

and SRC Directs Board to Consider \$1,000 Donation Ain't to Canairelief - Viet Nam Moratorium - A Matter of Individual Conscience

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In response to a letter from the Action Biafra Committee at McMaster University, the UNB Students Representative Council convened a special committee "to organize and co-ordinate National Moratorium Day on Biafra."

Dave MacNeil proposed an amendment to the original motion of support to include an outright donation of \$1000 to the Can-Air Relief Fund.

The motion, passed 11-3-1, reads:

"WHEREAS Council feels sympathetic to the alleviation of starvation of Biafra;

FURTHER Council feels the National Biafra Moratorium Day is just and worthwhile movement, sufficient to warrant immediate action;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council set up a special committee in conjunction with SIA and Can-Air Relief to organize and co-ordinate the National Moratorium Day on Biafra.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Chris MacKimmie act as Chairman of

this Biafra Moratorium Committee.

AMENDMENT
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SRC direct the Administrative Board to consider application of \$1,000.00 to the Can-Air Relief Fund."

"We keep talking about ways to alleviate human suffering in the world and here's one place we can start," said MacNeil.

Those who refused to support MacNeil's amendment argued that a direct donation was contrary to the spirit of the moratorium. Biafra Moratorium Day, according to the Action Biafra Committee, is intended to allow students to show concern for the Biafran situation by working in the community for the purpose of raising money for Can-Air Relief. This involves individual commitment. Some councillors felt that the donation would tend to preclude active student support.

Earlier in the meeting the council passed a motion on Vietnam Moratorium Day, which reads:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council make provision for

recognition of Vietnam Moratorium Day by sponsoring or encouraging rational discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Peter Heelis be delegated the responsibility of encouraging interested groups to participate in the dialogue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council leave participation of his recognition up to the discretion of the individual students."

This motion came as a response to a letter from the Vietnam Mobilization Committee, which is supporting a Canadian Student Strike on November 14, and a World Wide Strike on the 15th. Council was of the opinion that support of the strike was a matter of individual choice.

Heelis' motion was designed to give interested students an opportunity to recognize and participate in the moratorium. During the discussion on the Vietnam Mobilization Committee letter, Chris MacKimmie, Arts 4, suggested that a great deal of publicity would be required if the moratorium were to be

successful. She then asked if anyone was willing to work on a committee to deal with publication of the strike. No one indicated they were.

Subsequently Peter Heelis presented a motion offering his services in dealing with the question with the specific limitations indicated in the resolution recorded above.

Last word from Heelis was that the Vietnam Moratorium would run from Nov. 13 to 15. He plans to have a teach-in on one of these days and a "Hyde Park" in the SUB Ballroom. The latter will be staged to give everyone to get up and speak on the matter at hand.

The SRC has affirmed that it will aid any group interested in participation. Further information may be obtained from Peter Heelis at the SRC office.

Miss MacKimmie also questioned the validity of the SRC's participation in political matters. Mike Start replied that the SRC has already become involved. Miss MacKimmie then suggested, in the light of vigorous student reaction to a similar situation regarding SRC

policy in relation to Vietnam two years ago, that a decision should be made at this time whether or not the SRC should make any further political policy statements.

The SRC is now in a position of supporting individual participation on the Vietnam issue and collective participation on the Biafra issue. Both are matters of individual conscience, affirms the SRC.

Miss MacKimmie announced to the council that a meeting would be held in room 119 of the SUB at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 to organize the Biafra Moratorium Day Committee. All interested students were invited to attend.

During the meeting council tabled a report on Radio UNB for further study, ratified the appointment of Gary Buchanan as campus FM co-ordinator, discussed a proposed Security Police Report, and proposed a motion supporting bans on DDT, and other pesticides, and formulated "a Committee on Public Relations", chaired by council vice-president Dave Landry.

Carleton Students Fail to Stand For Departmental Posts

OTTAWA (CUP) - It may be a long time before administrators at Carleton University begin to worry about dealing with student parity on departmental committees.

Carleton students are having a hard time filling the positions now open to them.

When nominations for student positions on 36 university committees - representing 135 positions - closed Wednesday night (Oct. 29), 59 of them were still uncontested. This despite a campaign to arouse student interest in the committees.

"It doesn't seem to make much sense to talk of parity when we can't fill the existing vacancies," student senator Robin Findlay said.

"It's embarrassing," he said, adding that because only one person had applied for each of most of the positions, elections scheduled for Nov. 10 to 18 would be held for only about 20% of the committee seats.

Carleton students won the right to representation two years ago, and the current student representation was established last year after a hard and sometimes bitter fight.

The Carleton student

council and a committee of the university's New University government have already called for student parity on all departmental committees. NUG was established last year to institute student participation at all levels of university government.

Current representation is on the basis of one student to

three faculty in a department. Findlay blamed the poor showing on a slow start in organizing for nominations, and said a substantial number of students could not spare the time required for the committee work.

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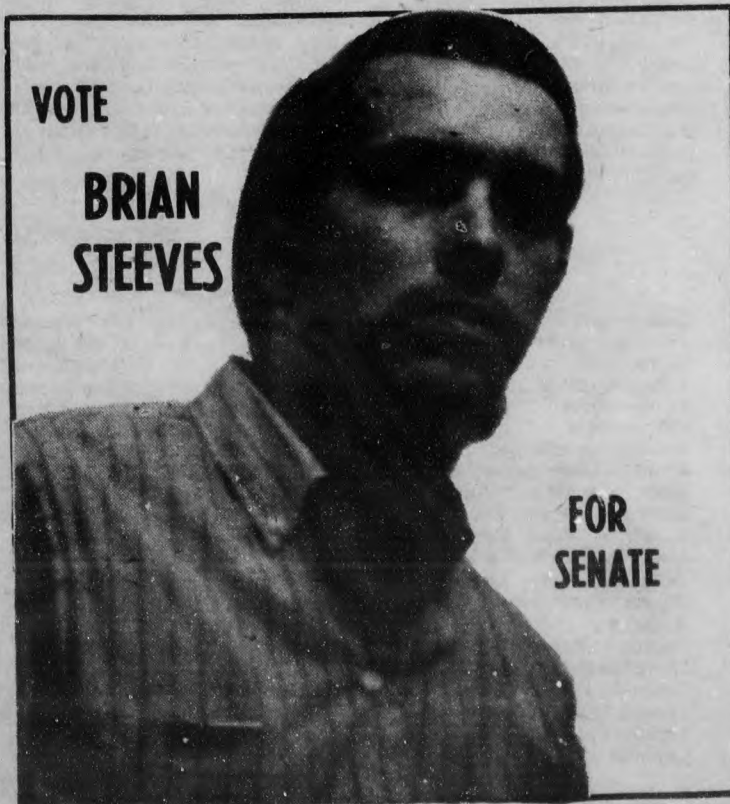
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