

Quebecois protest bilingualism

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due to student police who formed a barrier, arms linked, between the demonstrators and police surrounding The Assembly Building. Provincial police later discussed sending a letter of thanks from their association to the marchers.

Throughout the previous week, non-violent marches and teach-ins in Montreal and Quebec City built momentum for the Hallowe'en confrontation.

DEMONSTRATORS MOBILIZED

Demonstrators, mostly students, have mobilized since last Tuesday around opposition to Bill 63, although their numbers fell far short of the half-million which optimistic organizers hoped would appear in Quebec City.

Organizers, led by the Front du Quebec Francais, a loose confederation of nationalist and unilingualist organizations from across the political spectrum, Friday accused Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways of "sabotaging" their protest, by refusing to accept reservations for Quebec City. The two railroads denied the charges.

Provincial authorities ringed The Parliament Buildings with 400 riot police while approximately 300 plainclothesmen mingled with the demonstrators. A reserve force of 1,300 provincial police were held out of sight during the evening protest.

Relations between demonstrators and police remained friendly until 9 p.m. when the mood of the crowd began to change and the events of later in the evening were foreshadowed.

An unidentified demonstrator threw a molotov cocktail into police ranks, and other protestors pushed a panel truck to within 15 feet of the student marshalls. For several moments it appeared militants would overcome the marshalls, who were frantically chanting "pas de violence."

Unilingualist Leader Raymond Lemieux, one of the chief organizers of opposition to Bill 63, scrambled atop the truck and beseeched the demonstrators to keep back from The Assembly Buildings.

"You are not going to take The Parliament Buildings in an old jalopy," he shouted. "Those of you who want to start a civil war today come with a thousand rifles and carbines and 150 tanks. But not tonight."

Lemieux prevailed, and the panel truck retreated.

MINORITY VANDALIZE

The march organizers declared the protest over at 11 p.m. and most of the demonstrators and student marshalls left in a cavalcade of 400 buses brought from Montreal. But the remainder of the demonstrators began throwing bottles and stones at The Assembly Buildings.

Police responded with a barrage of tear gas, and plainclothesmen in the crowd laid down a 200-yard smokescreen over the demonstrators.

Squads of police scrambled over barriers and cut through the demonstrators' lines, driving the crowd away from The Assembly Buildings.

After several charges and counter-charges, the demonstrators retreated to the city streets, where they began smashing windows and sporadic looting. Platoons of police bussed into the main streets of Quebec City and went on a rampage of their own, roaming the streets and imposing summary convictions on pedestrians and passers-by.

By 12:30 a.m. the demonstrators had disappeared, and police commanders were trying to restrain their men from terrorizing pedestrians.

The results of the actual demonstration are inconclusive: Bill 63 is still in second reading in The Assembly and demonstrations will probably continue if the bill is passed.

Even the pacifists at Friday's march have predicted violence may break out at a confrontation already organized in Montreal for next Sunday.



—Eric Seeman photo

The Cowsills were a box-office bomb Friday night. They played to a disappointing crowd of around 1,000, only about one third the capacity of the Varsity Gym. More publicity was given to this event than any other event on this campus so far this year. It cost \$6,000 to bring the Cowsills in and at that it was a bargain because of a previous engagement which fell through. Clint Diener, chairman of the Special Events Committee, commented on the difficulty of choosing a group that will appeal to a university audience. The attendance at the Cowsills was not helped by Jeckyll's Jack-o-Lantern, a residence dance on the same night with the Gainsborough Gallery playing. With a choice between a dance and a concert, many people chose to dance. Mr. Diener feels that residence activities should be co-ordinated through the office of the student co-ordinator, something which is not done now. This might help to prevent other clashes of events such as occurred Friday night, he said.

Backbenchers handicapped—Harries

By DICK NIMMONS

Hu Harries, Liberal MP for Edmonton-Strathcona, said here Monday night that regional desk men are replacing Members of Parliament as the people's line of communication to the government.

The former U of A commerce dean criticized the present situation in which outmoded procedures require members to put in specific days in Parliament, to sit on committees where they may not influence decisions, and to be ready at all times to return to Parliament for quibbling, unimportant votes.

At the same time, according to Mr. Harries, a member receives

very poor remuneration for what he does. Mr. Harries said that his own take-home pay amounted to about \$700 a month.

A member's problems are made worse if he tries to maintain contact with his constituents on a regular basis; if he misses too many days in Parliament, he loses pay, but, if he attends Parliament regularly, he finds little chance to speak with his constituents in home territory. As a result, regional desk men who are outside of Parliament are replacing members as the major means available to the average citizen to speak to those in the government, he claimed.

But, according to Mr. Harries, changes are on the way. Prime Minister Trudeau is pushing very hard for reforms which will involve the average member of the government party more directly in the decision-making process.

He spoke to 30 students in Tory at a meet sponsored by the campus Liberal Club.

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