

Oct. 14 a year later

Shipyard workers to demonstrate

Limited actions are being planned for Oct. 14 to demonstrate against the continued implementation of the Wage and Price Controls. Recently laid off shipyard workers, students and employed union members will be taking part in an information picket Friday morning, planned by In Struggle! Also the Halifax-Dartmouth Metro Union of the Unemployed is reported to be planning possible action on the day of the demonstration, but as yet this report has not been confirmed.

At a meeting of the Atlantic Federation of Students last week, it was agreed that they would support the demonstrating shipyard workers on Friday morning. The National Union of Students also has taken a strong position against the wage and price controls.

Last year, there was an estimated 1.2 million workers across the country who participated in the first General Strike of Oct. 14. The General Strike, organized by the Canadian Labour of Congress, was a success in view of its unprecedented origins. This year, however, the CLC seems to be ignoring the date, as they have planned no demonstration or General Strike.

The policy proposed by the CLC to replace the AIB board with voluntary wage controls, negotiated through a tri-partisan association of government, management and labour. This proposed strategy has come under strong opposition from many local unions across the country, including the Nova Scotia

Federation of Labour. Many of the rank and file workers feel that any form of tripartisan association would mean the sell out of the workers, since they feel that it would be two against one (government and management against labour) in any negotiations.

Actions are being planned across the country for Oct. 14 on local levels, especially in Quebec and British Columbia. There is however no national demonstration planned, due to the lack of co-ordination by the CLC.

"We feel that it is extremely important that students participate in these actions against the wage controls," said a spokesperson for In Struggle! "It is not coincidence that educational cutbacks, increasing

unemployment and wage controls are hitting us all at once. They are in fact planned moves by the government and big business, which when put together serve to place the burden of their economic crisis on the backs of the working class for the benefit of the upper class."

An information picket line will be held on the morning of Oct. 14 between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. outside the main gate of the Halifax Shipyards on Barrington St. to demonstrate against the wage controls and the numerous layoffs, such as the 500 Halifax Shipworkers who were recently laid off. At 8:00 p.m. there will be a public meeting at the North-End Auditorium, 2285 Gottingen St. Students are urged to participate.

Alberta fights labour law

CALGARY (CUP)—The Alberta Union of Public Employees will continue to fight Bill 41 although the legislation, called "one of the most repressive pieces of labour legislation in Canada", became law last week.

"This is not the end of the battle by any means, it's just round one to Peter Lougheed," said Bill Finn, AUPE Supervisor of Membership.

Bill 41 denies all government employees, including university faculty, most collective bargaining rights including the power to strike. Compulsory arbitration now governs issues such as job promotions, pensions, organizations and assignment of work duties and appointments.

Among the more drastic parts of the act is the provision of fines up to \$10,000 for causing, or being part of, or attempting to strike against the provincial government.

Reaction in Alberta to Bill 41 has been strong. The Alberta Federation of Labour, many unions and other groups, such as the University of Calgary Students' Union, opposed the bill.

Richard Vandenberg, Professor of Economics and Executive Secretary of the University of Calgary Faculty Association (TUCFA) said the association still opposes Bill 41.

"The official TUCFA position hasn't changed simply because it (the bill) has been proclaimed law," Vandenberg said. "It's still bad legislation."

He said the association had commissioned a report to provide a legal analysis of how the bill affects the collective bargaining rights of faculty in the four Alberta universities.



Move to avoid higher fees

HAMILTON (CUP) -- McMaster University has begun a fund drive in an effort to avoid charging differential fees to international students in 1978-79.

Whether the university will charge differential fees that year will depend on how much money is raised from the university's faculty, students and support staff, according to administration president assistant, Manuel Zack.

After the Ontario government decided last year to charge differential fees, McMaster's board of governors decided in January not to impose the higher fees for international students at the university. The only other Ontario university which has refused to charge differential fees is Trent.

As a result of its decision, McMaster lost about \$200,000 in provincial grants this year; the amount is expected to increase next year to about \$340,000.

Zack said: "The university cannot afford to forego fees over \$400,000, since this would mean that the university would not have enough money for library sources, extra faculty or anything else which is deemed necessary."

He added the administration hopes to collect about \$140,000—half from faculty and half from support staff and students—and

the university will absorb the remaining \$200,000.

"Next year, this would permit each graduate and undergraduate visa student, whose need can be established, to receive a bursary of \$1,000 or \$500 respectively to help offset the increased fees," he said.

The university sent letters in May to all faculty asking them to contribute one-half of one per cent of their salary. So far faculty have contributed about \$17,000. Letters will be mailed to all undergraduates and support staff asking them also to contribute to the fund.

Student union president, Stu Reid, said all proceeds from a planned multicultural evening will go into the fund. He added that differential fees are contrary to the principle of universal accessibility to post-secondary education.

Zack said the university would lose an invaluable human resource if differential fees prevented international students from attending the university. "Foreign students are themselves an education to the Canadian students. When one speaks to someone from another country with a different culture, and different experiences, a rich cross-pollination takes place and it is too valuable a commodity to lose," he said.

Sodales to Mount Allison

by Rosslyn MacKinnon

Members of Sodales, Dalhousie Debating Society, will journey to Mount Allison University this weekend to participate in an inter-collegiate tournament which will feature teams from all over the Maritimes.

Four teams from Dalhousie will debate the topic "Be it resolved that Confederation deprives the Maritimes of a prosperous future." The teams, consisting of Keith Cirtrine and Udai Jain, Joe Wilson and Bruce Thomson, Kass Sundreji and Rosslyn MacKinnon, Nathan Golas and Cathy MacLean, will argue both sides of the topic. There will also be impromptu debates. The debate-offs where the above eight people

were selected were held on October 4th and 11th during regular club meetings.

Sodales has sent teams to tournaments at universities such as Princeton, University of Toronto and McGill. Judging from past experience we can expect a fine showing from Sodales debaters.

Debating helps develop self-expression and co-ordination of reasoning, which are valuable assets to anyone. It is also one of the few non-athletic organized activities which students may join. It is never too late so why not make Sodales one of your activities this year? Weekly meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7:30 in room 316 of the SUB.