

Students Charge Police Brutality

OTTAWA (CUP) Charges of police brutality have been flying since a wild two-hour demonstration by 300 University of Ottawa students at Ottawa's National War Memorial recently.

The students were demonstrating against a reported statement by CNR president Donald Gordon that there were no top French Canadian executives in the government-owned railway because it was difficult to find qualified men.

Police hauled three students off to jail. A witness reported that one of the students taken into custody was bleeding from the face. Another reportedly needed medical aid.

The students paraded from the University along one of Ottawa's main downtown streets, cheering wildly, singing French Canadian songs and snarling the heavy noon-hour traffic.

GORDON HANGED

At the memorial an effigy of

Gordon was hanged and burned. At this point police moved in but were unable to handle the crowd until reinforcements arrived. They spoke no French and every time they spoke in English, the students chanted "En français, en français."

The student demonstrators denied charges that the War Memorial had any special significance in the demonstration or that their action was meant to be taken as a desecration of the Memorial.

President of the Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion, Judge C. C. Sparling of Winnipeg said the use of the Memorial grounds for such a display was "shameful." He said the matter would be discussed by the Legion's executive in Ottawa this weekend. He said it would be up to the courts to decide if the burning was a desecration of the Memorial.

WOMEN WARN GORDON

The demonstrators, many of the girls, carried signs reading "Gordon, switch tracks, your days are numbered," "French Canadian Si, Gordon Non," and "Freedom and Emancipation."

Another sign, referring to Real Caouette's proposed bill to be presented to the Commons calling for Gordon's \$75,000-per-year salary to be cut to \$1, read, "Caouette is wrong, \$1 is too much."

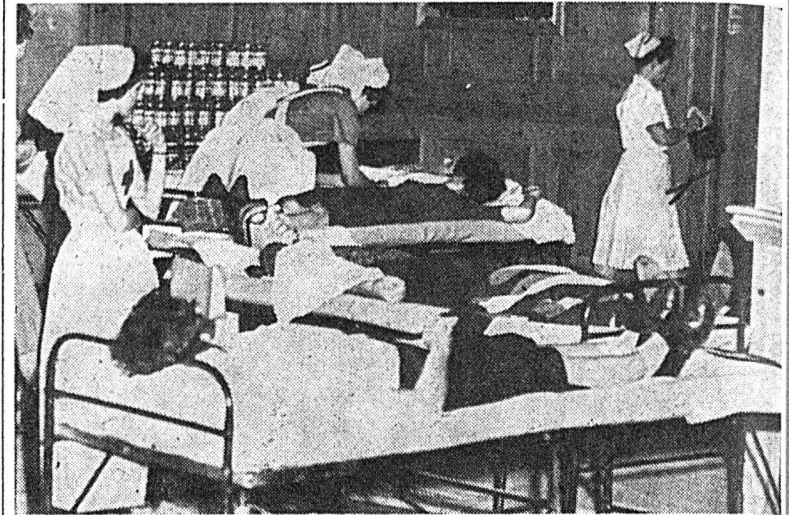
Following the scene at the Memorial some of the students marched on Parliament Hill, a block from the Memorial, and three of the group met and presented a brief to Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

DIEFENBAKER OFFENSIVE

The brief suggested that Mr. Gordon withdraw what the students considered to be offensive statements about French-speaking Canadians and that Diefenbaker appoint immediately nine French-speaking Canadians to the CNR's administrative board.

Later in Ottawa police court three University of Ottawa students were charged with disturbing the peace as a result of the demonstration. They were remanded one week for sentence.

During the hearing a group of 50 students milled around outside the court house and more than a dozen others were seated inside the court room.



PROSTRATE FORMS drained in Wauneita by Redcrossers, not to be confused with Radsocers. The lady beareth the blood away. Ralph may be seen just outside the center of the picture.

photo by Heinz Moller

CBC LABELS "MOB"

At the University a special edition of a faculty paper, The Artsman, screamed police brutality, and slammed the reporting of the incident in one of the Ottawa commercial papers. The article also took the CBC to task for the use of

the word "mob" in its report of the incident.

The students organizers of the demonstration have called on Ottawa Mayor, Charlotte Whitton to launch an investigation into the methods used by police to handle the demonstration.

(Beynge a Childe's Christmas in Waits)

RAUNCHY & HARLEQUINNE

- Their Occasion'l Joyeux Greetynge -

1. On the firste daye of Yuletyde
Olde Santa gave to Me—
Brocke Chisholme in a family tree.

2. On the thyrd daye of Togetherness
The NDP's quothe for Me—
Three partye platformes,
Two insurance plannes,
Ande the medicks be headynge for the trees.

3. After five yeares of buckynge
The Awardes Boarde gave to Me—
Five Gold'n Keyes,
Foure Nobel Prizes, three KCB's,
Two Swoll'n heades
Ande a Croix de Guerre avec palme tree.

7. On the sev'nthe daye of Feastive
My Goode Aunte fed to Me—
Seven roast'd boar's heades, six turkey plumpes,
Five quaille pie,
Foure mutton legges, three haggiss plates,
Two bowles of cheere
Ande a figgye puddynge flamyng like a tree.

8. On the eighth daye, the Doctore
Of Physick gave to Me—
Eight cuppes castor oile,
Seven aspirins, six kegs of bromo,
Five heatynge paddes,
Four bleedynge leeches, three stomache pumpes,
Two respiratores
Ande a coughe droppe, caught in my bronch'l tree.

11. On the tenth daye of Jollie
The Postman left for Me—
Ten merchants' statements,
Nine detergente couponns, eight 'New Trails',
Seven library recalls, six postage owing,
Five Tee Bee seales,
Four COD's, three Eatonn's fliers,
Ande but two Yule cardes
So Rover chas'd him up the neighbour's tree.

12. On the twelfth daye of Snowfeste
The Ski Clubbe gave to Me—
Twelve ten-bucke lessons,
Elev'n fancie sweaters, ten Germann wordes,
Nine chair-lifte tickets, eight chair-lifte rydes,
Seven broken ribbes, six miles of tape,
Five misplac'd bones,
Foure weekes in traction, three mangl'd arms,
Two broken knees,
Ande an evenynge suspend'd from a tree.

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