

# REIGN OF TERROR BEGINS

## Many too frightened to attend House meeting

(Section 5): Speaking from his palatial villa on the fourth floor, newly elected Hitchcock House President Bruce Octavian Arthur, referencing his close personal friend and fellow dictator Benito Mussolini, explained that he could not make the trains run on time, but would do his best to ensure the



smooth running of House meetings. So far, he has had a rousing success – your correspondent is shocked to report that last night’s proceedings lasted a mere twenty minutes. But political commentators are calling it a “Snell-ward turn of events” and have expressed concern that Hitchcock residents will soon take to covering in their rooms at the thought of other people.

And at what cost is this new efficiency? Although strenuously denied by the administration, word of mysterious disappearances has swept through the House. Residents thought to have disappeared under suspicious circumstances include House Treasurer Tiwalade Sobayo and Social Chair Emily Pelka, as well as numerous other members of House Council. In a press release, however, President Arthur called their absence “strange” and “unexpected,” and pointed out that Miss Pelka had been sighted at meetings only once in recent memory. In spite of this denial, however, rumours of violence are sweeping the House. It seems that the administration is taking steps to secure its power base and suppress all possible rivals.

*President Arthur, seated, shortly after seizing power.* The new administration has also taken other unconventional steps. A newly created post, Sergeant-at-Arms, has been filled without reference to parliament. Mr. Grider has been granted exceptional powers with the goal of securing a quorum in time for the 10:00 pm meetings. Last night, he had a difficult job; indeed, less than twenty residents were present when President Arthur entered to begin the meeting. Many attribute this to the fearsome reputation President Arthur has already acquired. One resident, who requested to remain anonymous, said, “power has gone to Bruce’s head, I fear. I’m afraid that he’s going to use House meeting as an excuse to dispose of everyone he considers a threat. One of my sources within the capital sent me a warning saying that he had hired a gang of machine-gun wielding mercenaries.”

Only one thing is clear. Whether the new President has, indeed, gone so far on the path to power as some residents fear, he has not yet been able to dispose of the democratic backbone of the House. Furthermore, his reforms have proved both impressive and beneficial. Many residents say that they support the President’s acquisition of autocratic powers, claiming that quicker House meetings compensate for the loss of liberty.

# Events

## Ongoing

**Battle of the Bulbs:** Conserve electricity! Talk to Bob Knox to sign up. Win stuff for the House!

Pearl no longer cares if you do acid

Bartmart is selling roses

Minutes available in .doc format for section reps: email Secretary

## Friday

7:00 pm: Lecture at Oriental Institute on the Armenian genocide. Talk to Alyssa if interested.

8:30 pm: Bollywood Night in rm. 512. Watching *Swades*, starring Shah Rukh Khan as a NASA project manager who returns to India and falls in love. A mere 210 minutes of Bollywood joy!

## Sunday

1:00 pm: Trip to Trader Joe's and Whole Foods: talk to Aneil "Snell" Baron if interested.

Fawlty Towers in 512. Time unknown. Ben & Jenny will surely send out an email with details.

10:00 pm: A surprise movie at Bad Movie Night! Sure to be a shining exemplar of film.

## Tuesday

8:30: IM something-or-other at Henry Crown. Talk to James Huff.

## Wednesday

8:00 pm: Sonnet reading in McCormick Lounge with the Dean's Men.

## Thursday

10:00 pm: House Meeting. Come track the progress of the vanishings!

## Upcoming

Friday of 8<sup>th</sup> week: Section Jeopardy. 6:30 pm.

48 Hour Film Fest: If interested in forming a House team, talk to Dave Franklin for details and how to sign up and so on.