

LaTouche hits SCW representation

Says project illustrates English paternalistic attitude

Unfair representation at Second Century Week is not the fault of UGEQ, says a former UGEQ official.

"Still in existence in English Canada is a very paternalistic attitude—the old problem of Second Century Week is an illustration of this," says Daniel LaTouche, former vice-president of the Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec, and now a graduate student at UBC.

LaTouche was flown in from Vancouver Wednesday to speak to angry delegates who demanded an explanation for the lack of French representation at Second Century Week.

"An example of this attitude is the fact that the brief to French-Canadian delegates was only one-and-a-half pages long—in order to understand it, one had to read the 20-page English version," Mr. LaTouche said.

SECRET DOCUMENT

He repeatedly referred to the English-version brief as 'Mr. Estrin's secret document.'

"In the summer of 1965, the Centennial Commission said to the Second Century Committee: 'You have to get approval of two national student bodies in Canada if you want any money,'" LaTouche said.

"They waited eight months after seeing CUS to see us. Although instructed by the Centennial Commission to get in touch with the secretariat of UGEQ, their first move was not with UGEQ but with the local university—this kind of attitude we cannot accept," he said.

"Some people in English-Canada have not accepted the fact Quebec and its students have grown up in their own organization and now form a society of themselves, a nation by themselves, and should be treated exactly like we treat French students or Brazilian students.

"I'm sure if you were thinking of inviting a representative of Brazilian students, you wouldn't write to somebody personally in

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IF YOU'RE GOING TO CHEW ON THAT THING GIVE IT BACK

... Richard Price and Daniel LaTouche discuss SCW

French-Canadian claims debate a victory for two-nation concept

By DON SELLAR

The two-nation concept of Canada triumphed here Wednesday night in a two-hour grudge debate held at Second Century Week.

Students representing English and French-speaking Canadians left U of A's students' union building, after apparently reaching consensus on the need for Canada's two founding races to work in

building separate nations.

"They have finally accepted the view that Quebec is an independent nation," proclaimed French-speaking delegate Fernan Carriere of Ottawa University, after the meeting broke up.

Some 200 delegates who engaged in emotional debate through much of the evening headed back to their hotel rooms for further discussion

which went on late into the night.

"It is a victory—a formidable one," said Carriere, referring to the acceptance by most English-speaking delegates here of the two-nation concept of Canada. Carriere is a separatist.

"We've got a job to do in Quebec," commented Carriere. "You've got a job to do in Canada."

Many other delegates who earlier this week roasted Second Century Week officials for failing to include debate on English-French relations in the \$260,000 student centennial festival, came out of the meeting, calling the hastily-arranged event "excellent".

Delegates' opposition to the absence of representatives from Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec and to SCW's English-Canadian slant came mostly from Toronto and Ottawa universities.

University of Toronto students' council had protested treatment given French-Canadian students by the SCW committee and told it so in a letter received here Wednesday.

UGEQ refused to send delegates to SCW after the Edmonton and Calgary committees turned down its demands for "two-nation" or equal representation at the seminars.

But English-speaking delegates here apparently discarded talk of their French peers' minority position in Canada in favor of this same two-nation concept. At the same time, they remained steadfast against the idea of Quebec separatism.

Wednesday's hastily-arranged meeting featured former UGEQ

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SEMINAR A GO GO

Michele Neve, arts 2, gesticulates a warm hello to all SCW guests. She held forth Wednesday at the discotheque portion of the SCW coffee house. A good time was had by all.

You win some, you lose some; brain drain works both ways

By JIM GURNETT

Canada's brain drain is more than a loss of all her mental giants.

"It is not a one-way raid by the greedy United States seducing the talents of the virgin North," said Tom Kent of the Department of Manpower in a paper read by his assistant Burns Curry at the Second Century Seminar Wednesday.

More than 4,200 people leave Canada every year for the greener pastures southward, but at the same time, 7,500 enter the country from places other than the U.S.

"The two brain drains do exist," he said, "but are they really a problem?"

The drain is only one aspect of our complex bilateral relations, and it is important to remember that many people go to the U.S. only to enjoy better facilities while studying, but do intend to return to Canada after graduation, said Kent.

STORM CENTRE

Internationally, we have become the "storm centre of the brain drain" because we can attract from most countries, and the U.S. can attract people from us.

Mr. Kent introduced Operation Retrieval as a