

U of T arts students vote to go on strike

By PAUL THOMSON

University of Toronto Faculty of Arts students voted Monday and Tuesday to go on strike in support of their demands for equal representation on the Arts faculty council.

Demands for student parity resulted from the recommendation of the Commission on University Government that students be given equal representation in the governing of the university.

There was a great deal of doubt about whether a strike should be called after the votes were counted

on Tuesday night. The vote for all three U of T campuses was 4,060 in favour of strike action and 4,114 against. But the ballot at Erindale campus asked only whether or not they would support a strike at the main campus and this vote was about 5 to 4 against.

Since the vote at the main and Scarborough campuses supported a strike by 3,653 votes to 3,615, the organizers were undecided as to whether a strike should be held.

After a recount of the votes on Tuesday evening, the Students Administrative Council decided to

include the Erindale vote in the total, which would have meant no strike.

By yesterday morning the Erindale issue had fallen by the wayside. Students occupying Sidney Smith Hall decided that it

was significant that 50 per cent of the students had voted for the strike. Therefore they decided a strike should be held and tactical meetings were called.

It was decided that a memo be sent to arts faculty professors

asking them not to hold regular lectures and tutorials and instead use classes to discuss the issues in the parity dispute.

The turnout for this referendum was one of the highest U of T has seen — about 63 per cent.

York briefs

Camera theft suspect arrested

An arrest has been made and the equipment stolen from the Vanier Camera Club has been recovered. Safety and Security Director G.C. Dunn and club president Jon Young report that the suspect, who has been charged, was a former camera club member. They report that camera club members had suspected where the stolen equipment was hidden. After they swore out the information to police, officers obtained a warrant and found the equipment. The suspect was arrested and the material held for evidence.

500 sign petition on Canada

The Committee for an Independent Canada began collecting signatures at York Monday on a petition which is to be sent to the Liberal government asking for a stronger stand on the issue of Canadian autonomy. At press time about 500 signatures had been obtained. Dennis Hearse and Jamie Stevens of the York CIC branch were pleased with the response shown by York students to the petition whose moderate statement of purpose says, "The Committee for an Independent Canada has been established to speak out with one strong voice for the survival of this country."

Vanier ecology starts today

Vanier College's symposium on the biosphere, Bio-Encounter, starts today at 3 pm. The panels will be informal with open discussion between panel members and the student audience. The organizers feel the public does not have enough knowledge about the various ecological problems to match their new found concern. The afternoon symposia are entitled: The Atmosphere, Chemicals and the Biosystem, Ecosystems and Systems in General. From 5:30 to 6:00 there will be a sherry hour and films. The buffet dinner at 6:00 will be followed by a speech by Prof. J. Livingston of York. The evening symposia, starting at 8:00 are: Demography — Birth, Copulation and Death, Technology of Waste Control and Recycling, Sociology of Waste — Saving the Human Aspect of Man.

Committee to find vice-pres

The search is on at York for a new vice-president of academic affairs to replace Dr. Dennis Healy who left the post last year to go to Bishop's University in Quebec. The senate executive committee has been asked by David Slater, president of York, to appoint an Appointments Advisory Committee. The new committee will be composed of three people chosen by the senate, two people chosen by the president, a chairman, and a non-voting secretary. No specific mention has been made yet concerning student representation.

Translation of Vallieres

U.S. to get Quebec book first

OTTAWA (CUP) — An English translation of Pierre Vallieres book *White Niggers of America* will be on sale in the United States about 10 weeks before it is published in Canada.

The book, a lengthy autobiography and analysis of the

position of Quebecois oppression, has formed the basis of government criminal charges that have kept Vallieres in jail for most of the past three years.

A spokesman for Monthly Review in New York, a Marxist publishing house, said the

American edition of the book will appear at the end of January or the first week in February in America.

Monthly Review sold Canadian publishing rights to McClelland and Stewart of Toronto, because, the spokesman said "it is the usual custom to license a book in countries where we have no distribution apparatus..."

A McClelland and Stewart PR woman said January 20 that a tentative publishing date has been set for the Canadian edition in April. John Newlove will be the Canadian editor.

The Canadian book will have a preface written by social democrat Laurier Lappierre, but the woman said the text of Vallieres writings that will appear in Canada will be the same as the American text.

Monthly Review has held publishing rights for the English translation for over two years and their spokesman said the delay in publishing was caused by the difficulty of translating the lengthy book.

Editions of the book in its original French that have been allowed into Canada have been severely censored.

U.S. civil liberties men send \$2,500 to Canada

SAN FRANCISCO (ACLU news) — On November 13, the Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors (American Civil Liberties Union) voted 5 to 4 to send \$2,500 to the Canadian Civil Liberties Union and to urge the Board to send additional funds to fight the War Measures Act, curtailing civil liberties in Canada because of the situation in Quebec.

This action was justified on the grounds that the Canadian problem would have a repressive effect on civil liberties in the United States.

Roger Baldwin sent a letter to the Board declaring, "This action

is without precedent in the Union's 50-year history, in which no funds have been used for civil liberties in any foreign country.

"The Constitution is explicit in confining the Union's jurisdiction to the 'United States and its possessions.'" He suggested that the appropriation was illegal and that the courts might entertain a suit by a member challenging this violation of the organization's Constitution.

At its December meeting the National Board ratified the Executive Committee's action as to the \$2,500 but voted not to spend any more funds.



NO WAY OUT — The guard house was as far as motorists could go on Tuesday afternoon as accidents blocked all roadways.

TIM CLARK

In political science

Students look at hiring methods

By PAUL THOMSON

Political science students expressed disapproval of their department's recent classification of landed immigrants as Canadians for hiring purposes, at a sparsely attended meeting of the course union, Thursday.

Students talked about whether the department should hire a qualified Canadian over a slightly better qualified American.

One student pointed out that under existing conditions American academics have an advantage over Canadians in gaining experience because they find it easier to get employment on either side of the border. Therefore, he argued, there is a need to give Canadian academics the opportunity to get the experience that now gives foreigners the edge.

Some specific suggestions were made regarding the department's decision to allow landed immigrants to apply as "Canadians" in the department's "two-file"

system of hiring Canadians first.

One student wanted to see a five year time limit put on landed immigrant status, after which time the applicant would have to take out citizenship. At present, some people working at Canadian universities, including York, retain

their original citizenship even after they are eligible to become Canadian citizens.

In order to assure Canadian control of our institutions, it was suggested that an applicant for a departmental chairmanship be a Canadian citizen.

Defence fund organized for Nixon's assassin

SEATTLE (LNS) — Is it legal to organize a defence fund for a potential assassin of the president of the United States?

That question was posed in Seattle, Washington recently when police disclosed the presence of a committee to defend any future presidential assassins.

"The American Committee for the Defence of the Accused Assassin of Richard M. Nixon" actually was organized in June by a group of radical students in a Seattle commune, made up largely of high school students.

But its activities did not come to light until last month when advertisements and letters from the group began appearing in underground newspapers in the San Francisco area. The ads also caught the attention of Secret Service and FBI agents who began keeping a close watch on the commune and its nearly 20 members.

One ad that appeared in the Berkeley Barb was prefaced by a photograph of a poster which read: "Nixon in '72." Underneath was a picture of a still-smoking rifle and three spent cartridges. The text which followed said, in part:

"The committee is concerned with assuring that the people get the facts should Nixon be the fifth president to fall by an assassin's bullet.

"Legal defence should be no problem should Mr. Nixon be assassinated (and no one can deny the possibility in this day and age), so the purpose of the committee shall be to see to it that people hear first-hand reasons for the deed."

The nature of the ad's illustration was particularly appalling to the Secret Service who must defend the president. Said a Seattle police intelligence officer, "The committee is bordering on a thin line. I personally believe they are encouraging a conspiracy to assassinate the president."

Americans say U.S. plants use Canadian money

OTTAWA (CUP) — A United States department of commerce study says 94 per cent of the money used to expand U.S. companies in Canada, comes from Canadian sources.

Acting prime minister Mitchell Sharp says the Canadian government will study the report, especially Herb Gray, Trudeau's revenue minister.

However, Gray, under questioning from New Democratic leader Tommy Douglas said in the Commons January 19 that while he was aware of the problem of Canadians financing the take-over of the country by Americans, he has not yet seen the report that Douglas knows about.

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