

MUN students protest cutbacks

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—Students at Memorial University began planning action Monday to protest inadequate government funding for the university and student aid changes announced in a provincial budget Friday.

The university recommended an operating grant increase of just over eight per cent, which would have covered cost increases at existing service levels. However the university will receive increases of just over four per cent.

MUN president M.O. Morgan said Monday, fee increases are "very likely" as a result of the government decisions, although he was unable to say how much of an increase students can expect.

He said the university will have to look hard in all areas, but noted there is "a high degree of inflexibility" cutting back on the institution's budget in the short term.

The provincial government also announced loan requirements for provincial grants would be raised \$250 forcing students to borrow \$700 each term before they become eligible for grants under the provincial bursary plan.

Annette Clarke, a Memorial representative on the Atlantic Federation of Students, said Monday an ad hoc committee is making plans to protest the government decisions, but was not sure what form any action would take.

Clarke said students had no knowledge of the severity of the budget position until late Friday, however she indicated MUN students would protest the move before the end of classes, possibly in conjunction with AFS-NUS demonstrations in Halifax, Sydney and Yarmouth March 30.

The provincial budget also included a \$750,000 grant that would

match the money students gave to the university last month to assist start up costs for a new library. The government indicated they would also match the university dollar for dollar to a maximum of seven million to complete the library, which will cost 15 million.

The university will have to launch a national drive to make up for the remainder of its share of the library costs, but Morgan feels construction on the new facility will start this year.

Morgan added the university has

been under an austerity program for two years and he expects it will be much more difficult to meet its non-deficit requirement this year than in previous years.

He said the administration's worst fear was a six per cent increase which would have been approximately the same as that received by maritime institutions. Due to the timing of the information Morgan said the university will not be able to cut faculty or staff, but will have to look hard at other, non-salaried areas of expenditure.

AFS, NUS supported

CORNER BROOK (CUP)—Students at the Regional College of Memorial University of Newfoundland voted at a general meeting here Tuesday to become members of the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) and the National Union of Students (NUS).

Nearly 200 of the college's 600 students turned out for the vote, which was passed almost unanimously with only a handful of dissenters opposing the move.

Prior to the vote Corner Brook students expressed dissatisfaction with the provincial budget brought down Friday that cuts funding increases for the college and the main campus in St. John's by a half.

Students were also concerned over student aid changes announced in the budget which make it more difficult to get a provincial student bursary.

The meeting agreed to contact students at the St. John's campus in an effort to coordinate protest action against the government cutbacks and the possibility of fee increases for next year.

The Regional College is the fourteenth member of the Atlantic Federation of Students and the second in Newfoundland and Labrador. Students at Memorial in St. John's voted to continue membership in both organizations in a student referendum last month.

No jobs in Alberta

OTTAWA (CUP)—To stop the flow of unskilled workers to Alberta Canada Manpower offices have been instructed to "actively dissuade" people from moving to Alberta from the rest of the country, according to the provincial minister of federal and intergovernmental affairs.

On March 13, Louis Hyndman said: "There are just no jobs for the unskilled in Alberta today. We want to prevent them from arriving here and being massively disappointed and upset that they were led to believe there were employment opportunities."

Hyndman is not only concerned about disappointed workers; he is

also concerned about the drain they may place on government resources.

"A significant number of unskilled people from other parts of the country are coming to Alberta and they are beginning to be and could significantly be a drain on social services and government costs in the months and years ahead," he said.

To maintain Alberta's quality of life, the government welcomes people who "want to work hard and get up early in the morning" but says "if you are unskilled the situation may be no better here than where you are now."

An African adventure

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As to president Carter, he was too anxious not to antagonize the Zionist lobby, so as to secure the passage of the Panama Canal Treaty, and dared not make a statement. We are, I assume, expected to believe that the acts of those flying the most sophisticated fighters or manning the heaviest guns and battleships pouring their fire against these defenceless civilians are displaying the highest form of 'courage' and civilized humanity! Is this our concept of humanity or are the Lebanese and Palestinian men, women and children less than human?

Our media excuse their double standards by labelling Israel's invasion of Lebanon and the massacre of Lebanese civilians and the war of genocide against the Palestinians as mere retaliation for the Palestinian raid. It is as if the history of this conflict started with this raid on March 12, 1978. No one cares to

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remember that the Palestinians are not in Lebanon out of choice and they would not be today in Southern Lebanon had the Zionists not evicted them from their homes thirty years ago or allowed them, since then, to return to their homes in compliance with repeated U.N. resolutions. "No people" wrote Professor Bertrand Russell in 1970, "anywhere in the world would accept being expelled en masse from their own country; how can anyone require the people of Palestine to accept a punishment which nobody else would tolerate?"

Mr. Segal tells us he felt compelled to write this letter because of the "terrorist raid" in Israel. Dare I wonder if he will also feel compelled to write in condemnation of Israel's arrogant display of brutal power and massacres in Lebanon?

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