







## **Ominous** "rumblings"

OTTAWA(CUP) — University administrators across the country are lining up to express fears that the federal government intends to

cut off funding to post-secondary education in 1982. Simon Fraser University President George Pederson said last month there were "rumblings at the federal government level" indicating they intended to drastically slash education funding. Now Acadia University President Sinclair has added his voice to

the growing concern, saying universities could face "serious financial troubles" if the government carried out a major cutback plan.

Fears that the federal government intends education funding cutbacks stem from Alan MacEachan's budget speech October 28. The Liberal Finance Minister said the government expects to mak e 'significant savings" in the money now transferred to the provincial governments for health, social services and education.

Ten days after the budget speech, federal health minister Monique Begin indicated her government would continue to support the medicare system, but "would drastically reduce and alter the university section.

Begin has stated the Established Programs Financing (EPF), which is the mechanism for transferring money from the federal government to the provinces, is unacceptable.

Last year the federal government transferred almost \$789 million to the provinces for education. This year that figure is expected to rise to over \$1 billion.

## Compulsory propaganda

MONTREAL(CUP) — Quebec's CEGEP colleges have condemned the Levesque government for increasing the number of compulsory courses students must take.

New compulsory courses include "Histobeq" (the history and institutions of Quebec and "Econobeq" (the Quebec economy). CEGEP administrators say they fear these courses might be propaganda tools for the Parti Quebecois.

The senate at Dawson College recently voted to reject the proposals on the grounds they reduced the time a student could spend studying a second language, thus lessening the chance of becoming bilingual.

Senate member Gary Campbell said the move is towards greater self-support in a separate Quebec. He also suggested that the government might be implementing the changes as a means to combat unemployment.

The government's plan is slated to come into effect in the fall of 1982. The government has consulted with the CEGEP's on the matter, but according to Dawson College Dean Julia Newell, the PQ is only willing to make slight changes in their proposal.



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