

PQ's influence still unknown

"Talented technocrats" surround Levesque

By ARA ROSE PARKER

"It is difficult to predict the Parti Quebecois influence on confederation", claimed two York Professors Michael Lamphier and Raymond Morris.

Lamphier said that Quebec's new government had been elected on the platform that Rene Levesque's government would be an open one. In the past few weeks, he said, the government's talks have receded behind closed doors and its future, "leaving us only to speculate".

Lamphier and Morris have just finished a book soon to be published called **Three Scales of Inequality: Perspectives on French-English Relations in Canada**. They said that they do not profess to be prophets, nor to outline forthcoming political moves of the PQ.

According to Lamphier, Levesque is surrounded by talented technocrats orchestrating the government, but no one is sure of what is being played except that they may be beating Anglophones at their own game.

"For Levesque, the language question is not an important platform, it seems that Bourassa has exhausted its power for invoking interest. Instead, Levesque's concern is for language protection, economic and cultural development.

Added Morris, "Canada values space and Quebec values time". Morris and Lamphier said that in Canada, human rights is a central issue. "The race for success can only be a fair one if every member of the society starts off on the same ground regardless of class and ethnicity. The thrust in the past has been an unsuccessful and illogical attempt to assimilate people into the anglo ideal and come out unharmed "perfect U of T products".

Lamphier and Morris maintained that it is important to understand the nature of political alliances to realize what is happening in Quebec.

Morris said that the ethnic groups



York professors Raymond Morris on left and Michael Lamphier talk about their new book "Three Scales and Inequality: Perspectives on French-English Relations in Canada."

of the past are now the middle class of the country. With the recent federal papers, more immigrants from middle class structures in their home countries are coming here to Canada and wondering whether they conform to the class qualifications of our nation.

"The anglos are competing against the francos and the allos

(other nationalities) of the nation "jockeying for position", reversing the culturally close a scale and searching for political allies.

The Anglos tend to view the francophones as a regional cultural denomination and to push them into that category, where as the main conflict arises since the francos see themselves as historically part of

Canada's fabric, they said.

There are cross cutting alliances that do not however, stop at the provincial boundaries. Before 1960, the alliances between the anglo middle class and the new franco middle class was strongly in support of the Liberal party whereas other coalitions were forming between the remaining class groups, of the

old franco elite and the franco and anglo working class.

After 1960, whoever, the anglo middle class joined forces with the all working class with liberal tendencies. The new franco middle class and the franco working class came to support the P.Q., they continued.

The new Quebec-nation-province's present state is "business as usual". It's future will possible take the form of an industrial renaissance, said Morris. Lamphier terms this phenomenon as creating "godfather satellite industries" as seems to be happening with Steinberg's corporation. He claims that the change will come one of two ways: by converting people who presently occupy seats in industry and government, or by waiting for their retirement and replacing the old with new Quebec stock.

The personnel situation in Quebec is unique. When bilingual positions open 80 per cent of the time it is a French bilingual Canadian who applies for the job. With Bill 22 the whole language education problem burst and as a result Quebec will in the near future have to reconsider its structures, he said.

Bethune College talks about joining OFS while CYSF promotes OFS withdrawal

By DAVID SALTMARSH

On Tuesday the Bethune College Council will meet to discuss whether or not to hold a referendum on joining the Ontario Federation of Students.

Council discovered four weeks ago, when OFS fieldworker Lynn Feldmann told the Council that no Bethune funds were being received by the OFS. Prior to then it had been assumed that Bethune was a

member as Bethune students had in the past voted in referenda on OFS and NUS membership with the rest of the York campus. It was later found that the \$2.50 per student that would go to OFS and NUS if Bethune were a member was going into the joint Bethune-CYSF trust fund, which is divided between CYSF and Bethune College by agreement of the two councils.

James Heffernan, Chairman of

the Bethune College Council said, to be considered the OFS would "have to give us real concrete evidence the money is being spent and spent properly and effectively". Heffernan said that between 70 and 75 per cent of the OFS budget goes to paying salaries and honoraria, as compared to 6 to 7 per cent of the Bethune Council's budget. He said he did not want to see the money being spent so OFS fieldworkers

could go "from conference to conference shooting their big mouths off". He said that the Council wanted concrete evidence that the OFS provides some real benefit for the students of Ontario.

OFS chairperson Murray Miskin confirmed that Bethune was not a member but expressed confidence that Bethune wants to join OFS. "They know they're not part of it and want to get in", he said.

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