

4,000 demonstrate for French language

MONTREAL (CUP) - About 4,000 marchers found little to inspire them in Saturday's demonstration organized by the Front-Commun pour la Defence de la Langue Francaise.

The march from Parc LaFontaine through Montreal's east end which finished with a rally in front of the Hydro Quebec building, failed to present a single coherent message or plan of action to the presence of groups with different and sometimes contradictory aims.

At the rally, Reggie Chartrand and Raymond Lemieux spoke specifically about the controversial education bill 28 and 63, and generally about the need for a French speaking Quebec. Robert LeMieux provided a fitting anti-climax to the demonstration with his remark: "The language question is important, but it is only part of our struggle." He went on to point out the need to fight for political and economic rights, rather than concentration solely on the language issue.

Many of the marchers were observing the first anniversary of the invocation of the War Measures Act.

As the demonstrators marched through the residential areas, shouts of "Quebecois dan la rue" brought many citizens out of their houses to join the march or to watch from the sidewalks.

The edifice de la Ministere de Justice was surrounded by more than 200 members of the Quebec provincial Police equipped with helmets and riot sticks. The demonstrators shouted

insults and threw rocks as they passed the QPP headquarters. The police fled into the building when demonstrators began climbing fences and throwing things.

Tension increased as marshals asked the marchers not to provoke the police. Up to this point, the mood of the march had been calm, with Montreal police clearing streets well in advance without interfering with the marchers in any way.

Windows were broken as the marchers entered the business district. These included the windows of Hydro Quebec's building on Dorchester. The building is premier Robert Bourassa's headquarters in Montreal.

Raymond Lemieux, the final speaker at the rally, said he hoped that those present would turn out for future demonstrations, and then announced that the crowd should disperse.

Not all the demonstrators took his advice, however. About 1,000 marchers broke through a police barricade, and moved south on St-Urbain Street in an attempt to reach the power corporation owned La Presse building. A squad of police tried to prevent the marchers from getting through. The demonstrators responded by ripping out fences from a Trans Canada highway construction site to build a barricade between them and the police.

Another squad began to move in from the east. The demonstrators placed a car in the middle of the road as a barricade and built fires in trash cans. More police moved in from the west, hoping to

encircle the demonstrators, who began to throw rocks and debris from the construction site.

At this time, many of the demonstrators were simply milling around watching the

police and waiting to see what would happen. As the police, mounted on motorcycles, began to close in, most of the demonstrators fled. The riot police then subdued the remaining protestors.

An estimated 20 arrests were made, but the Montreal Police, contacted Sunday, said they "didn't know" who they were or what charges if any, had been laid against them.

C of C proposes cure-all for universities

CALGARY (CUP) In its continuing attempt to unravel the province's economic problems the Alberta Chamber of Commerce has proposed a cure for overcrowding, overspending, and academic irrelevance at universities.

In a brief to the Provincial Government's Worth commission on education, the Chamber of Commerce tackled all three problems in one fell swoop, and did do without the encumbrance of extensive documentation.

Their major recommendations include: cutbacks in capital expenditures, curtailment of tenure, sabbatical leaves with pay, and moon-lighting among faculty. Specific cost analysis in administrative operations and periodic evaluation of curricula.

The Commerce people further advocate the teaching of the mechanisms of a "Free Enterprise System" to enable students to understand society better. Included in this concept, the authors of the report envisage a return to the basics of capitalist society: "personal initiative, self discipline, respect for authority, and a positive approach to many problems facing society today".

The report, hoping to encourage the business community to play "A more active role in Education", concludes:

"All activity in our Canadian Free Enterprise System, as seen by the business community, is designed, via the profit

motive, to transform human and natural resources into intellectual accomplishment and material value for the ultimate benefit of society."

PAPER SURVIVES

CALGARY (CUP)- For the third time in three years the Mount Royal College Student newspaper the reflector has survived student council attempts to smash it.

This year's council faced with a \$23,000 deficit inherited from the previous student administrators, decided to slash the Reflector budget to \$5000 (from \$9,500 in 1970-71). Then last Wednesday some councillors opposed granting the paper any money because of its editorial content.

Council president Dennis Docherty, who felt that the press cannot be free if its

content is threatened by bureaucratic committees, was forced into continuing financial support of the Reflector when Gus Henderson, a former editor, pointed out the unconstitutionality of the proposed move and hinted at possible repercussions.

In the ensuing debate the paper's budget was again discussed and after a further \$600 reduction, was passed overwhelmingly. The successful motion is only temporary, however, until a council committee reviews Reflector's budgets and policies.

UAVAC grant refused

Students' Council last night refused to grant \$50 to the University of Alberta Vietnam Action Committee (UAVAC) to help finance an educational forum on Amchitka.

UAVAC successfully obtained \$150 from council last week for the Amchitka protest march to the federal building.

Larry Panych, UAVAC spokesman, said he could not understand the council's reasoning in granting the money for the protest and not granting

it for the forum.

S U President, Don McKenzie, opposed the request because he could not see the connection between Amchitka and the Vietnam war.

"Canada's complicity with the American government in both the Vietnam war and in the nuclear arms race is the same," replied Pansch.

UAVAC had also requested money for the International Day of protest against the Vietnam War on November 6.

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