

Rally of 1500 supports government

By WENDY DENNIS

About 1,500 students massed Monday in support of the federal government's decision to invoke the War Measures Act and to show their faith in a "united Canada" faith in a "united Canada".

Steve Harris, one of the rally organizers, appealed to the students to "rise collectively" in support of the government's drastic measures in order to avoid another "political nightmare".

"We don't believe it is now the time to debate the War Measures Act," he said.

Although the crowd was strongly pro-government in sentiment, most of the invited faculty speakers spoke out against the War Measures Act.

Ramsey Cook, York history professor, warned against an "excessively emotional and highly repressive" reaction to this crisis and urged students to direct their concern now towards eradicating the social and economic injustices suffered by the people of Quebec.

"We must look at how we can best understand the problems that caused this tragic result," he said.

He called the War Measures Act "draconian legislation" which should have been repealed long ago.

"Despite the precedent of Laura Secord, I find it difficult to believe that Pauline Julien is a person who should be in prison today," he said.

Pauline Julien is an internationally-known folk singer

from Quebec who has often expressed separatist sympathies.

Cook's remarks were greeted by applause from only a small percentage of the crowd.

Ken Wolfson, speaking for the York Young Socialists, outlined the cases of illegitimate arrests already being carried out by the police in Quebec and Ontario.

"When will it all stop?" he asked.

"Not until we've got all of them," shouted a member of the crowd.

Jack Granatstein, York history professor, also vehemently

denounced the government's drastic measures.

"I guess I am one of the bleeding hearts and weak-kneed liberals," he said in response to prime minister Trudeau's earlier remarks concerning opponents of the government's actions.

Granatstein also pointed out the dangerous implications of the War Measures Act for legitimate agents of social reform in Canada. He used as an example the remarks of Vancouver's Mayor Tom Campbell when he said that the Act would be a perfect weapon with which to

smash unwanted aliens such as U.S. draft dodgers.

"This is what we have to guard against," Granatstein said.

He also expressed the hope that the over-reaction of the Canadian people might awaken them to the fact that they must keep open their links with Quebec.

"We must remember that separatism can be a legitimate political object," he said.

Tom Cohen, York history professor from the U.S., pleaded with the students for a more "rational, cautious and sane ap-

proach" to the crisis at hand.

"I come from a country which has been tearing itself apart for the last 12 years. I urge you not to make the same mistakes in judgment," he said.

Tuesday at its regular meeting the Council of the York Student Federation defeated a motion by Tim Delaney to support the government's actions in Quebec. When the council defeated his action Delaney angrily stomped out.

A subsequent motion to oppose the War Measures Act also failed to pass.



Crowd gathers round the flag for Monday's rally.

Excalibur - Tim Clark

Axelrod: Restructure govt. before looking at discipline

By DAVID CHUD

A report compiled by Council of the York Student Federation president Paul Axelrod recommends students be given equal power with faculty at the departmental level of university government.

In a 75 page response to the controversial Laskin report on campus discipline released last year, Axelrod says university reform must come before the establishment of court systems. "Parallel structures" at the department level whereby students would have parallel committees to those of the faculty should be a major reform, Axelrod says.

"Students of the department would be able to define their aims and goals (without fear of academic penalization) and elect committees that parallel those of faculty to represent these interests."

The student committees would then meet with the corresponding faculty committees to make departmental decisions.

In his report, Towards Democracy in the University, Axelrod summarizes his major criticism of the Laskin report.

"The Laskin Report by rejecting discussions involving the government of the university, the relationship between the professor and the student in the classroom, the content of the education itself, and the student's understanding of the social and economic role that his university plays in society, ignores some of the basic causes of student unrest in the past, and potential unrest at York in the future."

"Only through a thorough examination of the real reasons behind protest, dissent and

disruption, followed by meaningful social and university reform will peace, which is based on a sense of contentment, fulfillment, and co-operation, be guaranteed on university campuses in general and at York University in particular."

Axelrod recommends a "unicameral" form of university government made up of "proportionally equal numbers of students (one third), faculty (one third), and members of the community (one third)."

He stresses that support staff within the university be included in decisions "Concerning their work, livelihood and environment."

Axelrod feels the administration of the university would find their role one of "responsibility to the unicameral body."

Axelrod feels that before a court system can be established York must first undertake a major study of its governing structure, academic programs, classroom environment, place in Canadian society and set a goal of finding solutions to the problem of alienation in the university.

Otherwise, argues Axelrod, the court will deal only with symptoms and not with underlying problems.

Unless this study takes place Axelrod suggests that appearances before the proposed university court be voluntary. This would insure that no one is tried by a court based on structures and values that he does not accept.

A major recommendation is that all meetings in the university be made open.

"York cannot possibly hope to foster a sense of community and respect among all of its members without first committing itself to the basic concept of openness in its decision making bodies.

"All those who are interested should be allowed to observe and participate in the meetings of every such group (except in particular clearly explained cases), and the minutes of these meetings should be available to the public.

"Also, these sessions should be publicized in advance and reasonably accessible to all members of the university community. Attention is directed specifically to the Board of Governors on this matter, since this is the only university decision-making organization at York which insists on meeting in closed session and keeping private its minutes and records."

Bulletin

The York senate in a special meeting yesterday reversed its earlier decision and voted to release educational background and citizenship statistics on faculty and graduate students.

Monday the Ontario government's Committee on University affairs had insisted they be released.

A teach-in on the "Crisis in Quebec" has been called for today from 12:30 to 3 in Burton auditorium by an ad hoc committee of students and the Council of the York Student Federation.

Speakers will include political scientists Ian Lumsden, Tom Hockin, and John Warnock, associate editor of Canadian Dimension magazine.

York governors back American corporation

York University has invested at least 700,000 dollars in American corporations in the last two years.

In preparing his response to the Laskin discipline report, Council of the York Student Federation president Paul Axelrod discovered that York had, as of Feb. 10, 1969, investments in Ford Motor Credit (\$393,000), General Motors Acceptance Corporation (\$293,000) and British American Oil, now Gulf Oil Company (\$48,000).

It was also revealed that members of the board of governors at York hold or have held executive positions on some of these companies. Theodore J. Emmert is former executive vice-president of Ford Motor Co. Investment. Edwin H. Walker is vice-president, General Motors Corp.

York has also invested over one and a half million dollars in Canadian corporations and banks. These include, Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario (\$99,000), Toronto Dominion Bank (\$1,100,000), Simpson's Limited (\$339,000).

Alan Lambert of the board of governors is president of the Toronto Dominion Bank. W.P. Scott, chairman of the board is a vice-president of Simpson's.

CUA wants statistics

By WENDY DENNIS

The Ontario government's Committee on University Affairs Monday reaffirmed its demand for release of information on educational training and citizenship of York faculty and graduate students.

The position was reaffirmed at a meeting to discuss York's brief to the CUA. The brief is submitted annually to outline the university's need for operating expenses.

Prior to this meeting, York's senate vote overwhelmingly to withhold these statistics on the basis that such information would be a violation of the Ontario Human Rights Code.

At the meeting however, CUA chairman Dr. D. Wright stressed that his lawyers had advised him that release of this information was, under no circumstances, a violation of the human rights code.

"It is perfectly acceptable to ask for this information once the person has been hired," he said.

In response to the senate's vote to withhold this pertinent information, the Council of the York Student Federation called a rally two weeks ago to demand that university president David Slater call a special meeting of the senate to re-open discussion of the matter.

Slater originally refused to do so, but following the threat of a proposed sit-in by the Canadian Liberation Movement, he agreed to schedule a senate meeting for yesterday.

At the CUA meeting Monday, Paul Axelrod, president of the Council of the York Student Federation reiterated his council's position that the central issue was still "openness of information."