

B.C. class boycotts, rallies, oppose hikes

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Over 1,000 students rallied in opposition to education cuts and tuition increases here March 10 while others boycotted classes at most British Columbia post-secondary institutions.

Students from the Lower Mainland gathered in downtown Vancouver to listen to speeches by student leaders and members of the provincial opposition party. The provincial opposition party expressed its concern about the Social Credit government's education cuts. The rally was organized by the "BC Students' Federation" (S.F.).

Class boycotts that accompanied the rally were "very successful," according to the National Union of Students executive member Ross Powell. Powell said the provincial College Faculty

Federation had given unanimous support to the student-sponsored tuition rally and directed its membership not to penalize students academically for boycotting classes.

At Simon Fraser University 75 per cent of the students boycotted their classes and most of the community colleges in the province were shut down. The UBC was the only campus not hit by the boycott. The students' union there had avoided supporting actions and held their own rally and march earlier to coincide with a board of governors meeting.

At the rally, messages of support were read from the BC Federation of Labour and several other labor groups. At Simon

Graser, members of the trade unions stayed off the job to respect the half-day boycott of the university, losing a half-day's pay.

High school students were granted leave by their schools and also joined the rally and class boycott.

The students were protesting the provincial government's decisions to cut back on education spending. UBC has already decided to increase tuition by 25 per cent for next September to make up for the revenue loss from the provincial government. Other universities will be similarly struck and community colleges will likely be hit with somewhat lower fee increases.

Ukrainian folklore

Dr. Robert B. Klymasz, executive director of the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre in Winnipeg, will deliver the 1977 Shevchenko Lecture at the University of Alberta.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It is entitled "Ukrainian Folklore in Canada: The Big Picture" and will be presented on Wednesday, March 23, at 8 p.m. in Room L-11 of the Henry Marshall Tory Building.

The 1977 Shevchenko Lecture is organized by the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta and sponsored by the Ukrainian Professional and Business Men's Club of Edmon-

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MONDAY:

NOON SUB Theatre

Land Claims: The General Context

Hugh McCullum - Project North

Larry Pratt - Dept. of Pol. Sci. U of A.

TUESDAY:

NOON SUB Theatre

Resource Development on Native Lands in Canada and the Third World

Speakers from the Free Southern Africa Committee (FSAC)

Ed Bunnick - American Indian Movement

Speakers on Brazil

EVENING:

SUB THEATRE

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WEDNESDAY

NOON SUB Theatre

The Struggle for Self-determination in the North

George Barnaby - Vice President of the Indian Brotherhood (N.W.T.)

Henry Kabbalik - Inuit Tapiriit of Canada

Don Johnson - Chairperson of the Council for Yukon Indians

8:00 PM

Multi Media Room

2nd Floor Education Bldg.

Concert featuring Native Talent. Classical guitar, folk, fiddlers.

Free Admission

THURSDAY:

NOON SUB Theatre

The Struggle for Native Control of Resources in Northern Ontario

Andrew Rickard - President of Grand Council Treaty #9

EVENING:

Native Land Claims and Resource Development

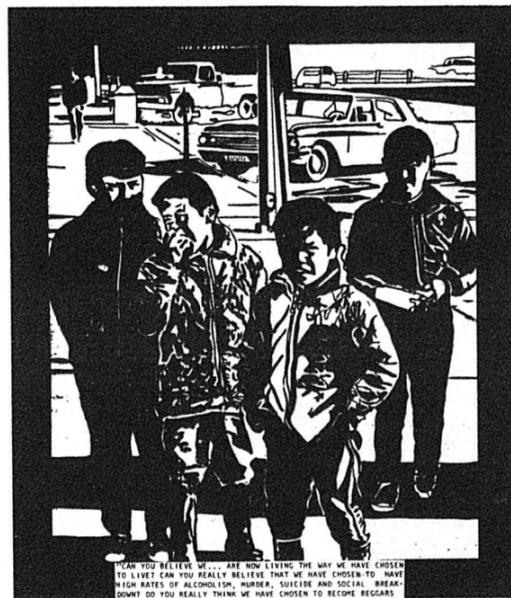
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Phillip Blake at the Berger Inquiry, Fort McPherson, N.W.T., July 9, 1975

FRIDAY:

NOON FORUM IN LISTER HALL BANQUET ROOM

The Struggle for Self-Determination and Native Rights in Alberta

Stan Daniels - Metis Association of Alberta
Simon Waquan - Indian Association of Alberta

"TEACH-IN" 1:30-4:30 - Lister Hall

Muriel Vence - Native Outreach
Felix Masago
Jenny Margate - Native Rights for Native Women
Joe Blyan
Roy Littlechief & Devon Small-legs - American Indian Movement.

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