

Students protest U.S. atomic blast

Along border points from Halifax to Vancouver yesterday, thousands of Canadian students protested today's scheduled testing of a U.S. 1.2 megaton atomic device on Amchitka Island in the Aleutians.

The bomb is scheduled to be detonated this afternoon 4,000 feet below the Amchitka site, and only 20 miles from a large fault in the earth's crust that runs along the south coast of Alaska.

What began Tuesday morning as a mainly-B.C. student protest rapidly snowballed into a national student mobilization against the project.

About 60 York students marched outside the U.S. Consulate on University Avenue yesterday afternoon.

About 200 McMaster and Brock students protested at the 3 Niagara Falls border crossings.

Over 500 were at the Bluewater Bridge in Sarnia.

Although at press time no specific figures were available for students protesting at Prairie and B.C. border crossings, it was estimated that there were probably 3,000-5,000.

As of late yesterday, opposition against the proposed test from other areas of Canadian society was increasing.

Prime minister Pierre Trudeau was besieged with pleas asking him to make a direct appeal to Washington to postpone the test but he refused, saying that he didn't think it would do any good.

Earlier, external affairs minister Mitchell Sharp had delivered "the strongest possible protest that can be sent" to the United States on Sept. 19.

Tuesday evening, Sharp endorsed the protest by university students against the test.

The protest spread nationwide Tuesday evening when the University of British Columbia student council sent telegrams asking for support to every campus in the country.

Generally, the protest was symbolic. Students were to go to the nearest border point between noon and 1 pm yesterday and attempt to seal off entry from the United States to Canada for about an hour.

Concern grew over the proposed blast, 60 times greater than the Hiroshima one in 1945, when a group of Canadian seismologists returned from Washington earlier this month not satisfied with U.S. claims about the safety of these tests.

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.

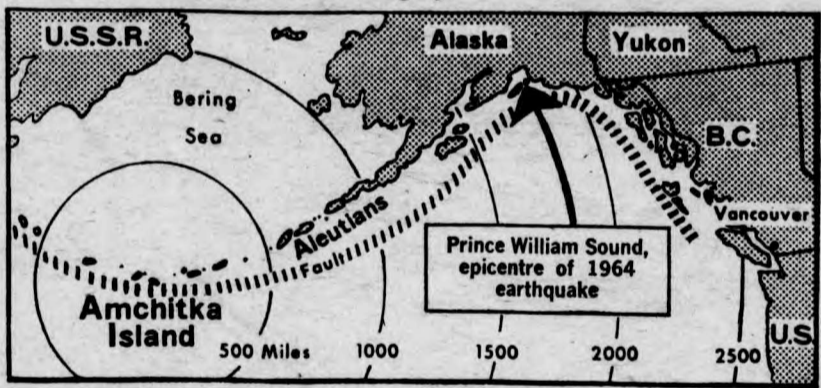
The fault in question was the source of the devastating 1964 Alaska earthquake which also caused heavy damage along the B.C. coast.

If Canada suffered any damage from the effects of the U.S. blast, Sharp said: "We would hold the United States responsible for any damage."

The collect for any damages he said: "We would send them a bill."

On Tuesday, the Canadian Union of Students added its voice to the protest. In a press release, CUS said:

"We reject the assumption of the United States that it has the right to make unilateral decisions which will affect the Canadian people. CUS supports the border demonstrations against these infringements on human rights and Canadian sovereignty."



The fault line — showing weaknesses in the earth's crust — runs past the atomic test site and the centre of the devastating 1964 earthquake, and down the B.C. coast.

There are more coming

The proposed U.S. atomic blast today is the first in a series of underground nuclear explosions planned on Amchitka to develop a warhead for the Safeguard anti-ballistic missile system.

Each test will be with a progressively bigger bomb, with the last having 300 times the destructive power of the Hiroshima bomb.

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York opposition grows

Healy given till Tuesday to reject CPUO report

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Acting president Dennis Healy has been given until Tuesday to repudiate the discipline report, Order On Campus, issued by the Committee of Presidents of Universities of Ontario.

The Council of the York Student Federation, Winters college council and the ad hoc committee against the presidents report have all given Healy until Tuesday to reply to demands or "further action" will be taken.

Winters College faculty, Founders College council and Glendon College students have also demanded Healy should repudiate the document.

The groups are particularly upset that the report which Healy signed, calls for "immediate suspension" for such vague offenses as "obstruction of the normal processes and activities essential to the functions of the university community."

They fear such things as strikes and challenging professors in lectures could be considered obstructions.

CYSF Tuesday endorsed a letter sent to Healy by the ad hoc committee on behalf of a mass meeting Friday where York students and faculty voted overwhelmingly to "demand that Dr. Healy publicly repudiate the content of the report 'Order On Campus' both for York University and for use as a guideline on the other campuses of Ontario."

The mass meeting also pledged "full support for the actions undertaken in opposition to this document by the members of the other universities of Ontario."

Winters council Tuesday denounced the report as "paternalistic and repressive" and demanded that Healy either "make public his views on the paper as a document of policy or join a representative committee of faculty, students, and staff to condemn the report."

CYSF also asked for a clarification of the roles of both Healy and Atkinson dean Harry Crowe in the formulation of the report. Crowe



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Atkinson assistant dean Howard Adelman at last Friday's meeting: "I'd like to defend Dean Crowe's right to write obscene articles and the right of the presidents' committee to sign stupid documents." See Harry Crowe's analysis of the CPUO document, page 7.

was York's co-representative at the CPUO meeting.

Some members of CYSF, including the two Atkinson College representatives, questioned why York sent Crowe, who is known for

his hard line stand on student discipline.

One Atkinson rep, Sam Chud, said Crowe's recent attempt to form "goon gangs" to "pacify" people who challenge guest speakers at university functions was an indication of the direction in which the administration was going.

Healy still claimed on Tuesday the report was irrelevant to York

"because the whole thing is in the hands of the Laskin Committee."

Commenting on Crowe's staunch support of the report Healy said: "Dean Crowe is entitled to his own opinion and that's all it is, his own opinion."

Opponents of the report say Healy has not repudiated the content of the report nor repudiated it as a working paper for other universities in Ontario.

They claim the report will influence administrations at other universities and if Healy feels the report's guidelines are not good, he should remove his name from it.

Bissell says Order On Campus not UofT policy; sit-in off

University of Toronto administration president Claude Bissell averted a sit-in yesterday afternoon when he denounced the Committee of Presidents of Universities of Ontario working paper Order On Campus as "not the policy of the university."

Responding to the demands of a center-left coalition of U of T students at a meeting at Convocation Hall, Bissell said the document was "only for purposes of discussion," and said the Campbell committee (U of T's committee on rights and responsibilities of members of the community) report would be the basis of a new disciplinary procedure at the university.

He was applauded loudly by faculty and engineering students in the audience, who

sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The coalition of the Students' Administrative Council, the Graduate Student Union and the New Left Caucus, had set a 1 pm deadline for the repudiation of the document at a mass meeting last Thursday.

Michael Vaughan, president of the GSU, said after Bissell's speech that as far as he was concerned the demands had been met.

Greg Keeley, an SAC member, said he expected the students would accept Bissell's reply, but said they should not give up the struggle to get the report abolished.

When a motion to accept or reject Bissell's statement was called to question the overflow crowd shouted approval.

The coalitions demands, issued at last Thursday's meeting, were:

—that Bissell officially disassociate himself from the CPUO working paper;

—that Caput (the sole U of T disciplinary body) withdraw its position of Sept. 20 that student disruption could lead to expulsion and the withdrawing of degrees;

—that no new disciplinary action be taken until after the Campbell report is published;

—that the university recognize "that Caput is not a legitimate disciplinary body for dealing with student discipline and that further discipline be dealt with by a committee representative of the university community;

—that the Campbell committee report

be published as soon as it is presented to the president;

—that the administration reply to these demands within one week.

The release of the Campbell committee report Sunday effectively knocked the punch out of all the SAC-GSU-NLC demands except the demand for repudiation of Order On Campus.

The 88-page Campbell report proposes a new system of tribunals that would give both staff and students a hefty voice in their own discipline.

The report is almost completely opposed to the Caput stand of Sept. 20.

SAC had decided to hold an overnight sit-in at Convocation Hall if the administration did not meet the demands by yesterday's 1 pm deadline.