

# LIMIT QUESTIONED

by Walter Sprado

General Faculties Council Executive Committee had second thoughts Monday on their endorsement of the Academic Development Committee's second report on Academic Plan Number Nine.

The original plan which called for a ceiling of 25,000 students and faculty quotas was adopted by GFC in October, 1970.

The executive committee debut centered on whether or not the university should continue to expand until the ceiling as set out in the plan is reached. Only after the University had put great pressure on the government was the limit imposed and plans made for another campus.

Members disagreed on how it is possible to determine the optimum number for a university. Students' Union President Don McKenzie said the campus has physical limitations which make it unpleasant for the student to be one of 25,000 others. The executive committee then passed a motion that the question of an ultimate enrollment limit be forwarded to GFC for debate.

The second report of Academic Plan No. Nine was then discussed. This report dealt with the distribution of Graduate Students by Faculties. The report proposes a total of 5,000 Graduate Students (presently 2200) when total enrollment reaches 25 000. This was originally predicted for 1974. The U of A is envisioned as the "premier" university whose

role is to provide "an opportunity for Albertans to obtain their graduate education within the province."

Discussion on the report indicated some uncertainty among the committee members as to whether or not it is possible at present to make projections for the future. The question of whether this year's 0% growth rate is due merely to present economic conditions or is an indicator of changes in society was raised by the committee. Other questions posed were whether the role of the University will change in the future in

relationship to other provincial educational institutes and whether it is reasonable to use present enrollment figures as a basis for future plans.

Dr. H. E. Cuning, Chairman, Chemistry Department, said that at present it is impossible to foresee any future trends but in 2 or 3 year's time there may be some trends or signs of stabilization.

The Executive Committee passed a motion recommending to GFC that an ad hoc committee be set up to study the second report.

## Here come the students

...Stop Amchitka

MONTREAL (CUPI)--A Montreal committee, basing itself at Loyola College has begun a city-wide campaign that will eventually climax in a border protest against an American atomic blast code-named Canikin that will take place early in October on Amchitka Island in the Aleutian Island chain.

The committee, which includes in its membership Loyola student council personnel, hopes to mobilize Montreal area college, university and CEGEP students in

a massive pilgrimage to the border, over a two-day period and a protest rally tentatively scheduled for October 1. The

blast, is tentatively scheduled for October 2, though no formal announcement has yet been made.

The committee also hopes that the different universities in Canada, in proximity to the border will organize similar protests.

The plans also a proposal for a similar march to the border south of Montreal by American students.

The atomic bomb, a five-megaton affair, will be the most powerful underground explosion yet attempted and is estimated to be 250 time the strength of the blast that levelled Hiroshima more than 25 years ago.

# SFU Blackballed

BURNABY (CUP) — Another black mark has been entered against the institutional record of Simon Fraser University. SFU has again been censured by an academic association; this time by the American Sociological Association at its annual conference in Denver, Colorado earlier this month.

This is another blow against the B. C. university and administration president Kenneth Strand. It follows recent censure imposed by the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association and the Canadian Political Science Association.

The censures result from the actions of the university administration and Board of Governors handling of the 1969 strike of the

Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology Department, the subsequent suspension of eight faculty members for their part in the dispute and procedures followed in hearing their appeals against dismissal.

The Simon Fraser crisis, which is Byzantine in its complexity came to a boil once again this spring when, after the CAUT censure (the second such rebuke) and the reinstatement of suspended professor Prudence Wheeldon, Strand took the unilateral step of dismissing Mordecai Briemberg, Louis Feldhammer and the late Sughir Ahmad.

This put an end, for the moment, to a long series of appeals and committee hearings considering the university's handling of the PSA affair.

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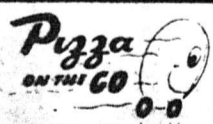
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