

U.N.B. Students Demonstrate "Where's our bus?" Pester Lester Club asks

By BERNARD DUFRESNE

FREDERICTON — "Hey Louie, where's our bus?"

Those five words Saturday became the slogan of the Pester Lester Club.

The club — a group of University of New Brunswick students — came to heckle Prime Minister Lester Pearson, and stayed to boost Premier Louis Robichaud of New Brunswick.

The students had no bus because, some of them complained, political pressure from the Premier resulted in cancellation of the charter.

They said they had wanted the vehicle to take about 50 students to Fredericton airport to greet Mr. Pearson on his arrival from Ottawa with boos and signs with various slogans critical of his Government.

Editor's Note:
In the last issue of The Brunswickian (U.N.B.) the paper charged that Premier Louis Robichaud had applied pressure on U.N.B. President MacKay, in an attempt to stop the anti Pearson demonstration.

But the fact they had no bus didn't prevent them from showing up. They scrounged rides in taxis and friends' cars and some took their own jalopies.

Hart North, 23, a Toronto student at UNB, said he understood from a fellow student — Paul Dick — that Mr. Robichaud had applied pressure, somehow, to prevent the demonstration.

Mr. Dick, who was said to have chartered the bus to take the demonstrators to the airport and back

to the Lady Beaverbrook Arena for a Liberal meeting, was not among the demonstrators.

Apparently, Mr. Dick was called in Friday by President Colin Mackay of UNB after Mr. Robichaud called the university head to express his displeasure that a student demonstration was being planned for Mr. Pearson's visit.

Premier Robichaud admitted to reporters that he had called Dr. Mackay about the planned demonstration, but denied applying political pressure to prevent it.

He pointed out, however, that UNB is a provincial university, thus letting it be understood, to reporters, that his expression of displeasure would be sufficient to curb the students' activities.

Mr. North, older than the other students in the group, was their spokesman. He described the

group as the Pester Lester Club, though members of the University Liberal Club said the hecklers were members of the Progressive Club on the campus and of a loose association of students that calls itself the Christian Atheists.

Some of the signs carried by the demonstrators, 50 strong at the airport protested against insufficient federal Government aid to education and to students. Some carried such slogans as: 'Hey Louie, Where's Our Bus?' — 'That's Dirty Politics, Weakness Produces Corruption, Pickpocket Pearson Go Home, Weak on Communism, Mike the Menace and Let Anarchy Prevail.'

By the time the Pearson Party reached the Lady Beaverbrook Arena for sandwiches and coffee lunch with some 1,400 delegates to the one-day annual meeting of the New Brunswick Liberal Federation, the demonstrators had dwindled to about 25.

After the lunch, Mr. Pearson left and returned a couple of hours later to address the meeting. By then there were fewer than 15 hecklers and they concentrated their catcalls and boos on Mr. Robichaud while he introduced Mr. Pearson to the meeting.

Mr. Pearson had tried earlier to approach the students to talk to them, during lunch, but walked away when they refused to give their names and brought up such now-familiar election catchwords as the Rivard affair and government scandals, topics that Mr. Pearson said he would not discuss.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Pearson acknowledged the presence of the hecklers, saying to them: "I thank you for the stimulation of your opposition."

The hecklers, after making one or two weak efforts to fire barbs at Pearson, left virtually unnoticed long before the end of his speech.



From the vestal's temple

• By NANCY WHITE •

"Are there any hoary old stories about this place?" a reporter asked a Shirreff Hall girl.

The girl registered astonishment. "Que de question!" she gasped. "We in Shirreff Hall are noted for our fine reputations. Hoary stories indeed."

"Oh, I didn't mean to cast aspersions. I meant hoary stories as in moss-covered old legends and like that," the questioner explained.

"Aha," said the girl. "I guess the best known one is about the Great Fearsome Dragon of the Elevator shaft. Or perhaps you'd be interested in the haunted basement room. It seems this physiotherapy student hanged herself by the chord of an iron and . . ."

"I get the distinct impression you're putting me on," the reporter sighed. "You really don't have much in the way of folklore, do you?"

"No," said the girl, quite awash with embarrassment over the lack.

"Well then, tell me, since I am here anyway and so are you, about the hall girls' 'tone reputation', as you call it."

"Ah," she said, and smiled. "That's the hoariest old legend of them all."

"Please do go on."

"Well, we're all supposed to be

pristine pure with an unbudgable set of Victorian morals wired in. This is the story; you read it all the time in the Gazette, commonly known here as 'that dirty ole NDP rag'. I'll give you an example. The featured editor has named the hall 'the vestal's temple'. I mean, what does this do for anyone's image?"

"What indeed?" "Not much. Ridicules us, that's all it does. It's so silly to assume that over 200 people from all parts of Canada and half a dozen foreign countries are going to have exactly the same set of values just because they happen to be living under one pigeon-covered roof. It's a bit much, isn't it?"

"You're saying then, that

Shirreff Hall girls aren't all that well, virtuous?"

"More or less. But don't quote me. I'm just saying that as a group we're just as broadminded as any other bunch of girls our age. We're not all that odd, you know. People do run off on wild weekends and come in loaded and rumped. Hall girls are people, after all. We just have this purity image.

"But you know," she mused "what I find hard to understand is, since we have this don't-touch-me - I'm - a - Shirreff - Hall - girl label, why is it we're always having to fight guys off?"

"Oh come now," said the girl. "We do have our reputations to think of."

And she up and fled.

The sky's the limit

Discount flying courses, lectures, films and trips will highlight this year's program of the Dalhousie Flying club, president Thomas Guam has announced.

The club will be reorganized Nov. 3 at its inaugural meeting. (7 p.m.; room 231, A & A building). The club uses planes rent-

ed from the Halifax Flying Club and gasoline is paid for out of club funds.

Guam said the club members will be shown a plane currently being built by a local flying enthusiast. He urged all students interested in joining the club to attend the first meeting.

GRAD SCHOOL

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, The National Program for Graduate School Selection of the Graduate Record Examinations will begin its 1965-66 testing program at examination centers throughout the United States on November 13. The four other administrations which will complete its academic testing schedule in 1966 are: January 15, February 26, April 23, and July 9.

The Graduate Record Examinations are required or recommended of candidates for admission to many American graduate schools and of applicants for graduate fellowship awards. To assure the proper completion of these applications, candidates are urged to determine from their preferred graduate schools or fellowship committees which of the examinations are required or recommended and when they should be taken. (In the past year, more than 100,000 candidates took the Graduate Record Examinations in the National Program for Graduate School Selection.)

The GRE offered in this nationwide program include a test of general scholastic ability and

Advanced Tests of achievement in twenty different major fields of study. Offered for the first time this fall will be Advanced Tests in speech and in music. Candidates are permitted to take both the Aptitude Test and one Advanced Test on any of the five nationwide testing dates.

Federal Chancellor Ludwig Erhard discussed educational-political problems on 13th July with the Chairman of the National Union of German Students (VDS), Janssen, and his deputy, Diepjen. The student functionaries took this opportunity of explaining to the Chancellor the motives behind the "Action 1st July". (Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin)

ENGLAND

New rates of grants for post-graduate studentships awarded by the Department of Education and Science and the Research Councils are now 500 pounds a year for a student living in college hall or lodgings and 380 pounds a year for a student living at home. The former rates were 450 pounds and 340 pounds respectively. No changes are being made to meet criticism of the way in which married students are treated. For men students over 25 a marriage allowance of 190 pounds is payable if the wife is dependent and has no

income. Child allowances of 80 pounds for the first, 60 pounds for the second and 55 pounds for the subsequent children are provided. There is also a grant of 65 pounds if two homes have to be maintained. In the event of two post-graduate students marrying each other, each would receive the grant for students living at home. The main argument hinges on the age limit of 25, below which dependents' allowances are not paid. According to many post-graduate students and some university teachers this is unrealistic in view of earlier marriages. (The Observer, London)

McGill, Marianapolis to join UGEQ may leave Canadian Union of Students

MONTREAL (CUP) — The student councils of McGill University and Marianapolis College have voted to seek membership in the Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec at the union's next congress Oct. 28 - 30.

The decision, taken Oct. 13 at McGill and Oct. 19 at Marianapolis, could result in the withdrawal of the two schools from the Canadian Union of Students in the immediate future.

Student leaders at three other English language institutions are considering following the initiative.

Sir George Williams University, not presently in either CUS or UGEQ, set up a committee Oct. 20 to consider membership in either student union.

The constitution of UGEQ prohibits its members belonging to another national union of students.

UGEQ was founded last fall, after Quebec's three French language universities withdrew from CUS. The 55,000 member union brings together university students, classical colleges, technical schools, and teachers' colleges.

Richard Guay, UGEQ vice-president for international affairs, asked if the union would insist that English universities leave CUS before joining, said:

"Yes, it is my opinion that this will be so. We feel that it would be impossible for the English universities to belong to two national unions of students.

Unless the union is willing to drop this rule, all English language universities in Quebec could be forced to choose between CUS and UGEQ.

Marianapolis has already made its choice. Its council motion states that UGEQ membership must take priority over CUS.

Sharon Sholzberg, president of the McGill students' society, said that in a choice between the two:

"We are going to choose UGEQ."

She added that CUS was very satisfied with UGEQ especially since the recent congress at Lennoxville, Quebec.

But she feels that a Quebec union is needed to pursue her council's priority issue, education.

Ron Moores, president of the Sir George Williams council, commented:

"I would rate UGEQ over CUS as far as membership is concerned."

He said it was possible Sir George would move to join UGEQ by the time its congress opens Oct. 28.

Ken Cabatoff, external vice-president of the McGill students' society, said most council members hope they will be able to join UGEQ without quitting CUS.

The other major question for McGill is that UGEQ is French-speaking only, as specified in its constitution.

Mr. Cabatoff does not consider this a problem. He said that if McGill is accepted for membership in the Quebec union, his council might push for bilingualism after a year.

But he stressed that he did not want to fight over recognition of English. He said he would bring it up only if most people do not think of it as a major issue.

Fred Allen, president of the Bishop's University student council, said in a phone interview Oct. 19:

"We are interested in McGill's decision. There will be no application to join UGEQ this fall but we hope to carry out an extensive study of UGEQ between now and next summer."

"We may decide to join UGEQ next fall."

Mr. Allen said that for the moment Bishop's will remain in CUS.

Andre Morazain, external vice-president of the Loyola Col-

lege union said he planned to present a motion to his council to seek membership in UGEQ.

Asked if he thought Loyola would be prepared to leave CUS he said:

"My position is that UGEQ takes priority over CUS because education is a provincial responsibility. If I had to make a choice I would favor UGEQ."

He added that he doubted if his council would be willing to leave CUS. He hopes a compromise can be worked out with UGEQ to allow Loyola to remain in CUS.

Referring to the unilingualism question, he said this is not a problem because the majority of students realize that Quebec is a French Canadian province.

Ron Moores, at Sir George, considers the language question an important one. But, although he would like to see UGEQ bilingual, he would not rule out membership if it were not.

Marianapolis council president Martha Tracey says her school will join if UGEQ remains French-speaking only.

"It would be nice if UGEQ would give token recognition to English, 'there is no fundamental incompatibility between McGill being them in French anyway.'"

Richard Guay, of UGEQ said he doubts that the Quebec union will move toward bilingualism.

"We feel that as Quebec has a

majority of French speaking people, it would be impossible for us to move toward bilingualism. The fact that the other provinces are unilingual is a good enough reason for us to be unilingual."

"We agree that Quebec is a nation. It is not a province like other provinces and should have the language of the majority. We are not excluding the rights of the minority to their own educational system and their own language. In a few years Quebec will be unilingual, we are just a little bit ahead."

On the question of current student opinion about UGEQ, some councils feel that an education programme on the relative merits of CUS and UGEQ will be needed to explain the issue.

Martha Tracey of Marianapolis said that a lot of her students now tend to look on UGEQ as "them" and CUS as "ours".

The McGill council made its move toward UGEQ following a five-man commission study of the question this summer.

The commission headed by Stephen Schechter concluded that "there is no fundamental incompatibility between McGill being a member of both CUS and UGEQ."

"Being a member of both, however, assumes not only that this arrangement will be acceptable to

UGEQ, but also that the double financial burden will be acceptable to McGill."

"The time is fast approaching, indeed, when we shall have to decide whether to drop out of CUS and join UGEQ," the report continues.

Jacques Mathieu, vice-president for external affairs at Laval, is quoted in the report to have said he felt UGEQ would pass a motion in favor of Quebec independence at the 1966 congress.

Asked if the possibility of UGEQ voting for separatism influenced McGill's decision to join one way or the other, Conrad Winn, director of the school's information bureau commented:

"Independence was not a consideration in our decision to join UGEQ. However, many people do have definite positions on the question."

"Independence for Quebec may be justified to the extent that it may contribute to social and economic progress. But nationalism, for itself, is not only a waste of energy but detracts from energy more usefully employed for social change."

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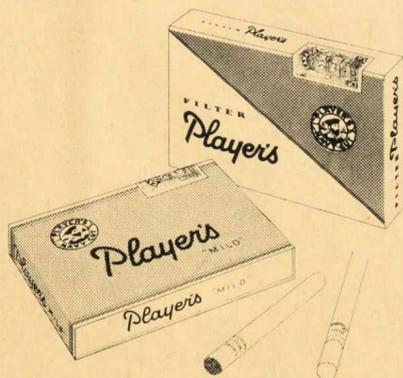
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