

**"Un solution grève générale"**

# Ten thousand Quebec workers join march

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Ten thousand workers from Quebec marched from the Hull Arena to the Parliament Buildings to form the Quebec contingent in the Canadian Labour Congress demonstration in Ottawa on Monday.

The size of this contingent (almost one third of all those on the hill), coupled with its militancy, surprised most English Canadian workers, who themselves received little direction from the CLC.

The Québec contingent was led

by the Common Front of Public Sector workers of the Quebec Federation of Labour (QFL), the Council of National Trade Unions (CNTU) and the Quebec Teachers Federation (CEQ). There were also large student contingents from the high schools and universities with many leftist groups. Most of these contingents marched six abreast with linked arms, chanting slogans calling for "a general strike to fight the wage controls".

Most of the reports in the English mass media avoided men-

tioning the Quebec contingent despite its militancy and its size (the largest single contingent in the demonstration).

Louis Laberge, President of the QFL, gave a fiery speech in French to those gathered in front of Parliament, to which the crowd responded by sustained cheers and chants of "un solution grève générale".

Laberge appeared subdued after appearing along with CLC representatives before the cabinet. Later it was revealed that the presentation by CLC president Joe Morris to the government was more conciliatory than had been expected and stood in marked contrast to the demonstration which was milling about outside.

Laberge's appearance outside sparked loud cheers from the trade unionist. In an interview he said that he believed the demonstration was very important in constructing unity between English Canadian and Québécois workers.

Laberge pointed out that provin-



Workers from Quebec join march on Parliament Hill.

cial employees, including teachers and hydro and hospital workers were staging a twenty-four hour strike on Monday, in conjunction with the Ottawa demonstration, to protest government contract offers.

Shortly after Monday's demonstration, the CLC announced that it was withdrawing from the Economic Council of Canada and the Trade Relations Board — the two government organizations in which the CLC has participated.

## The election results from the student councils

During the past two weeks, many of York's colleges and student societies have gone to the polls to elect their respective student councils. These are the results:

**Founders:** Sandy McMurrich, president; Barry Springgay, first vice-president; Martin Walpert, second vice-president; Brent Wilson, treasurer; Scott Finlay, cultural rep; Brenda Stewart, Brian Head, athletic reps; Darryl Ewert, Gail Johnson, Jim Kennedy, Kathy Simpson, general councillors.

**Osgoode Legal and Literary Society (by acclamation):** John Tory, president; Ross McLean, vice-president; Paul Trollope, external affairs vice-president; Tim Sehmer, treasurer; Rob English, secretary; Heather Leonoff, third year students' rep.

**Winters:** Robin Eaglesham, president; Keith Smokum, vice-president; George Clarke, treasurer; Morissa Rivo, Rocky Grimmer, Social and Cultural reps; Les Bertram, Jane Earl, Athletic reps; Richard Sturtridge, Janet Daley, council members at large.

**Vanier:** Matt Champion, Pat Chester, Cindy Park, Rod Lacey, Brad Valey, Wendy Pinder, Andy Cardozo, Richard Lichtenstein, councillors.

**McLaughlin:** Tom Chalmers, appointed chairman; Don Boudreau, Bruce Dawe, Tom Diotte, Mark Lievenen, Stuart Myron, Brenda Patterson, Jan Todd, councillors.

## The fate of Harbinger is still undecided

The fate of Harbinger, York's sex counselling and abortion referral clinic, is still undecided even though York president H. Ian Macdonald has responded officially to its demands for increased funding from the university.

According to Macdonald, the university is now offering to provide Harbinger with \$6,000 (or

one-third of its projected budget requirements) next year. This is a 140 per cent increase over its present contribution of \$2,500.

The university is also offering to cover Harbinger's current "almost \$4,000" debt. That money can be repaid by Harbinger at the rate of approximately \$1,000 a year for the next four years.

Both Harbinger co-director Bill Robinson and board chairman Virginia Rock have refused to comment on Macdonald's offer. However, Rock told Excalibur on Tuesday that the situation will be clarified by tomorrow.

Harbinger had proposed a three-point funding plan which included a demand for a basic \$9,000 grant each year for the next five years, an annual cost-of-living increase factor, and special "bridge financing" this year of \$3,600. That plan has now been rejected by the university.

The future of Harbinger has been the subject of widespread concern and heated negotiations at York during the last few months as the university administration refused to raise above \$3,000 its contribution to Harbinger's budget.

Last week, Robinson told Excalibur that, unless the university comes close to matching Harbinger's demands, "we'll just have to hang a sign on the door saying 'Go see (assistant vice-president for student services) John Becker if you need an abortion referral'."

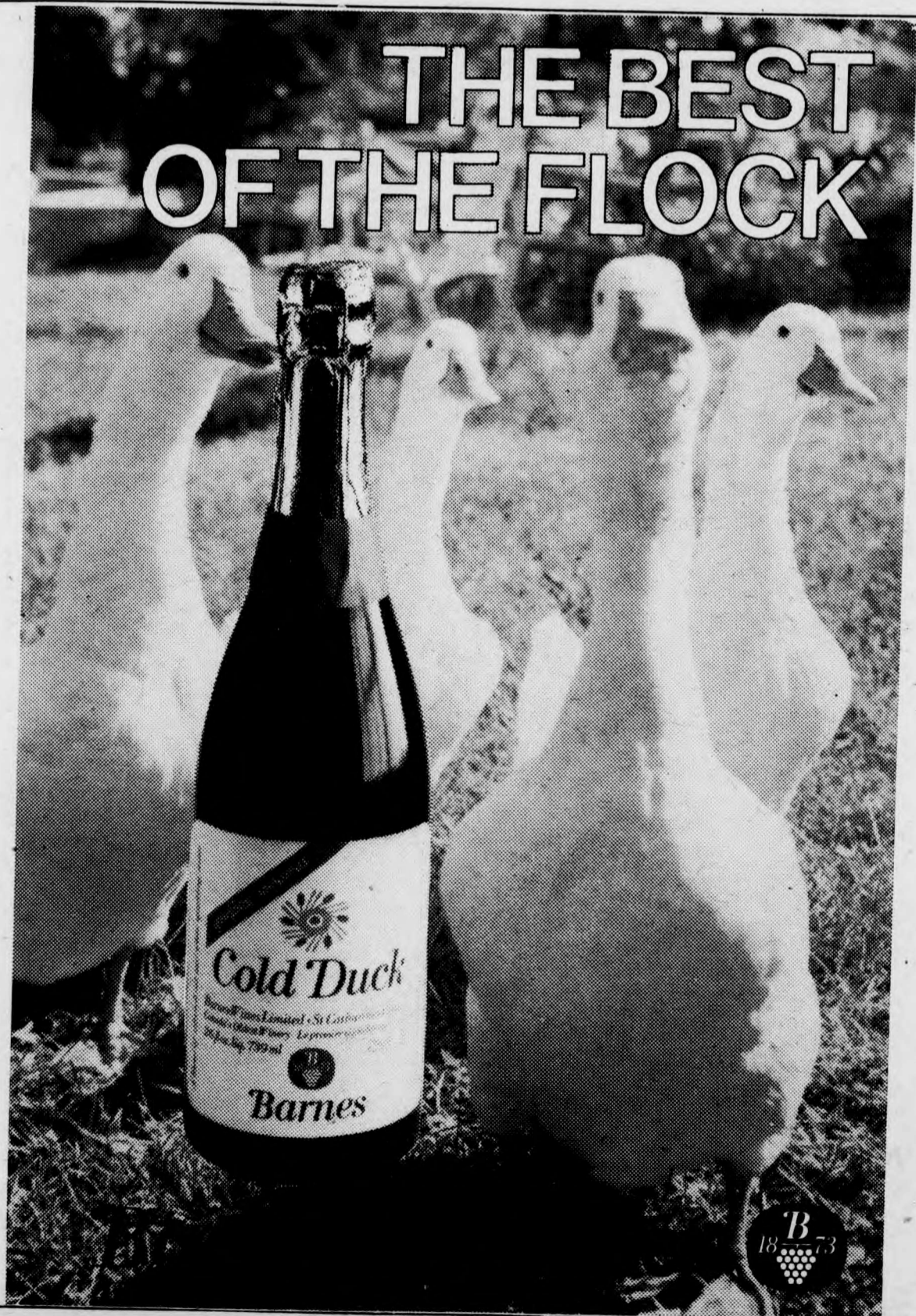
However, he would not comment this week on the administration's latest and probably final offer.

"I'm not going to release any information for awhile," he said.

Macdonald described the university's offer to Harbinger as "far and away the largest increase in funding to a university-supported agency".

He said that there are "hazy lines" between the services currently being offered by Harbinger, York health services, the centre for counselling and development and the residence dons. Macdonald proposes to meet soon with student leaders and undertake a review of York's student services.

This review, he said, will include a rationalization of health services to determine whether or not they can be reorganized in a more efficient and less expensive manner.



## GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### OPEN MEETING OF ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS

There will be an Open Meeting of all Graduate Students on Friday, March 26th, 1976 at 11:00 a.m. in S915

Ross Building Senate Chamber.

**Doug Kirk,**  
President.