

Students yell at union busting Bette as she halts strike

TORONTO (CUP)—"You should resign, you're a coward," two students yell as they pull on their chains linked to the public gallery railing in Ontario's legislature. But their shouts are in vain as Ontario's education minister introduces legislation ordering teachers at the pro-

vince's 22 community colleges back to work.

Bette Stephenson brought in legislation Nov. 8 forcing the 7,600 striking teachers to return to work, after they had been walking the picket lines since Oct. 17.

More than 120,000 full-time and

160,000 part-time students in the province were shut out of class for a little over three weeks. Although Stephenson promised students would not lose their academic year, many students feared they were wasting their time. Hundreds supported the teachers, however.

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Downey claims the board was not carrying out its business properly, and that SUB's finances were in a "disarray".

A recent auditor's report notes irregularities in the financial, contractual and administrative activities of the student-run board. The report says \$806 in cash was found in the SUB director's office, \$7,000 in bar billings had not been prepared, an unauthorized loan of \$6,000 was made to the New Brunswick Federation of Youth, leases had not been renegotiated and only one tenant was making rent payments.

The SUB incurred an operating loss of \$18,782 from July 1 to September 28 of this year, an increase of \$7,505 from the same period last year. □

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like to see Guthrie help set up a provincial student organization for Newfoundland.

Geoff Martin, SUNS chair, has called an executive meeting next week to find a new SUNS executive officer.

"It is a disruption in the continuity [of SUNS]," said Martin, "because Judy was doing such a good job. [But] I think her impact [as fieldworker] will be wholly positive because she's very good."

The Atlantic had hopes of a second fieldworker, but, said Zayid, "I don't think we'll be getting a second fieldworker until September 1986. I think everyone realizes it's important but we have to pay back our debts first."

Zayid said CFS expanded too quickly with too little money, a fact which their general meeting in Ottawa just brought home to all of its members. According to Zayid, CFS owes close to \$100,000, or one fifth of its working budget, to various organizations. She said they plan to eliminate that debt by 1986.

NDP provincial leader Bob Rae, whose party would not support the emergency bill, accused the education minister of taking sides in the dispute and ignoring the key issue of workload.

The bill calls for an arbitrator to resolve all issues of dispute except those concerning workload.

"Why is it that all matters in dispute between parties have to be sent to compulsory arbitration except the matter that has been in dispute for the last six months?" Rae asked.

Rae also accused the minister of "giving the employer in legislation what they were unable to get in bargaining."

The Liberal opposition, however, supported the principle of the bill, according to Sean Conway, Liberal colleges and universities critic.

The Liberals proposed amendments to the back-to-work legislation which would bring the issue of quality of education back to the bargaining table.

The Council of Regents, representing the college administrations in the dispute, broke off talks with the union Nov. 6 and asked Stephenson to intervene in the three-week-old strike. They said they wanted students to return to class.

The union has responded by calling for Stephenson's resignation. Only hours before the talks broke off the minister said the council was seeking a "negotiated settlement" with the union.

"She misled the house. She has to resign," said Ron Kelly, chair of the union's bargaining committee.

The minister told the legislature that all full-time programmes can be rescheduled and completed this year. The government will extend the school year to do this.

Stephenson promised that programmes would be modified so students could complete their year.

Meanwhile, teaching assistants at York University are awaiting the outcome of their trick-or-treat decision. The 1,500 TAs and part-time faculty voted Oct. 31 to end their strike and submit to binding arbitration.

The main issue in the dispute is wages. The arbitrators will decide between the administration's final offer of a 6.4 percent wage issue for TAs and 6 percent for part-time faculty and the union's proposal of a 10 percent increase for both groups.

Teaching assistants earn \$5,310 a year, while part-time faculty are paid \$6,015. □

Penthouse protested in Montreal

MONTREAL (CUP)—Fifty people, most of them university students, picketed Montréal's huge black Palais de Justice last week in protest of the December issue of *Penthouse* magazine.

"We always protest against *Penthouse* but this time they've gotten out of hand," said Elena Medcoff, the Concordia University student who organized the demonstration.

Asked why they chose the Palais for the protest, McGill student Jill Fitzmaurice said: "It could be called a symbolic demand for a just society."

"What do women with their stomachs tied with ropes have to do with a just society?" Fitzmaurice asked.

In the ten-page *Penthouse* centrespread, South East Asian women are bound with thick rope so tightly that their flesh bulges. The women are depicted hanging from trees, dead on beaches and passively awaiting sodomy. In one photo, the rope is wrenched to sever the woman's clitoris. These pictures are complimented by a series of haiku poems about cherry blossoms.

Medcoff, also a member of the Montréal group Media Watch, said there are laws prohibiting literature which attacks blacks or Jews "but there are no laws against hate literature against women."

"The problem with this magazine is that it is very well read and well distributed. We are really angry that this was not stopped at the border."

But André Lachance, manager of Canada Customs' prohibitive importation section, said he doesn't think the issue is obscene under the governing section of the criminal code, section 159.

Constable Poxon, a public relations officer with the Montréal police, said the main problem is with legislation.

"The laws are vague. That is why police have such trouble enforcing it. The federal criminal code should lay out stipulations concerning obscenity in black and white instead of the police going to Crown prosecutors," he said.

Medcoff said the morality squad in Montréal will not seize the issue because it is not obscene from cover to cover. □

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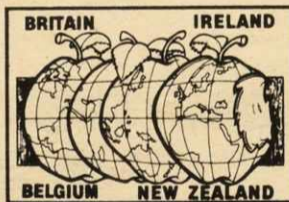
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