

Anatomy of a Demonstration

by A Participating Observer

Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m. — Rob Ogilvie, Tom Murphy and Hart North decide to take action in support of Moncton. Print up leaflets. Send telegrams of support.

Feb. 14; Phonecalls to other universities, and meetings with ACTIONS secretary George Devine. Try to get their stand. Ask Dave Cox, president of SRC to hold emergency Council meetings for Thursday. Says he will.

Feb. 15; Further phone calls. Mount Allison's position in doubt. Cox does not hold meeting as promised.

Feb. 16, noon hour: SRC meeting unanimously supports idea of one day boycott as well as march on government. Asks Cox, Murphy and Ogilvie to implement action.

Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m.: Class boycott begins. Students picket the various campus buildings. And the gates. No real incidents. No one physically stopped from going to classes.

Feb. 20, 1:15 p.m.: Parade begins to muster in back of the Old Arts Building. Placards and people come from everywhere. Numbers swell.

Feb. 20, 1:30 p.m.: Parade leaves. Eight and ten abreast. More than half-way down University Avenue, people still coming from the gates. On Queen Street, frenzied motorist nearly runs down a line of students.

Feb. 20, 2:00 p.m.: Assemble in front of Centennial Building. Meldrum spoke first — "recognize our difficulties". Then several

this. And five witnesses have verified Steeves' version of the story. As does a film clipping of the incident. There has been consideration given to pressing charges against Richard.

Sandwiches and coffee were brought in to appease the many hungry stomachs. Nearly all St. Thomas students left by five o'clock. Monseigneur Duffie said they should — or be expelled. So they left.

Feb. 20, 6:00 p.m.: Still much talk in the air about the actions of the campus police of UNB and St. Thomas. At this time they were blocking access to the washrooms. As a service to the government, said one. They were not deputized by the government, as rumour had it. Just good citizens. Good citizens who several hours earlier, under orders from Dave Cox and Morris Green bodily picked up and removed about twenty students from the building. They threw one faculty member into the snow bank. They manhandled others. Like good citizens.

The Moncton buses were beginning to leave. LeBreton encouraged them to leave. So most did. As did the Bathurst students. And most other students.

Feb. 20, 9:00 p.m. — There were about sixteen students remaining in the Centennial Building. Some from Moncton, four or five from UNB. Sitting-in. The SRC meeting held earlier didn't see it that way. They decided against continuing a boycott, and in favour of further action. Some time. Mr. Cox did not approve of the sit-in. Most Council members didn't like it either. Nor the action of the campus police.

Feb. 21, 12:30 a.m.: Food was smuggled into those continuing the sit-in. Their morale was high. They said they believed in a cause — universal accessibility. They planned to continue for two weeks. If nothing happened.

Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m.: The Sit-in continued all-day. And was still continuing. Until 25 policemen came and asked the protestors to leave peacefully, or else. Some were carried out. But for all intents and purposes, this is where the demonstration stopped. And perhaps the people of UNB.



Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m.: The Freeze the Fees committee, along with George Devine, and Paul LeBlanc, president-elect of the STU SRC head for Moncton.

Feb. 17, 12:30 p.m.: Informal meeting with Ron LeBreton, president of Moncton's SRC, Hugh Armstrong, president of CUS, and several others. Discuss content of Moncton brief, and action to be taken Tuesday.

Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.: Council meets. Cox reports on developments. Indicates that boycott to last one day, use only of passive pickets. Mount A opts out.

Feb. 19, 1:00 a.m.: Paints, posters, placards, people making signs in all-purpose room. Security guards kick us out, demanding names, and presentation of student cards before leaving. Headquarters moved to Brunswickan office.

Feb. 19, all day: Brunswickan office open-house; posters and pickets made. Phone calls and telegrams coming in and going out. Organized chaos. Brunswickan flash comes out. Sound car. Posters. People speaking at McConnell Hall, STU, Lady Dunn Hall, the residences. Tension high. Radio UNB. Special programs, special bulletins.

Feb. 19, all night: A crew of about five or six, some from Moncton, spend most of night tying ends, cutting stencils, organizing sit-in. Cox was not present most of the day, nor any of the night.

student leaders, Cox, LeBreton, Tremblay and others. Then Hatfield — "impress your need on the government." Then DesBrisay — "We will take your briefs seriously." Then Robichaud — "be patient, because we are certain to conquer the problem."

Feb. 20, 3:00 p.m.: Mass invasion of students on Centennial Building. Leaflets distributed asking students to consider the possibility of a sit-in. No pressure exerted on them. At the same time, a meeting with some Cabinet ministers and student representatives in a second floor room. Hundreds of students block all exits, and the elevators on second floor.

Feb. 20, 4:00 p.m.: Some students have left. Hundreds more still in the building. RCMP roaming in plain clothes dress. Everything quiet, calm, the occasional speech downstairs. Like Dave Cox's speech telling students not to sit-in. He was not cheered, nor did he represent the wishes of the students present. He was also speaking to many, many students who were not from UNB.

Feb. 20, 5:00 p.m.: Most government employees have vacated the premises. The Cabinet meeting was disassembled. Not without incident. Highways Minister Richard assaulted Dean Steeves, second year Arts student at UNB. He pulled Steeves' hair, saying that Steeves grabbed his leg. Steeves denied

"No Contradiction Between Revolution And Christianity"

"There is no contradiction between revolution and Christianity", said Brewster Kneen at the Colloquium held in the case room in Tilley Hall Friday night. "But on the other hand," he continued, "there is no necessary relation between revolution and violence." Kneen explained that human life comes in human community, where people can live and interact with each other. "The people that are most violent are defenders of the status quo," stated Kneen.

Mr. Kneen was just one of four speakers at the SCM-sponsored colloquium. Also speaking were Ron LeBreton, the student council president of the University of Moncton, and Rocky Jones, a black-power advocate who has worked in the Negro districts of Halifax. Professor Sava Bosnitch, of the political science department of UNB reacted to the other three speakers.

Mr. LeBreton said that the French man in Canada is in the same position as the black man in the United States. (See: A BLACK MAN SPEAKS — P. 5) He mentioned that religion has taught the French-Canadian to be humble, obedient, to be ignorant. It stressed the importance of life-after-death at a neglect of the life-now. "In fact, religion didn't allow the time for a man to get involved with his own rights."

Professor Bosnitch in his flamboyant manner said that he thought the topic was too broad and too impossible for anyone to touch upon. He pointed out that there was a lack of Scripture reference, and that for something sponsored by the Student Christian Movement, one would or should have expected otherwise. "I doubt very much whether Jesus Christ would consider himself a Christian in Fredericton," concluded Bosnitch.

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