



Mulroney's eyes are lying say SDI demonstrators

OTTAWA (CUP) — Brian Mulroney took tips from George Orwell's double-think philosophy when he said no to official participation in the Strategic Defense Initiative but let university researchers and businesses compete for contracts, say peace protesters.

Police arrested 27 peace activists in front of external affairs offices on Nov. 18. The demonstrators, who opposed SDI, were charged with mischief and creating disturbance.

"There's no doubt that Prime Minister Mulroney's statement on Sept. 9 was very Orwellian. When he said no, he really said yes," said Ken Hancock of Toronto.

"What does no to Star Wars mean? It means yes to businesses

... it means yes to universities and researchers on campuses. It's like saying war is peace," said Richard Sanders of Ottawa.

Sanders said the demonstration challenged the government's ambiguous stand — "We want a real no. We want Mulroney to actually do what he says. We're judging the government by their actions, and their actions say yes to Star Wars," he said.

Hancock said the demonstrators turned to civil disobedience because discussion with external affairs officials yielded nothing. "We had tried everything possible but they've forfeited that relationship, not us," he said.

Sanders' mother was also arrested, as well as another family

of three, a father, a mother, and their 12-year old daughter.

The protestors, from Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Kingston, and Peterborough, face a court date next summer. However, they say the trial may turn to their advantage, as they hope to call Mulroney and external affairs minister Joe Clark to the stand.

"We want them to defend themselves. We want to put them on trial," Sanders said.

The demonstration pointed out ironies in the arms race, Sanders said. "We put our finger on the crux of a contradiction. We're being charged and punished while the government participates in a programme that may destroy the world."

Dr. Nicholson on Summit

Dr. John G. Nicholson, a leading Canadian scholar on the Soviet Union, will speak at the University of Prince Edward Island, Thursday, December 5, a guest of the University and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. Dr. Nicholson's topic will be **GORBACHEV'S TOUGH NEW TEAM AND THE WEST AFTER THE SUMMIT**. The lecture, open to the public, will be given in the Faculty Lounge, Main Building, at 8:00 p.m.

Among the questions Dr. Nicholson proposes to deal with are: Where do Soviet leaders come from? Are their domestic reforms realistic? Can they get out of Afghanistan?

A native of Peacehaven, England, he studied at Cambridge University earning a B.A. with

honours, 1952, a M.S., 1958, and a Ph.D. at Universite de Montreal 1963. After teaching for two years at London University he joined the Dept. of Research, Institute for the Study of the U.S.S.R., Munich, Germany (1954-57, as deputy head. In 1957 he joined the International Service of the CBC becoming head of Russian Section, serving until 1961.

In 1962 he joined McGill University as associate professor and chairman of the Dept. of Russian and Slavic Studies.

Dr. Nicholson was the founding executive director of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1978-83. He has written scholarly articles and writings on Russian and Soviet themes. He has made numerous trips to the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe and speaks French, German, Russian and other languages.

Ambassador flees U of T meeting hall

TORONTO (CUP) — A University of Toronto debate took a bizarre turn recently when a protestor flung a heavy ceremonial mace at the South African ambassador to Canada.

The 250 people who paced the hall were stunned when a black U of T student speaking emotionally against apartheid suddenly reached down and threw the 10-kg wooden mace at Ambassador Glenn Babb.

The mace just grazed Babb's forehead but it sprained the hand of a university official sitting beside him.

The ambassador had been invited as guest speaker at the debate, which focused on whether Western nations should divest themselves of their South African holdings to protest that country's policy of apartheid.

Babb, however, never got to utter a word. From the time the event began, about 30 protestors inside the hall had jeered and chanted, turning what was supposed to be a sober debate into a raucous affair.

When the ambassador got up to speak, the protestors erupted with chants of "Freedom Yes, Apartheid No!"

Police and organizers quickly hustled Babb out of the room, although several protesters tried to follow members of the Debates Committee.

Later, the protesters said they objected to the ambassador being allowed to speak when his government curbs the freedom of speech of non-whites in South Africa.

"For him to be invited here to speak to U of T students is an insult," said H. Campbell, one of the protesters.

Campbell said preventing the ambassador from speaking was a "small victory".

"The bigger victory is coming; to topple the fascist government," she said.

However, many in the audience had wanted to hear the Babb speak.

"What better person to get the South African point of view?" said Diane Brady, a member of the Debate Committee, adding that she had wanted to hear what he would say about divestment.

Babb was scheduled to meet with media after the debate but the evenings events led the RCMP to change that plan. Officials refused to say where the ambassador could be contacted.

CFS Chairperson on campus

By Sheila Lund

Barb Donaldson, CFS Chairperson, is on campus to promote programmes and services CFS has to offer students, and to involve students in a cross-Canada campaign to stop the Conservative Federal Government from cutting back on federal transfer payments.

Donaldson has been chairperson of CFS for the past 6 months, has served on the CFS

Board, and has been CFS Vice-President. She feels that, "quality education, and better accessibility are what students, (through CFS) are working for."

"Students tend to isolate their problems", and don't realize that many other students are experiencing the same problems, Donaldson said. She pointed out that student unemployment in

a possible decrease of transfer payments by the Federal government. Donaldson feels that this decrease may result in a lower quality of education and higher tuition fees. On Tuesday, Donaldson went to the Robertson Library Lounge, where she encouraged students to fill out postcards addressed to Michael Wilson, voicing their concerns over the transfer payment issue. She hopes that by students working together, they can stop the cutbacks.

If students have any concerns they wish CFS to address, they should contact the UPEI National Executive Representative, Rob Kelley. Kelley can bring UPEI concerns before CFS representatives from across Canada. Every member university and college has one vote at national meetings.

Canada is around 15%, and that approximately 50% of Island students are receiving some kind of student aid. "We can work together to change them, (the figures) because we're all in it together."

CFS is one of the top 40 lobby groups in Ottawa, and meets with Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance; Flora MacDonald, Minister of Employment and Immigration; Benoit Bouchard, Secretary of State; and Andre Champagne, Minister of Youth. "Most M.P.'s are not very knowledgeable about education issues," Donaldson said, so CFS meets once a year with local MP's to make sure they are aware of college and university concerns.

CFS is currently involved with the upcoming negotiations about