



Excalibur -- Harry Kitz

### It was for real

Students in the Vanier residence and others at a teach-in on Vietnam in Winters College thought they heard another false fire alarm last Thursday night — but this time it was for real. Firemen arrived about five minutes after the alarm was sounded and finished off the blaze, which destroyed a plastic garbage can in the basement of Vanier College. A passer-by had put out the flames with a fire extinguisher. The firemen had to park their trucks about 300 yards away from the

college because students attending the moratorium teach-in blocked the fire route with their parked cars. The alarm interrupted a speech by Bob Adolphe at the teach-in, but he continued after a short interruption. Nobody else in the room paid any attention to the ringing. Students in the Vanier coffee shop laughed off the alarm as another joke. About 100 night students trickled out of their classrooms when the alarm sounded.

## Crowds attend moratorium teach-ins here

By BRIAN MILNER

Winters dining hall was jammed last Thursday night and again Friday for the moratorium.

Thursday evening an attentive audience listened to poetry, folksinging by John Fine, speeches, a poetry reading by Eli Mandel, and more speeches, followed by a movie, "Tell Me No Lies".

Of the speeches, two were particularly relevant to York students: Jack Granatstein's on Canadian policy in Vietnam, bringing in the issue of Canadian complicity in the war, and Bob

Adolphe's on the draft resistance movement in Toronto.

Granatstein spoke of 15 years of Canadian involvement and contracts worth \$300 million for the production of war materials.

"Perhaps this kind of splendid turnout can do something," he said.

Adolphe talked about the draft resistance movement which began four years ago with a "steady trickle" of draft dodgers.

Then, last December, deserters were denied admittance as landed immigrants, but because of the "enormous howl" the Canadian government "reversed itself" in April.

"There is going to be a flood (of draft dodgers and deserters) very soon," he said.

A spokesman for the draft resistance movement said Tuesday that last month about 40 draft resisters were coming in "every single day."

Canadian nationalists may say "the last thing we need is more Americans," Adolphe said, but they are exiles "waving the Maple Leaf as soon as they hit the beach."

The film "Tell Me No Lies" was about the problems of trying to get people to respond to something that doesn't directly involve them.

Friday afternoon, Icarus played, and more speeches were read by such people as the executive secretary of the Vietnam Mobilization Committee, and University of Toronto moratorium

chairman Elliot Rose. A question and discussion period then followed, where some points were raised about the value of the moratorium.

With "people speaking down to people," it's hard to have "a learning experience", said Horace Campbell.

"What bothers me is the lack of

dialogue" a faculty member said.

"Maybe it was a social success but if we don't do anything then it was a failure" said one student.

At least in one respect, though, it was a success. As one student who had all of her Friday classes cancelled said, "Nobody was turning out for class."

## 5,000 march on city hall

About 5,000 people marched through downtown Toronto Saturday afternoon to press for an immediate halt to the war in Vietnam.

After a long delay, marchers moved from Queen's Park to Nathan Phillips Square in front of the city hall shouting "No, no Trudeau, tell the U.S. where to go."

The march, organized by the Vietnam Mobilization Committee, was part of the world-wide moratorium activities last week.

Placards reading "End Canadian complicity in Vietnam" were ripped off their wooden staves by strong cold winds.

At Nathan Phillips Square the marchers were met by members of the Edmund Burke Society, an

ultra-conservative organization, who were carrying Canadian flags, a Union Jack and placards reading "Victory in Vietnam" and "Crush Communist aggression."

A scuffle between the Burkers and marchers was quickly broken up by mounted policemen.

Christmas shoppers stared impassively at the marchers on the parade route.

## French Canadian weekend 'a flop'; only 15 Vanier students turned up

A French Canadian conference sponsored by Vanier College to the tune of \$3,000 failed to attract more than 15 Vanier students last weekend.

The conference which focused on English and French Canadian

culture attracted only one-third of the expected 300 participants. Less than 50 York students attended.

Speakers at the conference included Claude Ryan, editor of *Le Devoir*; John Porter, author of the *Vertical Mosaic* and Blair Neatby, professor of history at Carleton University.

The conference was entirely slanted towards the federalist point of view with people like Ryan telling the audience that Bill 63

(the Quebec government bill opposing unilingualism) was "a liberally inspired piece of legislation" and that the people marching in the streets in opposition to it didn't really know why they were protesting.

Some of the 37 Quebec students who attended the conference, afterwards said they completely disagreed with Ryan and were supporters of an independent Quebec.

Mel Lubek, editor of the Vanier college newspaper *Vandoo*, who described the weekend as a "flop" said he was "bored stiff by all the speakers" at the plenary sessions.

Chief organizer for the conference, Kim Veltman, said he was pleased with the conference although he was disappointed at the poor turnout.

He said he felt "the quality of discussion" was good and "I would strongly urge Vanier to do this thing again if we could get more people to come."

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