



—Dave Hebditch photo  
**THE SPECTRE THAT HAUNTS STANLEY BURKE'S EYES**  
... appears at the right to underline his words

## SU councillors recommend referenda and campus police with wider powers

By DAN JAMIESON

The student body probably faces a raft of referenda within the month.

Councillors who attended a students' union retreat last weekend recommended that council go to the students on seven questions, and also passed several resolutions for council's consideration at its meeting at 5 o'clock Monday.

Students' council priorities, a sore spot after the yearbook debate, will probably head the ballot when students go to the polls Feb. 4. They will be asked to choose between an action-oriented council and a service-oriented one. This will mean a choice between a budget catering to educational reform, more and better forums and housing at the expense of council's present unprofitable service functions.

Services would be expected to operate on a break-even basis.

"I would say it is a symptom of student feeling on campus," said Arts rep. Brian MacDonald. "Students are requesting more and

more forums and teach-ins from the students' union, and they're just not getting them. Under our present system of priorities there are not enough funds available for that type of thing."

Students will also be asked to vote on the yearbook question, lowering of the voting and drinking age in the province, the legalization of marijuana, and the abolition of the tenure system at the U of A.

Pending council approval, students will vote Jan. 23 on the question of a fee increase of three dollars to cover the cost of SUB expansion. An expanded SUB would provide a PUB, an increase in lounge and lunch area, an enclosed shopping mall.

Councillors at the retreat recommended the institution of a campus police force with wider powers than the present campus patrol.

Under the direction of the Vice-president-Finance and Administration, the force would have access to fire-arms "if warranted by the situation."

The revamped campus patrol

would take over such duties of the civil authorities on campus as crowd control and safety regulations.

RCMP or municipal police could come on campus only in response to a call from the Campus Police Force.

Campus Police would gain greater powers of arrest under the council retreat recommendation.

The resolution was passed over strong opposition from some councillors.

"The present and future conditions on the campus do not warrant the creation of an armed secret police," said Mr. MacDonald.

Other resolutions to come out of the retreat referred to:

- By-laws
- Council re-organization
- Women's Rights
- The adoption of the "Declaration of the Canadian Student", rather than a Student Bill of Rights.

All of these resolutions are to be discussed at Monday night's council meeting in the GFC Chambers.

Less than half the council attended the retreat.

## Black man's burden ignored by the savage white world

By DOROTHY CONSTABLE

The suffering that exists in Nigeria today is "part of the death agony of an outgoing system," said former CBC broadcaster Stanley Burke at the Jubilee Auditorium Tuesday night.

"When a state destroys 2,000,000 of its people, the state no longer exists," he continued.

Mr. Burke's basic assumption is that the nation-state is no longer a viable political entity.

"Culturalism is the basis for a new political unit," said Mr. Burke. "In this electronic age we are obviously decentralizing into natural regions."

Mr. Burke called the war in Nigeria the "most barbaric since Genghis Khan."

"If this were a white man's war, the world's attention would have been focused on it long ago," he said.

The Biafrans have continued and will continue fighting because they fear their people will be destroyed if they surrender.

The war in Nigeria-Biafra is totally insane said Mr. Burke. Everyone has agreed there is no military solution and yet the fighting and starvation continue.

Russian planes are supporting British ground forces to attack Biafran hospitals, schools, feeding centres, and market places in an effort to gain control of Nigeria's vast oil reserves he said.

The Canadian government is unwilling to participate in the war in any way, said Mr. Burke. It is unique in its refusal to support relief agencies working in Biafra (Canair relief in Canada). The governmental policy of Canada is basically non-intervention in the internal affairs of another country.

Mr. Burke contends, however, that the refusal to send food is a political action. By this act, the government is supporting the idea that a military solution can be found.

### Canada supports the war by default . . .

The Canadian government is frightened that something far away will affect us here. It feels that supporting Biafra is setting a precedent for action in Quebec said Mr. Burke.

The two associations that would be expected to be in Biafra, the UN and the International Red Cross, are conspicuously absent.

"The UN is doing nothing in Biafra," said Mr. Burke, "because it is no more than the sum of its members."

The International Red Cross has flown no relief flights into Biafra since last June when an aircraft was shot down.

It has been subjected to intense political pressure to stay out of Biafra, said Mr. Burke. "It is supported largely with money from individual states."

### . . . an accomplice to 2,000 deaths a day

"The only solution to the war is to stop the fighting, lift the blockade, and ask the people—give them an opportunity for self-determination."

Mr. Burke had several specific suggestions for a solution in Nigeria-Biafra—areas in which individual Canadians could become involved:

- That contributions to Canair relief be increased
- That pressure be applied to the Canadian government to do what other governments have done, that is, support the relief agency in their country
- That pressure to end the war be applied to governments—in particular to Britain to discontinue the dispersal of arms and that a conference of the best minds from either government or private life be convened to search for a solution.

Mr. Burke believes that public concern is rising in Canada. His public address before 2,000 at the auditorium is the largest so far in his nationwide tour.

Private Canadian donations have increased since August from \$800 per day to \$10,000.

Now, about 2,000 people die daily in Biafra from starvation.