

Student power recognized

Universities ponder changes

TORONTO—(CP)—Keeping peace in the halls of higher learning requires determining what students want and giving it to them before they ask for it, says Claude Bissell, president of the University of Toronto.

Otherwise, he says, they'll take it on their own terms.

After his students spurned an offer of seven seats on the 200-member senate, calling it "token representation," Dr. Bissell set up a committee to study reorganization of the whole government structure at the university.

He said he hopes it will recommend replacing the senate, which controls academic policy, and the board of governors, which controls fiscal policy, with a broadly-representative body in which students, faculty, administrators and the general public will have about equal voice.

Dr. Bissell was recommending such a change before the students were. In his 1967 annual report he said: "I would like to see serious consideration given to the possibility of establishing one governing body in the university.

"It would be a mixed lay and academic body whose

representation would have to be devised so as to make it authoritative and acceptable to the academic community."

But if student pressure did not determine the substance of his proposal, it certainly affected its timing.

Dr. Bissell returned in June from a year's leave of absence spent teaching at Harvard University, where he saw first-hand the effects of student power at universities outside Canada.

In his first public statement after returning from Harvard, he predicted Canadian universities have two years to get the jump on student power—figure out what students will demand and supply answers, or be forced to accept student solutions.

He said his first priority would be to get the university moving quickly enough to anticipate student demand and provide solutions, because "if the university accepts solutions under duress, it is cooperating in its own undoing."

He said he expects protest marches and sit-ins in Canadian universities, but not the type of riots that shook Columbia University in New York last spring.

City soon to form 180-man riot squad

Amid denials that major trouble is expected in the form of student riots this fall, Montreal police have announced completed plans for a special anti-riot squad.

Asst.-Chief Inspector Rene Daigneault said the squad, to be led by a Captain and nine other officers, will consist of 180 men selected from the force on a voluntary basis.

The formation of the squad and the purchase of anti-riot equipment was originally announced shortly after this year's riot in Lafontaine Park on St. Jean Baptiste Day.

Yesterday's announcement follows a statement Thursday by the president of the Montreal Police-man's Brotherhood that student demonstrations in Montreal this fall will leave "bodies in the streets."

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His statement was denied by Montreal police officials yesterday.

Plans for the anti-riot squad call for half the men to work full time on the detail, while the rest carry out regular duties in their respective stations and remain on call in case of major trouble.

Each recruit will undergo special training and each will have to pass an examination before joining the squad.

During periods of impending violence, the squad will try for psychological control of a menacing crowd by urging leaders to keep demonstrators calm.

In the event of trouble, the squad will rely on its physical training and special equipment to disperse the mob. (From the Montreal Gazette)

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Fascist Pig?

CHICAGO—(AP)—A group of Yippies—members of the Youth International Party—and their candidate for president of the United States, a squealing, and reluctant pig, were dragged from the Civic Centre Plaza and arrested yesterday.

The Yippies gathered under the mammoth Pablo Picasso statue in the plaza to unveil their Pig Party candidate. Several bearded, long-haired youths were carrying "Pig Power" and "Live High on the Hog" placards.

When the black and brown pig was led from a small station wagon, police immediately broke through the crowd and seized the group leading the howling pig, Pigasus.

There was brief scuffling before police cleared the area.

A police spokesman said: "Eight or nine and the pig were taken in the patrol car. They were arrested for public nuisance, a breach of the peace."

The pig was described by the Yippies as an appropriate candidate because "he was born in the slums of a pig-sty, he is many colors and he is going to be slaughtered."

The Yippies said they felt their candidate has more going for him than any of the other candidates.

"If we can't have him in the White House," one youth said, "we can have him for breakfast."

