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## Government sacrificing education to inflation

RIVIERE-DU-LOUP, P.Q. (CUP) -- here Nov. 20-21. Twenty-four out of thirty Quebec Student leaders at the second student unions voted in favor of a half of the fifth congress of demonstration protesting budget l'Association Nationale des Etudcutbacks in post-secondary educa- iants du Quebec (ANEQ) also tion outside the province's resolved to conduct a campus-bynational assembly Dec. 3, at a campus inquiry into deteriorating conference of Quebec students

conditions at their institutions and use the findings to formulate a common program of action.

Also, although relations between ANEQ and the National Union of Students (NUS) have been shaky in the past, ANEQ executive members agreed with NUS representatives, Pierre Thibault, that representatives of the organizations will meet sometime in the next few weeks.

The congress in Riviere-du-Loup concluded the fifth ANEQ congress in Hull Oct. 8-10 which failed to set any plans of action since most of the delegates' time was spend impeaching the organizations executive council and revamping the procedure for electing ANEQ executive.

Delegates voted their fiveperson executive out of office after some delegates accosed the executive of being a "front group" for the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). The new executive was mandated to prepare a "program of

consolidation" on government cutbacks, student financial aid and the Nadeau Report but this was not presented to the Rivier-du-Loup congress, according to ANEQ staff member, Daniel Pauquet.

Pauquet said some of the ANEQ leadership now want to wait until the newly elected Parti Quebecois government announced its education policies before the association decides on a course of action.

However, delegates agreed to reaffirm their opposition to education cutbacks and inadebeen standing policies of the organization since it was formed after a massive strike and demonstrations by CEGEP students two years ago.

It is over these issues -- and two government reports, one advocating less government funding for post-secondary education and the other urging the removal of faculty decision-making in Quebec's publically-funded universities -- that the Dec. 3 demonstration at the National Assembly will be held, said Pauquet.

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son.

Delegates also reviewed National Student Day, a nation-wide action on government cutbacks Nov. 9, and student involvement in labor's National Day of Protest,

ANEQ was not involved in NSD planning its own action on March 22

on file for a period of eighteen months.

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rates and professional examina tions at their campuses. The organization will also attempt to review all budgets submitted by institutions at the departmental level and the sums awarded by the Quebec education minister.

Delegates also voted in favour of organizing CEGEP students at the concentration level, a rough equivalent of the university departments.

The fifth congress also voted 'moral support" to the faculty strike at Laval University in week, and the six-week old strike by faculty at the University of Quebec in Montreal. Some delegates said the strikes reflect. ed opposition to attempts by the Quebec education ministry to make post-secondary education less dependent on government funding, according to Concordia University delegate, Jean Robert-

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