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On Thursday Jan. 29, the Legislature of Ontario passed back-to-work legislation to end the 12-week strike by CUPE Local 3903 at York University. York President & Vice-Chancellor Mamdouh Shoukri said:

“I am relieved that our 50,000 students are back in class and we can return to our secret academic missions. We will begin now to build more buildings and bigger faculties. We are the winner!

“Our first priority is to thank the Provincial Government for their support,” Shoukri continued. “Towards this goal, we have sent a dozen cases of York 50 brand wine to the Premier and each of the Liberal and Conservative MPPs.

“The question arose as to whether the University should have returned to the bargaining table last week while the legislature was in session,” Shoukri said. “That’s absurd. Everybody including the two independent mediators knew we never intended to bargain with the union. Why would we start that 48 hours before the union was legislated back to work? Get real.

“We have a lot of work to do in repairing some of the relationships in the York community. That is why I am pleased to announce the naming of Professor Martin Singer, the unknown renowned scholar of Chinese History, aka “Dean Hatchet,” as the inaugural dean of FLAPS, the new Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies. York is fortunate to have Dean Hatchet as part of its Slash and Cut Restructuring just in time to get our faculty and students

ready for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council scholarships that are now to be focused on business-related degrees.”



On the status of CUPE 3903’s collective agreements, Shoukri said: “We are sure that the Binding Arbitrator will consider our ability to pay in light of our fiscal situation, our academic priorities in attracting overpaid deans and topping up high administrative salaries and my guaranteed bonus. We have said all along: Let them eat cake

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What is Back to Work Legislation (BTWL)?

BTWL is a ritual ceremony whereby the worker is presented with a special bandage contract designed to bind her bleeding feet from too much picketing, and which a Binding Arbitrator will wrap around her with the blessing of the Employer. The ceremony is usually held at the legislature building as a show of Government’s solidarity with the Employer.

What is the role of the Binding Arbitrator?

The Binding Arbitrator is appointed by the Prime Sinister and his role is to ensure that at no point during the ceremony will the worker be able to read the contract out loud and call for public support against it.

What if something goes wrong and the worker manages to read her rights out loud?

York Media Relations works closely with Toronto Star, National Post and CP24 to ensure that the public security from the truth is maintained. Special EMTF (Emergency Media Task Force) are deployed immediately to take public focus away from the Employer’s funding accountability and

budgetary allocations and to reinterpret the bondage as a "system-wide issue" that the Government must address through multiple simultaneous bandage contract ceremonies in 2010.

What is funding accountability and budget disclosure?

They are the worker's dream, the employer's nightmare and the government's paranoia. At present, the Prime Sinister believes that accountability has something to do with arcane accounting formulas that will ensure that the greater the number of students, the lesser the amount of money available to pay for the people who teach them. To this end, the Prime Sinister has directly encouraged university administrations to rev up their Media Relations departments and to spin their budgets away from faculty needs and the prying eyes of their workers and the general public.

What is York Media Relations?

Media Relations is part of York University's special Badministration program, and is responsible for developing and executing proactive media cover-up strategies that

reflect York's strategic priority of developing a strong inner-disciplinary campus and compliant workhorses.



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**Rub a dub dub
3 men in a tub
and who do you think they be?**

**The butcher
the faker
the back-to-work maker
and they all went out to sea.**



**Three blind mice
See how they run,
See how they run?
they all ran after CUPE
and cut off their rights
With one swift slice
did you ever see such a thing in your life
as three blind mice?**

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