

Skinheads hit Mtl.

MONTREAL (CUP) — Racist skinheads shouting "Seig Heil" and giving the Nazi salute confronted 150 Montrealers protesting racial violence Sept. 30. Police kept the 30 skinheads away from marchers.

One skinhead shouted, "We want peace too — through white supremacy."

John Kinloch, a march organizer, said he expected the skins to show up but he didn't think they would stir up trouble.

"We didn't want to pay any attention to them, for if we did, it would only have instigated them to be aggressive," Kinloch said.

Montreal Debout, a coalition of about 20 activist groups, organized the march.

Alain Dufour, a Debout member, said the organization was set up following racist incidents last spring.

"Montreal Debout was formed last May after the desecration of Jewish cemeteries by neo-Nazis as well as the violent confrontation between young blacks and skinheads" at a Montreal amusement park, Dufour said.

Eric Schachter, one of the

marchers, said he participated because of the seriousness of recent violent racial outbursts in Montreal.

"I was also involved in demonstrating against the Anthony Griffin-Allan Gosset incident," said Schachter. "That incident set the tone for authoritarian racism."

Griffin, a 19-year-old black youth, was fatally shot in the head by Montreal police officer Allan Gosset in November 1987 while in a police station parking lot.

Martin Theriault, another Debout organizer, said no

Montrealer should fear walking the streets.

"The first public action should be that neighborhoods get organized to fight racism," he said. Racism is like a cancer: If it is not treated, it can be fatal."

Kinloch said the march was aimed at getting people involved in forming a racism-free society.

"We need to create a climate to work against violence so that blacks, women, and gays can walk in the streets without fear," he said.

Not dealing with AIDS

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Newfoundland AIDS activists have few kind words for the province's new Strategy on AIDS.

Announced Sept. 24, strategy involves producing television commercials about AIDS, developing prevention workshops directed primarily at youth and helping employers develop workplace AIDS policies.

"The people involved with writing the policy haven't been touched personally by (the HIV-virus or AIDS)," said Peter Wood, executive director of the Newfoundland and Labrador AIDS Committee.

Otherwise, he said, "they would understand the potential for disaster (presented by) this empty document."

AIDS is believed to result from the HIV-virus, which is transmitted through sexual contact, needle-sharing and other exchanges of

bodily fluid, especially blood and semen.

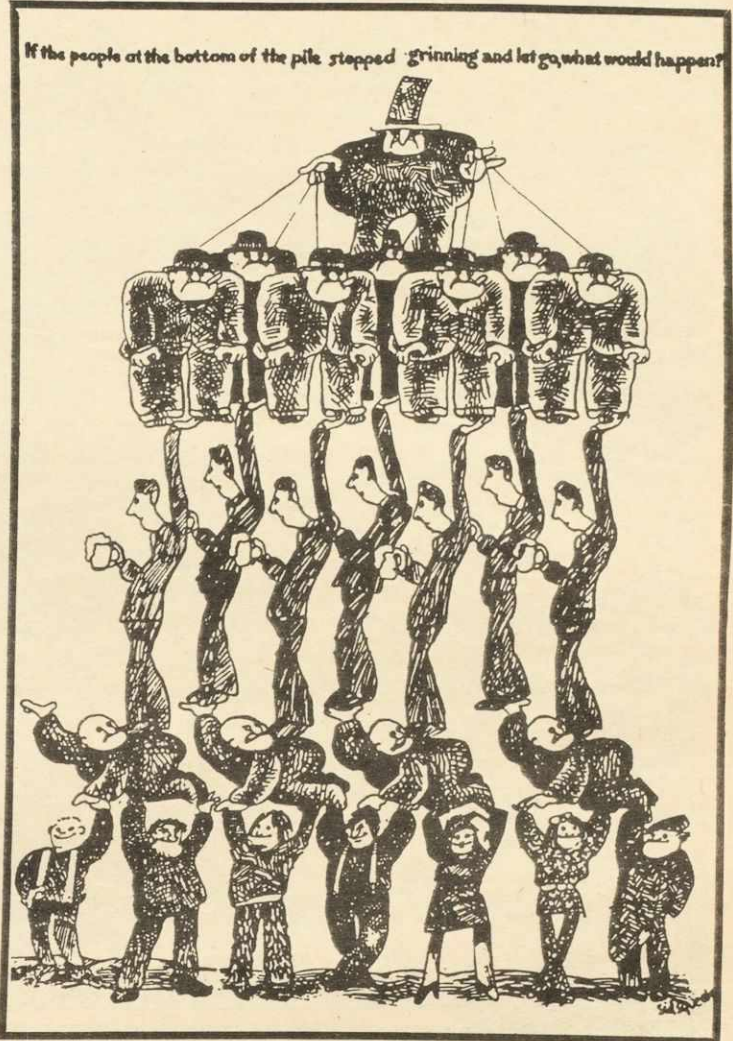
The government isn't dealing with the real problems facing people living with the HIV-virus, "like equal access to health care across the province," Wood added.

Access to drug treatments is almost impossible for HIV-positive people who live outside of St. John's.

Wood said the government should be committing money to helping those who are living with the virus.

"If there is no financial commitment today the cost will be 10 times more later," Wood said. "The difference (is), if they take the responsibility they should, they might save a few lives."

AIDS groups are calling on the government to set up an AIDS secretariat within the government with a staff responsible to implement and coordinate programs.



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The DSA has 765 members who include non-academic staff, 95 per cent of the registrar's staff, lab technologists, technicians, clerks, secretaries and non-professional library staff.

There is a common interest and a degree of interdependency between the DSA and the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA). "Their settlement will shape our expectations and we'll expect to be treated equally as fair," said Yetman.

This is the first time in several years the DFA has reached a contract settlement before the DSA. Yetman said, "We've always gotten less; [the DFA settling before the DSA] will make it easier." However, the Administration's move on wages was "not anywhere near what the DFA reached."

In the event of a strike, students might not notice the effect immediately, but its impact should not be underestimated. Patty Dow, Vice President of the Dalhousie Student Union, said since a committee meeting on October 1st with the DSA, the student union had heard very little about recent developments.

"The general process follows that of the DFA's [possible strike]," said Dow. "We're the ones caught in the middle. We can't do anything except keep the students informed."

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