



—Ken Hutchinson photo

**HE WASN'T TALKING ABOUT BABIES**—Dr. Spock, who probably influenced the upbringing of 90 per cent of his audience, was now instructing them to become more militant. Dinwoodie cafeteria in SUB had not seen the like of it since Dick Gregory had his SRO tag revoked last year because there wasn't even standing room. (story and more pictures on page 3)

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## Atomic blast triggers national protest Students to block border crossings with Mitchell Sharp's blessing

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A west coast student mobilization against the scheduled Thursday test of an American atomic bomb in the Aleutians is rapidly snowballing into a national protest.

And at the University of Alberta Tuesday night Dr. Benjamin Spock voiced his full support for the protest.

Six B.C. post-secondary institutions were to blockade the largest border crossing in western Canada for an hour or more today beginning at noon and at least six other universities across the country have already agreed to undertake similar action.

Meanwhile, Mitchell Sharp, federal minister of External Affairs, has sent a telegram to the University of Victoria student council, originators of the scheme, applauding the move and wishing the demonstrators success in halting the test, which is raising controversy on both sides of the border due to possible geological and ecological side effects.

### SOLIDARITY

U of A students' union president David Leadbeater gave the protest his personal support, but said he could not speak for students' council.

"I vote solidarity with them," he said Tuesday night, but the matter still has to be referred to council for any action.

The UBC Alma Mater Society Monday sent telegrams to approximately 70 student councils across

Canada including U of A, asking students to plan similar actions in their own vicinities.

Dr. Spock told students here that Canadians should be protesting the test, and any way they can make the U.S. government uncomfortable by going to its representatives, its embassies or going to the border is worthwhile.

He also supported the blockade as a dramatic tool to force the press to spread the students' message.

### FALLOUT

"You've got to foil them (the press) by getting something more dramatic and I think this is very good to close the border or to pretend to close the border for an hour," he said.

"I think it is a very appropriate protest. I don't think the U.S. should be testing. It isn't necessary for the U.S. to test and we know that some of these underground tests have leaked fallout.

"This is a danger to everybody on whom the wind can bring the fallout.

"You have to protest loud and often and dramatically to get that message across."

A press secretary to U.S. president Nixon told the UBC student newspaper, the *Ubyssy*, that Nixon refused to make any comment on any matter related to the atomic test.

According to UBC ecologist Robin Harger, the test could generate a "massive earthquake" or tidal waves.

"It's impossible to know what will happen because nobody has ever set off an atomic bomb next to a major fault system," he said.

So far, students at Mount St.

Vincent University and St. Mary's University at Halifax have indicated they plan to picket Halifax airport, students at Brock and McMaster universities in Ontario will block the border at several Ontario points, and students at McGill and Sir George Williams universities in Montreal have said they will attempt to block Quebec border crossings.

B.C. organizers hope 3,000 students in 50 buses will descend on the border crossing at Douglas, B.C., where they hope to stop all northbound Canada-U.S. traffic in protest against the scheduled 1.2 megaton underground blast, which will go off near a major fault in the earth's crust.

### AIRPORT BLOCKADE

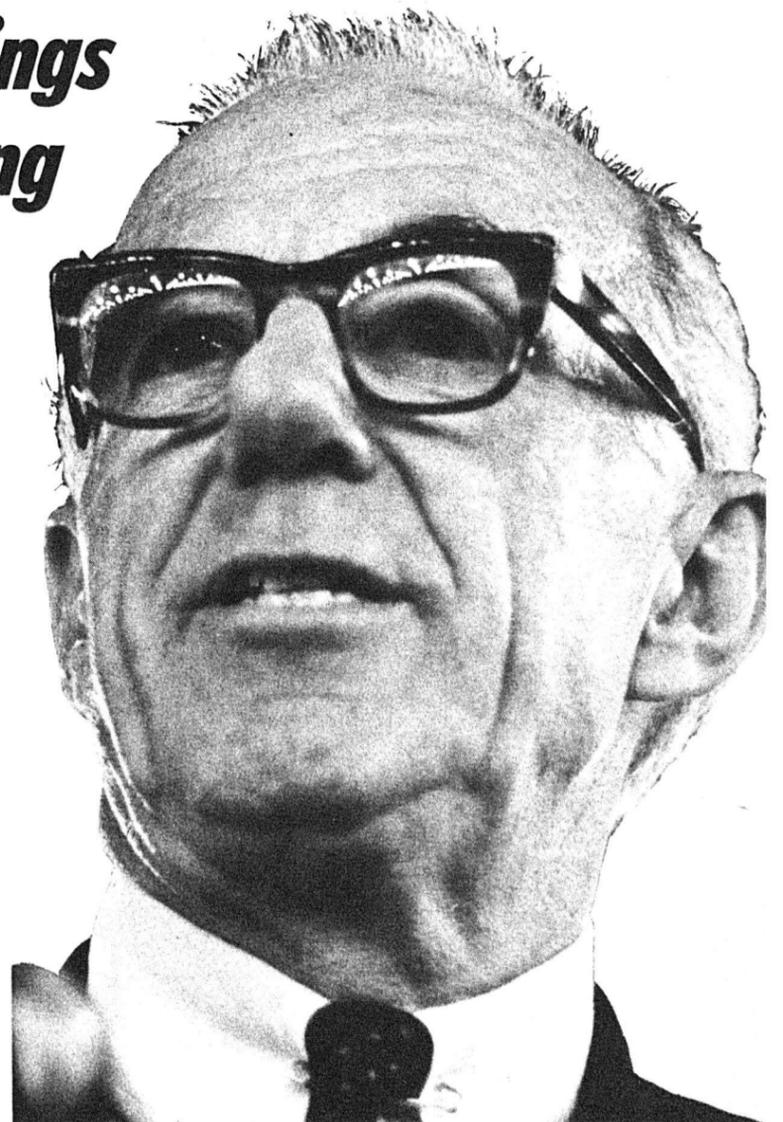
Students from the University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, the University of British Columbia, Capilano Regional College, Vancouver City College and the Vancouver School of Art will be involved in the B.C. demonstration, and some Victoria students are also planning to block international ferry terminals on Vancouver Island, as well as Victoria International Airport.

Approximately 100 students at B.C.'s Selkirk College have also decided to join the protest, and they will travel to the nearest border crossing at Northport, B.C. to obstruct traffic there.

More than 100 demonstrators marched in protest outside the U.S. Consulate in downtown Vancouver Monday to protest the test.

UBC student council vice-president Tony Hodge said organizers hope to close the gates of the peace

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DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK

... tells students to man the borders