

# Kraft boycott to solicit Maritime support

By JEFF DAVIES

WINNIPEG - Organizers of the boycott against Kraft Foods are planning to bring their campaign to the Maritimes. Don Kossick, national coordinator of the boycott, said he intends to visit eastern centres, including Fredericton, in February.

The boycott is being directed by the National Farmers Union and has been in progress for 18 months. Kossick told the BRUNSWICKAN that the boycott is "still very much in the developing stage" and has been confined mainly to Ontario, Alberta, and Saskatchewan. It was called with the aim of securing collective bargaining rights for dairy farmers in Ontario. The farmers have no control over the prices they receive when their products are sold to the monopolistic Kraft corporation. As a result, their incomes are very low. According to NFU literature, Kraftco "is a notorious exploiter of labour. It pays its workers low wages and is a shameless union-buster."

Having originally concentrated its campaign in rural areas, the NFU is now in the process of setting up urban support groups. They have conducted such activities as picketing, distribution of leaflets, and food give-aways of non-Kraft products. Support for the boycott has come from many groups and individuals, including several in Fredericton. Those in Fredericton, according to Kossick, have included private individuals, the Voice of Women, and a protestant church group.

Universities have also been very active in the boycott. Student unions at York University, Waterloo University, Laurentian University, Conestoga College, the University of Manitoba, the University of Saskatchewan, (both Regina and Saskatoon campuses); and the University of Lethbridge have endorsed the boycott. The Students Administrative Council at the University of Toronto has donated \$500 to the boycott. Kossick feels it is important for students to be concerned with the boycott so that they can form "pivotal

alliances" with the farmers in which each group aids the other.

He stressed that the boycott was important to dairy farmers in New Brunswick as the acquisition of collective bargaining rights for the Ontario farmers would be a "major breakthrough" and the victory might be carried to other parts of the country. New Brunswick dairy producers, said Kossick, are in a "hell of a state", having no organization to represent them. He thought that they might be dealing with Kraft or some other multinational corporation.

Kossick said that in addition to the Kraft boycott, topics which relate to other rural difficulties would be discussed when he visits New Brunswick.

New Brunswick, he said, is being exploited by multinational corporations such as McCain's. He described McCain's as a monopoly power which was being subsidized by the government and being given certain powers to act the way it does. He described a situation in which farmers were unable to market their produce to McCain's unless they used

machinery purchased from that company.

Again attempting to relate farmers' problems to young people, Kossick stated that in Canada there was no developmental program whatsoever for a national

attempt to get youth into farming. As a result, he added, the land would fall to the corporations by default. He suggested that the government consider helping young people get involved in farming with as little debt as possible.

## UNB withdraws request for assistance

By JEFF DAVIES

The Board of Governors of UNB has withdrawn a request to the city of Fredericton for financial assistance.

Two weeks ago, the Board of Governors had requested a grant to help relieve our monetary woes. According to acting president Dr. Desmond Pacey, the request had been prompted when a member of the board pointed out that the Saint John campus had received a total of \$250,000 in grants from that city during its construction.

At last week's Board of Governors meeting, however, it was decided to withdraw the request and discuss other ways in which the city might aid the university. The university, it was pointed out, is financed through the prov-

ince, not the city.

In the original proposal, the city had requested a 50 cent per capita grant. This would have amounted to a total of \$12,500; not a significant amount in the opinion of Pacey.

The university's request came only two months after the city had proposed levying a property tax on the university. Pacey, however, denies that the Board of Governors request was in any way a retaliatory gesture; "There wasn't any connection there at all."

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day three	thursday january 18	8:30	Classes
		12:00 - 1:00	Zelda Snow Sculpture Final
day four	friday january 19	1:30	Water-polo Game, L.B. Residence
		9:00	Barn Dance, K.P. Hall (Carleton)
day five	saturday january 20	9:00	Skiing at Silverwood Winter Park
		2:00	Obstacle Race for all, at Silverwood
day five	saturday january 20	5:30	Bean Feed, at Silverwood
		8:30	Sleigh Ride at Mactaquac
day four	friday january 19	8:30	Buses leave SUB lot for Saint John Industrial Tour
		12:30	Lunch at UNBSJ
day five	saturday january 20	2:00	Brewery Tour, Oland's Brewery
		7:00	Skating Party, Buchanan Field
day five	saturday january 20	9:00	Social at the Stud. (Sound Machine)
		8:30	Sleep
day five	saturday january 20	1:30	Ice Dice in conjunction with Car Club
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