the main contradiction in the world is between the First World and the Third World. China is part of the Third World, but considers itself a liberated part.'

This contradiction, he believed, would eventually lead to a world

Blaze in Ross eludes firemen

By DAVID SPIRO

When the fires burn, they all burn at once.

At 10:15 p.m. last Friday, the fire emergency alarm in Ross sounded, and within minutes, three fire-trucks roared onto campus - almost.

In what seemed to be a giant game of hide-and-seek, two of the trucks roared in and out of the parking lots, expertly backed out of dead ends, and finally headed to the other end of the campus.

The Ross building alarm was pinpointed as a garbage fire in N124 Ross, and firemen hosed down the trash as dense smoke spread 200 feet in all directions. The only damage was to a garbage cart.

But York safety officer Bob Richards explained afterward that at the same time the Ross alarm sounded, a two-alarm blaze had been rung in from Four Winds Drive, in University City. Four persons were injured in that fire.

And the back-up fire station,

which would normally have assisted the three engines sent to respond to the York and Four Winds fires, was busy seeing to yet a third fire in the area.

"As far as the Ross fire was concerned," said Richards, "the delay was understandable."

He attributed the cause of the Ross fire to a lit cigarette thrown carelessly into a waste basket, and said it was the third fire to occur in

that room in the past year, "each time for exactly the same reason".

On the question of the seemingly erratic fire trucks, Richards said he has sent enlarged maps of the York campus to the fire department. He added that when any emergency alarm sounds, security guards are dispatched to meet the fire-trucks at the main gate and direct them as quickly as possible to the site of the emergency.

York briefs

Rosie Douglas to speak Friday

The racist attacks on desegregation in Boston and the deportation of Rosie Douglas and 1,500 Haitians will be the issues discussed at a meeting tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Stedman Lecture Hall A. Speakers will include Mac Warren from the U.S. National Student Conference against Racism, and Rosie Douglas, a leader of the Toronto Alliance against Racism and Political Repression.

GSM hosts Rape of Cyprus talk

"On February 13, 1975, Turkey proclaimed an autonomous Turkish Cypriot state. This state is born of the rape of Cyprus that Turkey committed with the approval of the U.S. government in July, 1974."

The Canadian Friends of the Greek Socialist Movement (PASOK), authors of the preceding statement, will sponsor a panel presentation on The Rape of Cyprus today at noon, in Curtis LH-K. Everyone is welcome.

Bethune reads Welsh poetry

Bethune ushers in St. David's Day with a reading of Welsh poetry, drama and prose, as part of the Heros and Beer series. Readers include Ioan Davies, Roger Kuin, Maurice Elliott and Lisa Mabee, in the Bethune JCR Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Licenced.

What cures human alienation?

The York Student Christian Alliance and York Socialist League club are cosponsoring a debate on the topic, What Is The Solution to Human Alienation: Marxism or Christianity?, Tuesday at noon in Curtis LH-K.

Defending the Christian view will be Samuel Escobar, national director of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. A Marxist view will be presented by Gord Doctorow, executive secretary of the Socialist League. All interested persons are invited to participate.



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