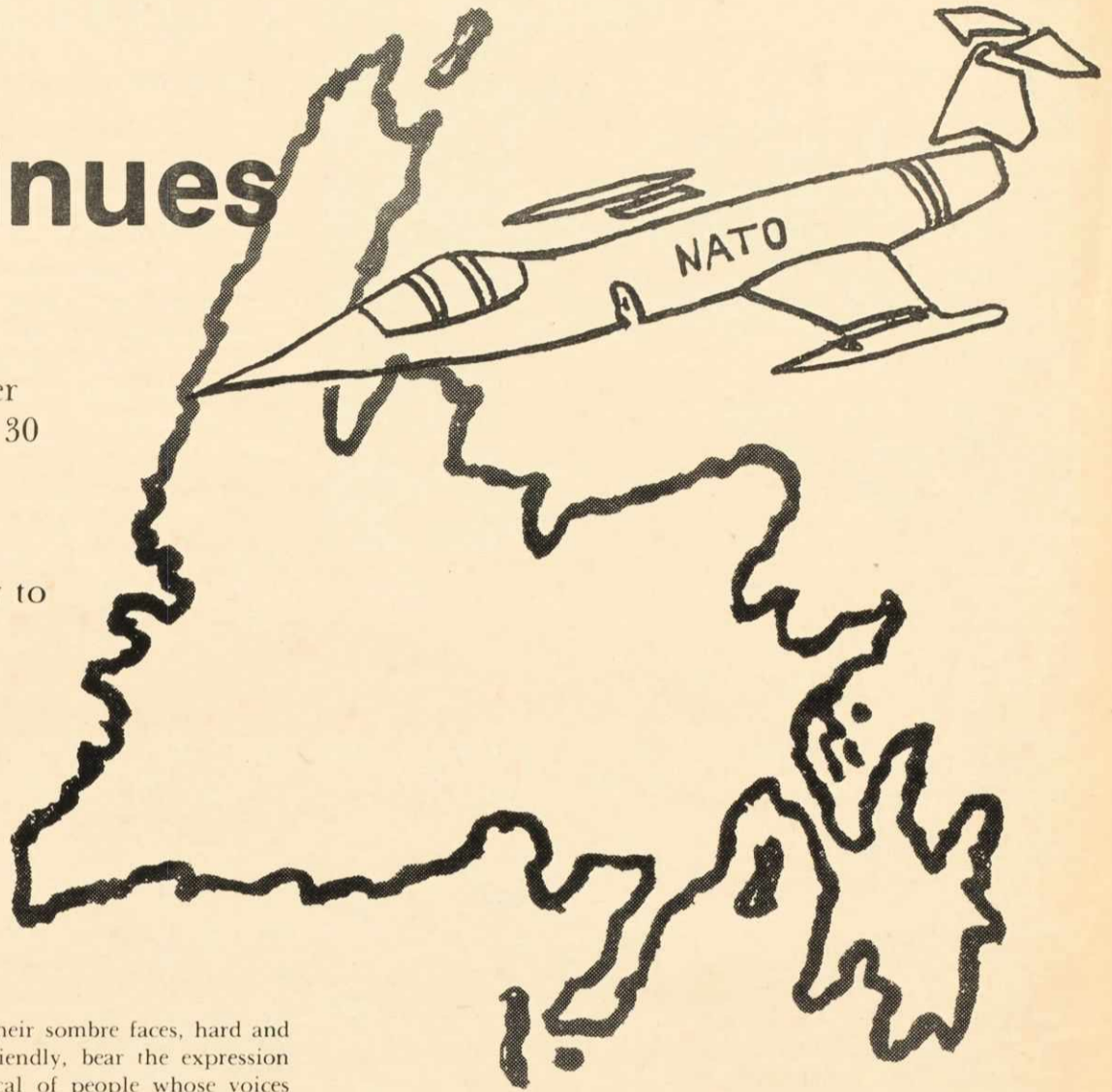


Despite lack of government support,

# Innu struggle continues

by Van Nguyen

Rose Gegorie sat eyeing the crumpled notes of her speech, deliberately avoiding the attention of the 30 or so people gathered at the Burke Institute for International Development. She and her Innu delegation were in Halifax with the support of Project Ploughshares to give first-hand testimony to the atrocities occurring on their sacred hunting grounds of Northern Labrador/Quebec.



Their sombre faces, hard and unfriendly, bear the expression typical of people whose voices have long been silenced, their rights neglected, their dignity destroyed.

Rose admitted it was difficult to talk about the problems her people have faced as a result of low-level flights from CFB Goose Bay. The injustice of it is overwhelming. Nevertheless, her voice was steadfast and her looks determined as she related the environmental, social and health problems that have resulted from the fighter bombers practicing their offensive strategies over Nitassinan. Some of these practice flights are as low as 30 metres above ground — so close that you can see the pilots' faces. At 700-1000 km/h and at such a low level, these jets create an intolerable roar. The shock of the noise, which may appear from any direction and at any time, has a traumatizing effect on the people below.

The animals of the area have also been affected by the 9000 flights that bombard the so-called "uninhabited" land every year. The frightened caribou have

changed their migration pattern, moving further away from the Innu's traditional hunting ground. The shock, noise, and pollution have caused an unprecedented number of deaths in other wildlife.

Despite these problems, the Federal Government is considering allowing NATO to use Goose

to province, speaking in a language foreign to them, the Innu are raising public awareness and asking for support in their battle to protect their people, their culture and our environment.

If you are concerned about the militarization of Labrador and Quebec, the extinction of the Innu

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Bay for further low-level flight tests. If this happens, the number of low-level flights will increase to about 40,000 a year.

In their frustration and their concern for their way of life, the Innu have resorted to civil disobedience in what they call a life and death fight. Many, including Rose and her delegation, have been jailed, but they continue to fight. Travelling from province

people, or the environment, please exercise your constitutional right and voice your displeasure to your MP and:

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changing a word that is not part of the present policy."

He also said the committee may not see it as a priority.

"There are enormous problems facing women at Concordia, such as lack of women on faculty and pay equity. Is this important and

can we afford to put our resources behind it?" Decarie asked.

"It sounds like a simple request but it's not just a question of saying, 'OK, we're going to change it.' It's a request that will affect thousands of people."

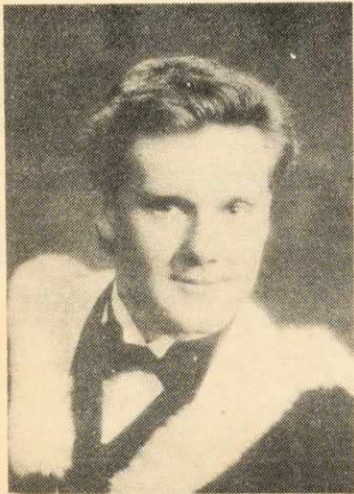
Gammon said she doesn't mind waiting but thinks the name change should be a

priority.

"To say that it's not a priority is in itself sexist. They think that because it's just dealing with words it's not a priority."

Gammon said she hopes other female students who see the necessity of obtaining a Mistress of Arts to come forth and also make a request.

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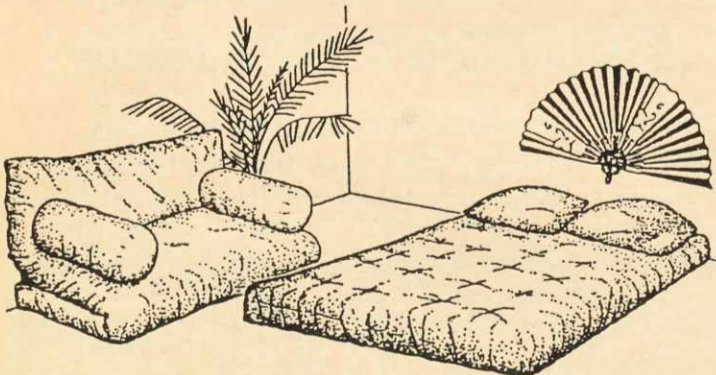
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