

## When Loney spoke, everyone listened

# And Ho Chi Minh watched from the wall

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GUELPH—Here they were, students from some of the great educational institutions in Canada, and they were marching in single file. They began at the ground floor and climbed the twisting stairs.

The first thing a guy at the top of the stairs could see was these two big flags coming up. One was black, the other red. Then two heads and then another and another.

Voices singing "solidarity forever" were heard. It looked like the rebirth of a Hitler youth movement. These marchers came into the room which was filled with about 200 delegates to the 32nd congress of the Canadian Union of Students.

"My God," a little lady said, "what's going on here?" Everyone else stood still. Representatives of almost every university student in Canada just stood there while a dozen self-proclaimed radicals ruined the image of the entire congress.

These flag-bearing nomads strutted down one side of the hall and some sat in chairs. They were still singing strongly. The flags were propped against the wall and one of the people whipped out a large picture of some person and they unrolled it and tried to paste it to the wall.

A murmur went through the crowd who had assembled here for a hastily called plenary session. Some schools thought there was something wrong on the second day of the congress and this plenary was called to fix that trouble.

The picture was half unrolled and someone said it was Che Guevara. Then another person took over.

He directed an associate to put the picture over top that of Queen Elizabeth and it was done as he ordered. With the light shining brightly and two flags—the red symbolising socialism and black signifying anarchy—were realigned to fit the new settings. It wasn't a pretty picture.

Ho Chi Minh and colored flags can draw emotion from very few people. They also make a poor decoration for a congress of Canadian university students.

But no one did anything. The chairman of the meeting was quiet. The delegates were too busy staring to do anything. The singers and flag-bearers were pleased with themselves and smiled as they sat down. It wasn't beautiful.

Some of those calling themselves radicals had long hair. A number wore khaki jackets not unlike those worn in the armed services of countries. Others wore sandals with no socks. None looked like an average Canadian university student whom they insist they represent. Still fewer spoke like the student seen everyday on the Canadian campus.

John Gallagher of the Regina campus was the first speaker. He had been close to the head of the line and had been singing loudly. He said the congress in the first two days had been "crippled by cripples" and "we have to put the congress on a meaningful basis now."



HO CHI MINH GOES UP  
... CUS image comes down

Gallagher, vice-president, said CUS must confront the issues. There must be structural change and there must be debate for a national council, he said.

Everyone was listening. Most were still stunned at the opening display and it is doubtful if too many heard Gallagher's words. The light was shining on the picture erected by the those which call themselves radicals.

There is a commitment clause in CUS. It says uni-

versities must pledge to pay fees to CUS and they must pledge this at the end of the second day. British Columbia said they weren't ready to do this until they knew what direction CUS politics were going to take. UBC's fees are more than \$12,000.

Gallagher accused UBC of "blackmail" and said UBC "could leave if they wanted but CUS should not let them come here and use us as a bludgeon to meet their demands. That is a dispicable situation."

Martin Loney, who was near the end of the line of singing radicals, followed Gallagher and he unleashed a torrent of oratory that left the audience paralyzed at first, then pushed them to their feet with resounding applause.

Loney didn't say much that people don't already know, but he had a pretty good way of saying what he did. His high octave rhetoric solidly entrenched Simon Fraser University, the student strike centre of Canada, as an influential member of CUS. Loney, who accepts credit for kicking a university president out of office, had little trouble getting his way here.

Loney is the cleanest looking of his bunch. He is average height and weight and looks like most other university students in search of a barber. Girls wouldn't mind taking him home to father.

He talks fast. His words come quickly and there is never unnecessary pause between sentences or thoughts. It is one ceaseless flow.

"He is only their mouthpiece," one person said. "He does all the talking. That guy behind him is the real leader of the bunch."

But Loney was doing the talking. And his voice was getting louder and louder as he played on the emotions of the delegates.

"We came 4,000 miles to this congress to discuss what is happening in the world," he said. "We want to discuss how this affects students. Just look at Czechoslovakia and Chicago and tell me you can't be concerned."

"What kind of Canada do we have when class and not brains determines whether or not you go to university? In Vancouver everyone on the west side goes to university. In the east side, you got to university—if your are lucky," he said and everyone in the room was listening.

UBC is in west Vancouver. Simon Fraser is in east Vancouver.

"CUS exists as a national voice, a place for discussion, a forum, a place to mobilize students," he said. "We believe that what happened at Simon Fraser can be of relevance to the rest of Canada."

"And we believe CUS should be working towards social change in Canada and in the world," he said.

And as Loney talked, one couldn't avoid seeing the two flags and the picture of Ho Chi Minh and then his words gave you an idea of how the politics of this country somehow must have missed the universities.

## Robert Clark not impressive

Alberta Minister of Youth Robert Clark failed to impress delegates to the World University Service of Canada seminar here when he suggested students should co-operate more with business.

"Irrelevant," charged Manuel Neira, a Colombian student leader. "I am sure most of the people here were bored with the speech."

Clark spoke to the delegates at a

welcoming dinner held at the end of the second day of the WUSC national seminar, Revolution and the University.

Delegates suggested Clark was "soft-peddaling" the role of the university in society and had failed to interpret that role properly.

"There is a desperate and real need for a real and open hearing among these people," Clark said. "I am making a plea for people who are sincere and earnest in their beliefs."

After two days of debate on the means of student revolt against forces which obstruct development,

the students weren't about to accept Clark's statements.

Dr. Wally Fox-Decent, head of the WUSC national committee, thanked Clark for his speech and told the students that communication between all groups of society is basic to society's harmonious functioning.

But the students made their position on the speech clear.

A Che Guevara flag, smuggled into the \$1,000 government-sponsored banquet and sherry party, drew more applause than Clark and U of A president Walter Johns combined.

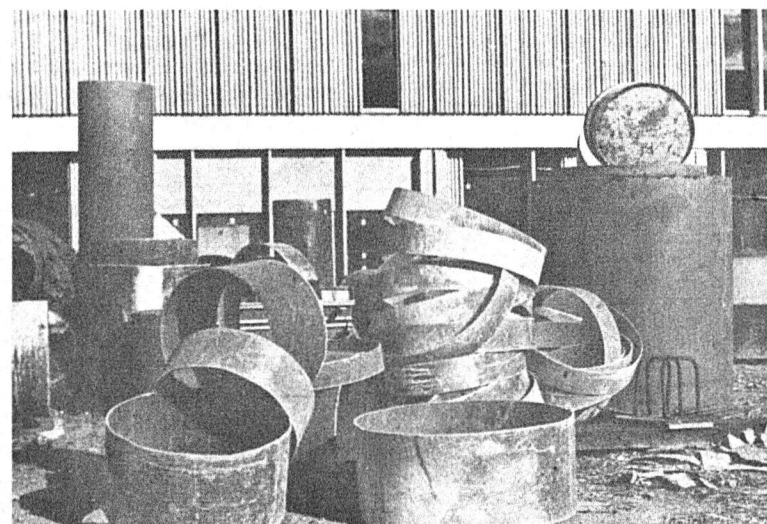
## WUSC has last laugh

World University Service in Canada is getting back at the Canadian Union of Students.

In past years, the international organization has been the subject of harsh criticism from CUS, which has objected to the "irrelevance" of WUSC in the light of its non-political and non-educative projects, Treasure Van and Share Week, and because of the "minimal value" of WUSC financial contributions abroad.

At the WUSC national assembly held here September 3-7, delegates, with only four objections passed a motion suggesting a new name for the national student body.

"Since the Canadian Union of Students is no longer fully Canadian in its membership, delegates decided, and since the organization has become political, the organization should rightfully be re-named the Political Union of Students, or PUS.



GARBAGE—Big bandages for the clinical sciences building? More likely fibreglass tube cuttings left at the building construction site. Besides, the building is still under construction and not really wounded.

## FIW SCHEDULE

### TODAY

- 9-3—Sale of Frosh Kits, S.U.B.
- 2-4:30—Clubs Booth, Art Gallery, S.U.B.
- 9-12—Coffee House with entertainment, Room at the Top, S.U.B.
- 11:30-2—Courtyard Capers, Courtyard, S.U.B. guest speakers, debates, folk groups and bands; guest speaker—Lou Hyndman, MLA
- 1-3:30—Movies in S.U.B. theatre
- 5:30-7:30—Wauneita Big and Little Sister Party, Dinwoodie Room, S.U.B.
- 7-9:15—The Pozo Seco Singers (for upper-classmen) S.U.B. theatre
- 9—Light show and concert, Quad, north-east of S.U.B.
- 10-2—Residence Dance (nominal charge) Lister Hall

### THURSDAY

- 9-3—Sale of frosh kits, S.U.B.; Clubs Booth, S.U.B.; Coffee House with entertainment; Room at the Top,
- 11:30-2—Courtyard Capers, courtyard, S.U.B.
- 12—Golden Bear pep rally
- 2-5—Wauneita Welcome Team, Dinwoodie Room, S.U.B.
- 1-3:30—Movies in S.U.B. theatre
- 7 and 9—Freshman Admission Ceremonies, Jubilee Auditorium
- 8:30 and
- 10:30—Official Opening Reception, Lister Hall

### FRIDAY

- 7-9—Frosh Court, Lister Hall
- 9-1—Steer 'n Stomp (Barbeque and Dance), Administration Building. Draw made at this dance for Cartoon Couple Contest