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About 150 anti-bomb demonstrators marched at the Hotel Nova Scotian last Friday while Liberal party hacks ate \$50-a-plate dinners with P.M. Trudeau and his Cabinet colleagues. The group was marching in protest of the Nov. 6 Amchitka bomb blast,

which demonstrators say could be opposed more vigorously by the Canadian government.

## Nuclear test still on

# Amchitka protest bombs out

by Glenn Wanamaker

The Stop Amchitka Committee has been working overtime the past week organizing demonstrations in opposition to the 5-megaton nuclear bomb blast scheduled for Saturday, November 6.

U.S. President Nixon recently announced that for "security reasons" the test will go on despite heated opposition from scientists and politicians around the world. The blast, code named Cannikan, is 250 times the intensity of the one that levelled Hiroshima 25 years ago.

A press conference, held October 28 in the Dal SUB, outlined the Committee's plans and attempted to gain some student support for demonstrations. The same day, a small march took place at the

U.S. Consulate.

Last Friday, about 150 people participated in a demonstration outside the Hotel Nova Scotian, the site of the Liberal Party fund-raising dinner. Prime Minister Trudeau, the guest speaker, was the target for shouts and placards, demanding that the Canadian government take a stronger stand against the blast.

Several groups participated in the mostly peaceful demonstration, including the Maoists, the Young Socialists, the Voice of Women, the New Morning Collective, and the Revolutionary Anarchist Marxist Alliance. The crowd chanted for a while, hoping to draw the attention of the PM. A few soon tired of this however, and suggested moving inside the hotel.

A window in the back of the hotel was broken, and two people who managed to slip inside were arrested. Mike Maloch and Dave MacKinnon of the New Morning Collective were charged with resisting arrest and subsequently released on their own recognizance.

Despite the fact that the demonstration was declared a success by organizer Walter Davis of YS and the Stop Amchitka Committee, the demonstration broke up without any confrontation with Trudeau.

Several other local groups have issued statements in support of the Committee, including the Dalhousie and St. Mary's Student Councils.

One of the more constructive methods suggested by Jo

Sheppard, a representative of the Voice of Women, is that concerned people telephone certain American political people. One person to call is Joseph Schlesinger, Chairman of the US Atomic Energy Commission, the organization carrying out the test. His number is 1-301-973-1000.

Another man to call is Ambassador Beaulne, the head of

the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations. He can be reached at 1-212-751-5600. Both can be called collect, or if you think you might have more success paying for the call yourself, it only costs about \$1.00 a minute.

Only President Nixon, through a court injunction, can now call a halt to the blast.

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