

MESZAROS' CASE

MARXIST SCHOLAR DENIED CANADIAN ENTRY VISA

DOWNSVIEW (CUP)-- An internationally known professor hired to teach York undergraduate and graduate political theory courses has been refused entry to Canada for "security reasons", Excalibur learned last week.

The case of Istevan Meszaros, Marxist theorist, literary critic, political scientist, philosophy teacher, teacher of philosophy and esthetics, is under review by a special committee, said York dean of arts John Saywell earlier this week.

Meszaros, a British subject since 1965, comes from Hungary. He was a member of the 1956 provisional government and fled to Italy when the Russian Stalinists regained power in Hungary.. He has been teaching in the social science department at the University of Sussex for the past six years.

York hired Meszaros last spring as the hub of a new graduate program - social and political thought. He's already scheduled to teach two undergraduate courses, said Mel Hill, head of York's social science department.

In June, according to York officials, the Canadian embassy in London refused to give Meszaros a visa, saying that Meszaros' entry was not "in the best interests of the country."

According to Ed Fanning, the district admissions supervisor of the immigration branch office in Toronto, immigrants can be refused entry visas for having a criminal record, medical reasons, and security reasons. He said the latter category is subject to interpretation by immigration officials and may include persons suspected of "treason, espionage and deserting a ship."

Saywell has been negotiating with government officials since June, but would not comment on the talks.

York president David Salter said Wednesday "the matter is being actively worked on. We're not engaging in public debate over the matter because we have found in the past that beyond a certain point, this does more harm than good."

Neither knew when the review decision might be released.

Meanwhile, according to Hill, Meszaros is waiting in London with his family for the final word. He hadn't thought there would be any difficulty and resigned his position at the University of Sussex and sold his household goods.

Fifty York faculty members have circulated a petition urging Slater to take action and the Canadian Assoc. of University Teachers have expressed their "concern" to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

MESZAROS REFUSES MACKASEY'S OFFER; SEEKS LANDED STATUS

OTTAWA (CUP)--Marxist scholar Dr. Istvan Meszaros' application for landed immigrant status will be processed within three to four weeks, Zavier Levine, executive assistant to manpower and immigration minister Bryce Mackasey said today (Oct. 2).

Dr. Meszaros yesterday refused to accept the minister's offer of a special permit would have allowed him to legally start teaching at York University, but which was conditional upon his withdrawing his application for an immigrant visa. The permit would have given Meszaros no permanent status in Canada and could have been withdrawn at any time by the minister. For the reasons, Meszaros decided to continue to press for landed immigrant status.

Meszaros also wants to clear his name of charges that he is a security risk. The special permit, while allowing him to work,

does not concede that he is not such a risk. Canadian officials in London told Meszaros his visa had been refused for security reasons.

Meszaros is a British citizen and has previously received security clearance from British and Italian authorities. When Canada refused his first visa application, he entered the country on a visitor's visa last week and applied for landed status at Sarnia, Ontario.

Canada is the only country whose laws allow visitors to apply for landed immigrant status while actually in the country.

Immigration officials will be interviewing Dr. Meszaros in the near future to discuss his application, but no action on the case is foreseeable until after the election.

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