

DISSATISFACTION PROMPTS ACTION CEGEP'S STUDENTS ON STRIKE

Since November 21, the students of twenty-one Quebec CEGEPS have been on strike. This movement started November 8 when the students of College de Rimouski decided to strike until the Minister of Education, Jacques-Yvan Morin, assents to their demands. They want the abolition of a minimal contribution by students towards their own loans even if they do not work

during the summer, as well as the abolition of parental contribution.

They also ask that loans be replaced by bursaries, that government take into account inflation and students' real needs in the calculation of their bursaries, that students be recognized as independent when they leave home.

They demand that students

who take courses during the summer get additional aid, that the cost of study materials be abolished, and that CEGEP students get the same allocation for maintenance as university students.

The student strike follows a succession of dissatisfactions. In the 1960's, the government of Quebec undertook a large academic reform which

embraced five goals; democratization of teaching, polyvalency, continuing education, school ideology centered on the student, and a contribution towards Quebec's economic development.

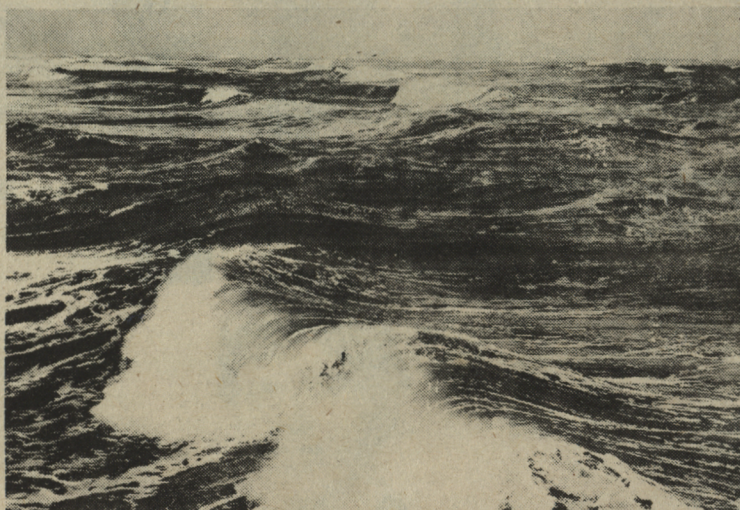
After a study of the academic system, student leaders were not satisfied with the progress made. Education still remains a privilege but not a real right. As the academic level gets higher, students from the masses become proportionally under-represented. The administrative structures have not given real power to parents, students or professors, who are under-represented at decision levels. Contrary to the goal of polyvalency, the education system institutes a too early specialization by students and, thus, they do not get an adequate general formation.

In such a framework, continuing education plays a complementary part, serving to make up for failures in general formation instead of contributing to the enrichment of the person; it responds, instead, to the technical needs of business. The economic development of Quebec boils down to unemployed graduates. Budgetary restrictions of the Department of Education have caused a deterioration of the academic system in all respects.

The struggle of Quebec students is getting the support of other Canadian students. Last Tuesday, the F.E.U.M. (Universite de Moncton Students Federation) decided to issue a press release to support the striking Quebec students. It is possible that this strike may become extensive: last summer the National Students Union stated the possibility of a mobilization by Fall 78 for the students of Ontario and Newfoundland universities concerning their loans and bursaries and increasing unemployment for students.

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The sea could be to the East what oil has been to the West



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