

The administration of Sir George Williams' University fully realized that if the charges of racism against Anderson were upheld by an impartial committee, the implications of this finding would reflect unfavorably, not only on the professor involved, but on the entire university.

But still further, the myth that Canada is not racist must be preserved.

In truth, Canada is racist in its dealings with minorities, both as individuals and as groups.

While all students face similar charges and none has a criminal record, the average bail for 52 white students is \$1,500 while the average bail for the 45 black students is \$5,000, plus passports. The confiscation of passports implies that black students, while awaiting trial are unable to return home.

It is no surprise that business interests are highly represented on university boards of governors, but some members of the board at Sir George offer a few interesting links.

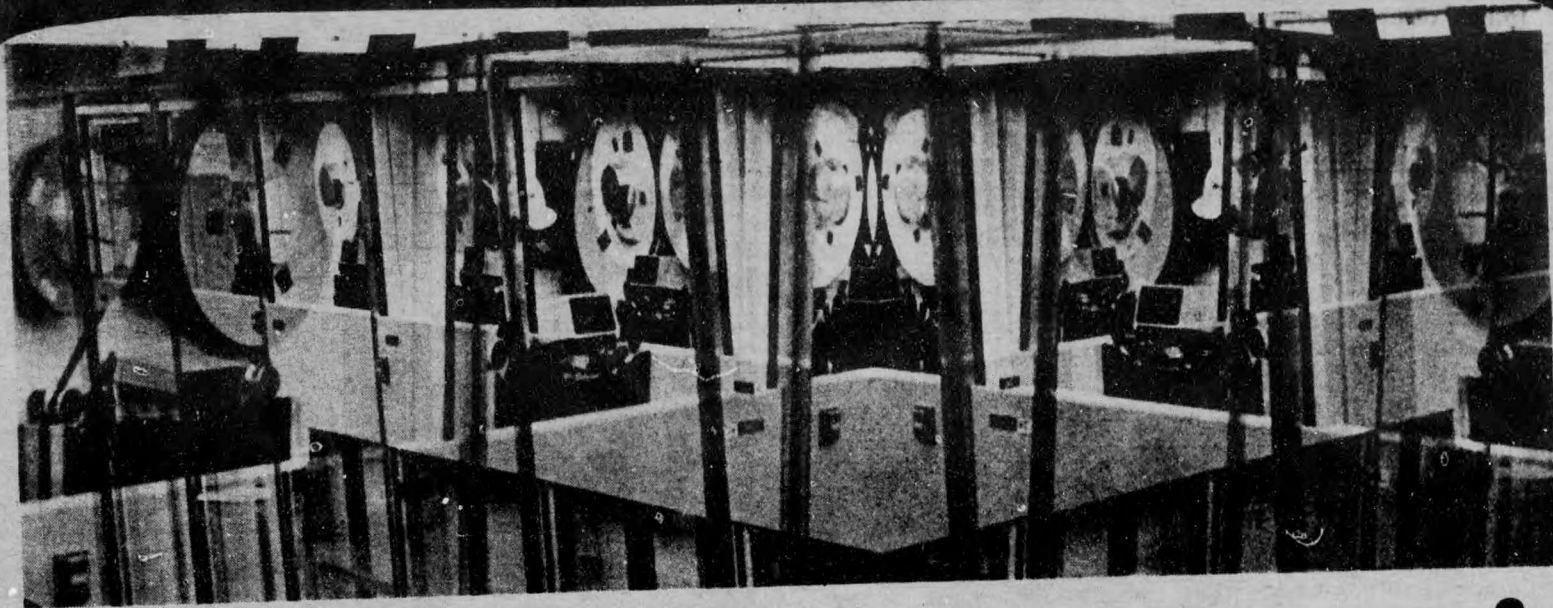
One former member of the board, Ken Patrick, is president of Marigot Investments, a corporation with substantial investments in the Caribbean, including ownership of Bernet Bryson in Antigua, Marigot Bay in St. Lucia, and until recently controlling shares in the stock exchange in Trinidad, etc.

At present Lt. Col. S.C. Holland is honorary chairman of the board of governors at Sir George representing the military elite. Allan Bronfman, one of the country's successful industrialists associated with Distillers Corp Seagrams Ltd., operating in the Caribbean, is also a member. R.E. Powell an adviser to the

board of governors is honorary president of Alcan Aluminum—a corporation with over \$200 million invested in Jamaica which made a profit of \$70 million in 1969.

The Canadian army it seems is prepared to defend these interests. With the unemployment rate over 30 percent in Jamaica, and the potential for social revolution increasing each day, the Canadian Government, upon advice from Ken Patrick of Marigot Investment and General Jean Allard of the military elite, has initiated a program whereby Canadian troops are sent to Jamaica under the pretense of allowing them to acclimatise themselves with the tropical conditions for United Nations peace keeping purposes. Two such visits were made in 1969—the first on the heels of the february 11 incident.

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The issue at Sir George was racism

The conflict began as early as April 1968, when six black students realizing that they were being discriminated against by biology professor Perry Anderson in physiology 431, lodged an official complaint to the dean of students, Magnus Flynn. The students were advised that the evidence should be documented and presented to dean Madras (science). Madras then called the chairman of the biology department, McLeod to inform him of the complaint. It was later disclosed that in effect Madras and McLeod had met earlier to discuss the charges and without consulting the students, decided that the charges were invalid and nothing further should be done about it.

On April 30, 1968 the students started the circle moving again by returning Flynn. Through Flynn, the administration arranged a meeting with the students, Anderson, Madras and McLeod. This meeting lasted five hours and Madras made it clear that "Anderson was not the worst one around here."

At this meeting a pattern was set which was to underpin all further relationship between the students and the faculty or administration. During the course of this meeting: Madras and McLeod acted as counsel for Anderson against the students. These two men were the ones responsible for impartially dealing with the charges and recommending a course of action based on their findings.

At the end of this five hour meeting Madras took the telephone numbers of two students, saying: "gentlemen, I will look into this fully and you will be notified as soon as a decision has been reached." Between May 68 and December 68 the students were not contacted. Upon investigation the students were told that the minutes of this meeting were lost in the internal mail. Students, beginning physiology 431 in September 68 complained of similar pressures from Anderson. From here the students approached the administration directly through principal Rae. It was decided that a committee would be set up, agreeable to all sides, to listen and assess charges against Anderson.

The administration went ahead and set up a committee without the consent of the students. The students objected to the formation and composition of the committee, particularly because one of the members, Prof. Abbott was a member of the biology department and a personal friend of Anderson.

Early problems arose with the first committee, as political position became polarized on campus along racial lines. Two black professors on this committee felt that they were too directly involved with the black students to be impartial in seriously assessing the evidence against Anderson and resigned. Professor Marsden also resigned

because he felt, that as president of the university teacher's association, there was a conflict of interest.

A new committee was appointed with the full consent of Anderson, without consultation with the students. Also included on the committee, was Marsden who, by then had resigned his position as president of the University teacher's association, which in his words, enabled him to be impartial.

MONTREAL (CINS)—The trial of 10 of the ninety-seven people arrested at Sir George Williams University Feb 11th, 69, began on Monday Jan. 19, 1970. All ten accused are from Trinidad and Tobago, and will be tried by judge and jury.

Fifty-nine others who also chose a judge and jury trial will appear in the assizes on March 2nd. No date has yet been set for the 15 who chose trial by judge alone. Six juveniles who were involved, have been tried in juvenile court and found guilty of mischief for which their parents were fined \$500.00.

The charges are, conspiracy to:

- Illegally occupy the computer centre on the 9th floor of S.G.W.U.
- Damage private property within the computer centre on the 9th floor of S.G.W.U.
- Set fire to the computer centre on the 9th floor of S.G.W.U.
- Illegally occupy ... faculty club on the 7th floor of S.G.W.U.
- Cause damage to the cafeteria on the 7th floor of S.G.W.U.

The trial continues at the Montreal supreme court.

Ignoring student protest, the hearing committee made it clear through the impartial chairman, Adamson, that the committee would meet anyway, whether the students came or not. They would find Anderson innocent, "wipe his slate clean" and then lay charges against the students.

Meanwhile, the students went to dean O'Brien's office to investigate into the contents of a letter, signed by the dean, addressed to Anderson, in which he told the latter that the black students could resort to violence if Anderson returned to teach from voluntary suspension. The students felt that this implication of violence was unfounded and requested a copy of the letter from the dean. O'Brien first said, he knew nothing of the letter.

After further questioning he admitted having written a letter but there was no reference to violence. When the students persisted O'Brien produced the letter and, as

expected, the reference to violence was there. O'Brien was asked to apologize in writing, for lying to the students. He did this with little difficulty in the presence of Adamson. Two days after this event, warrants were issued for the arrest of two of the students, Kennedy Frederick and Errol Thomas on charges of extortion and kidnapping.

From that point the university tried to use these two charges as a bargaining lever with the students. "If you drop charges of racism against Anderson, we will drop the criminal charges against the two black students."

It was out of this insult to the students, that the confrontation escalated. The students continued without success to demand a new, impartial committee, agreeable to all parties. In an attempt to influence the administration and student body in general, the students broke up the second hearing of this committee and four hundred both black and white students moved into the computer center on the ninth floor of the university.

After one week of peaceful occupation, three hundred white students took over the faculty club on the seventh floor in support of the black students' call for justice (an impartial committee, agreeable to all parties). When it was realized that the administration was going to remain adamant in their refusal for a new committee and such a situation would only escalate the conflict into further confrontation, a telegram was sent to education minister Jean Guy Cardinal, asking him to exercise his right under Section 93 of the BNA to bring about a solution. Mr. Cardinal, who had been involved in a program of educational assistance between Quebec and French speaking African countries (Gabon), said this was an internal matter and he could not act.

On the twelfth day of occupation, the lawyers, representing the students and university, got together and an agreement was drawn up in an attempt to end the crisis. The students accepted a compromise in the general interest of bringing about a solution, agreeable to all parties of the dispute. This document called for the foundation of a new committee, where the students appointed two people, Anderson appointed two people, and a fifth to be appointed by the university, that was mutually acceptable.

The students signed the document and felt the crisis was over. However, the university refused to sign this document and this refusal led to further escalation—400 riot police, armed with clubs, fire axes, rifles, revolvers, tear gas, were sent by the administration to eject 97 unarmed students. During the course of this confrontation, the students were beaten, some severely and the computer center destroyed.

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