

CAMPUS CANADA

Police Oust Students From CEGEP Basement

MONTREAL (CUPI) - Police recently ousted some 500 students who had barricaded themselves in the basement cafeteria of the CEGEP Vieux Montreal following a dispute over identity cards.

The students objected to being asked for identification each time they entered the building. They also said the administration was being

aggressive by inviting Montreal police to stay at the school.

For the past week and a half city policemen have been in the school watching students to prevent any action by them against the repressive measures of the administration.

On Feb. 18 students occupied an arts building after the administration told them they could not return to classes until they signed a declaration to observe new rules outlined by the administration for classroom behavior.

Since then police have been checking the identity cards of everybody who wished to enter the building.

Monday (March 1) a group of frustrated students surrounded six policemen and pushed them into a corner. One of the policemen was slapped across the face.

The administration then decided to call in the riot squad to restore order. But by the time police reinforcements arrived about 500 of the students had barricaded themselves in the basement cafeteria.

Pushing tables and chairs against the door they began to sing and shout slogans urging students to go into the streets.

At 3 p.m., roughly two hours after the demonstration began, the students were evicted by riot-equipped policemen.

The students had been warned that anyone who stayed would be expelled but the threat went unheeded.

When the police moved into the cafeteria the students left peacefully with incident.

Once outside the school the evicted students paraded the streets, then headed for L'Ecole des Metiers trade school where the riot squad had to evacuate another 1,000 students. There is no further information available on the final action at the trade school.

Abortion Laws For The Rich

OTTAWA (CUP) - Canada's abortion laws for the rich. Poor women are forced to continue unwanted pregnancies.

Senator William Benedickson told the Senate last week that under the complexities of the law, it is almost a miracle when a woman can manoeuvre herself into a legal abortion during the first three months of pregnancy.

Changes in the criminal code abortion section two years ago provide that a hospital committee of doctors, may on the recommendation of the woman's doctor and psychiatrist, grant permission for a legal abortion if her health is in danger.

Speaking during a debate on the report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, which recommends abortion on demand, the Liberal Ontario senator said the existing law hardly satisfied anyone. It had created false hopes and left doctors in the dark about the intentions of the government, Benedickson said.

I.D. Card Plans Before Easter

QUEBEC (CUPI) - National Assembly members will be provided with a full file on the government's proposal to force all Quebecers to carry an identity card.

Justice minister Jerome Choquette said in an interview Thursday (Feb. 25), that a study of the idea is nearly completed and that the report will be given to the assembly members before Easter (April 9).

Assembly members will then be able to study in detail the proposal (made originally during the October crisis) which involves every resident of the province carrying a card bearing a photograph, fingerprints, name address and date of birth.

Choquette "was pleased and encouraged" by an opinion poll finding that most Quebecers favor the ID card idea.

He said Thursday the cabinet has been studying the proposal "but has not yet approved."

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