

Democrat pushes socialist society

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American society can't go much further without the principles and ideals of Democratic socialism, according to Jack Clark, national secretary of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, a wing of the Democratic Party.

Clark told about a hundred people how socialism approaches the problem of unemployment. Socialism calls for "employment for every man, woman and youth willing to work," he said, adding that it also calls for the government to be the employer of last resort.

Those two principles were included in legislation introduced by U.S. Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif. It was later co-sponsored by the late-Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., after minor modifications.

According to Clark, in 1976 Charles Schultz, an economic adviser to Pres. Carter lobbied liberal Congressional supporters of the Humphrey-Hawkins employment bill to first water down and then delay it because its inflationary consequences would cost Carter the presidency.

Clark criticized Carter as "the least responsive (presidential candidate) on the issue of jobs."

GTFF expects to ratify contract with University

Indications are that Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation members will vote to ratify their first contract with the University when they meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 167 EMU.

"It looks like it's going to pass," says union secretary Jeff Edmundson.

According to union bylaws, at least 30 percent of the 373-member union must vote to make a simple majority vote binding.

Absentee balloting will continue today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the GTFF office at 868 E. 13th Ave., above the Red Rooster Barber Shop.

Edmundson said union bylaws allow "associate members," or graduate students paying one-fourth of regular dues, to vote on contracts.

He said union members probably will follow the recommendations of the negotiating team and the executive council and endorse the contract, which was hammered out during 13 months of bargaining talks.

The agenda for tonight's meeting includes consideration of possible uses for the \$25,000 health fund the University has agreed to provide GTFFs. In addition, nominations will be taken for a complete slate of union offices, Edmundson said.

He said Carter opposed including the Humphrey-Hawkins bill in the 1976 Democratic platform, but he lost out.

Clark said that big and small business and "resurgent far-right extremists" teamed up in a lobbying effort that had the brains, sophistication and troops to defeat the Labor Reform Act and to gut the Humphrey-Hawkins legislation.

The biggest loss, Clark said, was the inclusion of inflation goals in the act.

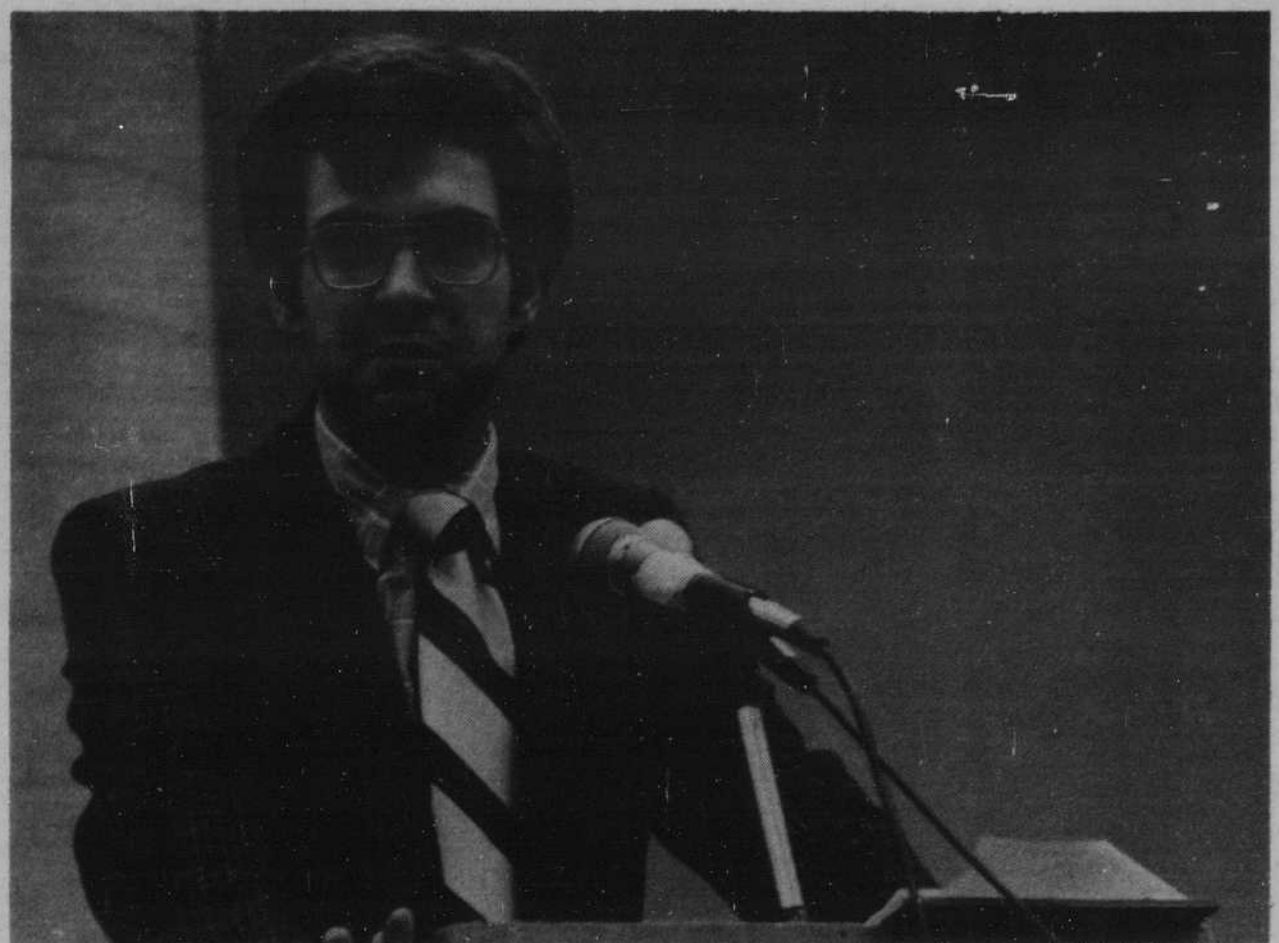
The goals set forth by the bill include a 3 percent unemployment rate by 1983, a 4 percent inflation rate by 1983 and zero percent inflation by 1993. The unemployment goal is given priority by the legislation.

The bill has no provisions making the government the employer of last resort.

Clark blasted new developments in economic theory which consider youth, female and black unemployment a problem of motivation. With respect to minorities, Clark said, "It is a straight racist argument."

He also said that capitalist economists seek to maintain the status quo. He said they claim stability exists that cannot be interrupted.

"Unemployment is 40, 50, 60 percent in some black ghettos. That's not stability," Clark said. "It's gross instability. It's a de-



Jack Clark, national secretary for the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, spoke in the EMU Wednesday night. Clark said changing the profit ground rule of American society must be socialism's main goal.

structive social relationship. Why do we preserve it?"

Clark said the socialist response to unemployment is to create an absolute job surplus. We need "more jobs than there are people looking for them," he

said.

Clark said this would result in giving working class people bargaining power with employers, raising their standards of living to a point higher than possible with high unemployment.

This solution, Clark said, attacks a basic ground rule of American society which he said must be changed — the profit principle. Breaking acceptance of this ground rule must be socialism's goal, he concluded.

Corrections, amplifications

Tallies for the Archie Weinstein recall were inadvertently reversed in Wednesday's Emerald. Weinstein was sustained for two more years as a county commissioner with 38,906 supporting his recall and 48,754 opposing it.

In addition percentage tallies for approval of Ballot Measure 5 exaggerated the voter approval rate for permitting non-dentists to sell and fit false teeth under certain conditions. The yes votes garnered 78 percent of the total votes cast.

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