

Flash: Gleaner Ignores S.R.C. Boycott. Are They Prejudiced Too?

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## STUDENTS BOYCOTT BARBERS

### S. R. C. Authorizes Action, Eye Witnesses Tell Story

The Students' Council of U. N. B. at its Wednesday night meeting voted unanimously to boycott barbers in Fredericton who show racial discrimination in any form. The vote came after enthusiastic discussion of racial discrimination shown by several Fredericton barbers against two colored U. N. B. students. John Clarke, President of the Veteran's Club, started the discussion by telling the background of the story and requesting the S. R. C. to take action. Then several students gave eye-witness accounts of the refusal of barbers, whom they named to the council, to cut the colored students' hair.

Finally the S. R. C. passed unanimously the following four part motion: .....

- (1) That there will be an official boycott of Hashey's, Johnson's, McCarthy's, and the Ideal Barber Shops and any other shop showing racial discrimination.
- (2) That a formal letter of protest be sent to the City Chamber of Commerce.
- (3) That the Brunswickan be authorized to spend \$50 to put out an EXTRA edition to publicize the council's action since last week's issue was supposed to be the final issue for the term.
- (4) That the Gleaner, the Telegraph-Journal, and CFNB be given

the story in order to get as much publicity as possible.

The S. R. C. then authorized Bob Rogers, President of the S. C. M., in conjunction with the Newman Club, to contact the clergymen of the city and request them to take a stand on racial discrimination in the interests of Christianity.

The colored students last year got their hair cut by a barber at Alexander College. This year until a short time ago the same barber was open for business near Alexander College and he made no discrimination. When this barber took another position the colored students were forced to go down town for haircuts and the resulting discrimination just came into the open.

## FIVE HUNDRED PLUS SIGN PROTEST LETTER

Editor, Fredericton, N. B., November 2, 1947.

Dear Sir:-  
"For a' that, and a' that,  
The time will come for a' that,  
When man to man the world o'er  
Shall Brithers be for a' that."

When, Bobbie, Oh! When? — Friend, how would you react if a doctor refused to treat you because you were a Scotchman, an Italian or what have you? Sure, I know. I would protest too. But, you say, there is no racial discrimination in Canada! No? Well, what about the following?  
One day, a year ago, a certain fellow went to the Ideal Barber

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### President's Message

To the students of U. N. B.:

"Last night a session of your representative council was held. On your behalf they considered a lengthy petition and the facts of alleged discrimination. One of the motions passed calls for a boycott of all barbershops guilty of racial discrimination. I therefore call on every U. N. B. student to abide by this decision until further announcement.

Your council has deemed it necessary to take this step in your best interests. If it is to be successful, you must not be clipped in the wrong places.

Signed:  
GEORGE ROBINSON,  
President S. R. C.

### COPP, GLENNIE GET WIDE AUTHORITY ON ALL ATHLETICS

A special two man committee consisting of Grant Glennie of the Finance Committee and President Copp of the A. A. A. were given wide powers by the S. R. C. at its regular Wednesday night meeting. These powers are to be used by Copp and Glennie on matters dealing with the Beaverbrook Gymnasium and the general athletic plant over which the S. R. C. has control. These powers are to be used in cases of emergency only.

The S. R. C. favored unanimously a motion to send a letter of congratulation to St. F. X. for their success in setting up a students' cooperative barber shop at Antigonish. President Robinson stated that he knew the situation at St. F. X. and would be willing to supply the information if U. N. B. wanted to take the same step.

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### S. R. C. PROTESTS TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

December 3, 1947.

Mr. F. Cedric Cooper,  
President,  
Fredericton Chamber of Commerce,  
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:  
At a meeting of the Students' Representative Council held December 3, a motion was unanimously passed by the Council condemning the attitudes of some barbers in the City of Fredericton who permit racial discrimination in their places of business.

Three students of the University of New Brunswick have recently been refused haircuts in certain of these local establishments. Two of the three students are veterans and it should also be pointed out that these three students are well known among the student body and enjoy an excellent reputation for gentlemanly manners and good habits. The University of New Brunswick has accepted them as students and we have heartily accepted them as our classmates.

In the interests of Christian fellowship and democracy, as well as promoting publicity not unfavourable to the City of Fredericton, the Chamber of Commerce is urged to give this matter their kindest consideration.

Sincerely yours,  
RALPH G. HAY,  
Secretary,  
Students' Representative Council.

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Shop for a haircut. In his turn, he walked up to the barber's chair only to be turned away. Seeing the puzzled look on the man's face, the barber blandly explained that he did not do business with COLOURED PEOPLE. The "culprit" quietly walked out of the shop, not deeming the barber worthy of an answer. A friend of his thought differently. He felt ashamed of such an insult and upbraided the barber for his uncalled for discrimination. He also took steps which at that time were thought sufficient to settle the matter. We had hoped that the barber had learned a lesson from this incident, that, if his code of ethics did not teach him not to discriminate maliciously, at least this warning clinched the idea. However, he apparently forgot to tell his fellow barbers about the equality of man, because they have recently repeated the insult.

On Saturday, the 29th of November, another of our fellows tried to get a haircut at Hashey's Barber Shop on York Street. He was refused and tried Johnson's Barber Shop, opposite Harvey's Studio, only to be refused again.

Now, both of these boys, who were refused haircuts for racial reasons, are well known among us and enjoy an excellent reputation for gentlemanly manners and good habits. We are at a loss to find the most meager excuse for the stupid behaviour of our city barbers. The University of New Brunswick has accepted these boys as students and, by all evidence, we have accepted them as classmates. They form part of our student society. Should we, then, permit them to be in-

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