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FIGHT GOES ON

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY THERE HAS BEEN A TOTAL BOYCOTT OF CLASSES DECLARED. THE PREVAILING SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY ON THE FIRST DAY MADE THIS MOVE AN ASTOUNDING SUCCESS.

INCOMING PEOPLE TO THE UNIVERSITY WERE GREETED BY A NUMBER OF STUDENTS DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS AS EARLY AS 7:10 A.M. AND FROM THEN ON THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN THE MIDDLE OF STRIFE.

ALL DAY LONG, MEETINGS WERE BEING HELD AND MOTIONS WERE BEING PASSED INVOLVING MANY STUDENTS OF VARYING IDEOLOGIES AND DIFFERENT MODES OF PROCEDURE IN THE SEARCHING OUT OF THE HIDDEN TRUTH. FIRST, WAS A NEWS CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY REPORTERS FROM ALL LOCAL NEWS MEDIA. THEN A POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT MEETING. AT THIS MEETING A MOTION WAS PASSED SUPPORTING THE BOYCOTT. (IT IS WORTHY TO NOTE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY DEPARTMENT WITH PARITY). THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT ALSO HELD THEIR MEETING IN WHICH A PROPOSAL TO SET UP AN ARBITRATION BOARD TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AT HAND WAS MADE AND PRESENTED TO THE OFFICE OF MR. TAMBLYN BY DR. MELYNK.

BUT BY FAR THE MOST STRIKING DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISSUE SO FAR OCCURED AT THE NOON GENERAL MEETING OF ALL AWARE STUDENTS WHICH WAS HELD IN THE AGORA. RON TAYLOR MADE A SPECIFIC ACCUSATION THAT A SECURITY CHECK BY THE RCMP HAD ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATION, BEEN REQUESTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND CARRIED OUT. DEAN KERR, IN SPEAKING OUT AT THIS MEETING, DENIED MR. TAYLOR'S ACCUSATION VEHEMENTLY. WHEREUPON RON TAYLOR INSISTED THAT THIS ACCUSATION WAS TRUE AND OFFERED TO PRODUCE THE NECESSARY EVIDENCE WHEN HE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ASSURED BY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT NO RETALIATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING AGAINST THIS UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATOR.

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ANOTHER STARTLING ACCUSATION WAS MADE BY TAYLOR. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER A LETTER WAS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE UNIVERSITY FROM KIMBERLEY-CLARKE OF NEENAH WISCONSIN, CRITICISING PROFESSOR WIGHTMAN'S VIEWS ON COMPANY TOWNS. A POSITIVE ANSWER COULD OF COURSE RAISE THE SUSPICION THAT "POSSIBLY WIGHTMAN'S CONTRACT WAS TERMINATED FOR POLITICAL REASONS THUS RAISING THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE UNIVERSITY EXISTS FOR THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH OR THE SELFISH ENDS OF INDUSTRY. WHO WILL BE NEXT, THOSE WHO CRITICIZE THE PULP AND PAPER COMPANIES FOR POLLUTING OUR AIR AND WATER." THE EXISTENCE OF THE LETTER WAS DENIED BY MR. TAMBLYN THROUGH DEAN KERR, WHO STATED THAT NO SUCH LETTER EXISTS TO HIS (D. T.) KNOWLEDGE. THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL PROVE

THIS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER) UNLESS PRESIDENT TAMBLYN REPLIED THAT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS GAVE KIMBERLEY-CLARKE NO RIGHT TO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE FACULTY THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION, THEN HE PROVED HIS UNFITNESS FOR HIS POSITION. THE BIG QUESTION IS, DOES SUCH A LETTER EXIST? WOULD YOU CHECK THE FILES AGAIN MR. TAMBLYN.

TO CLOSE THIS FIRST DAY, A MEETING OF THE STRATEGISTS WAS HELD IN THE AGORA TO EVALUATE THE AFFECT OF THE DAY. THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION THAT THE DAY WAS A SUCCESS AND THAT THE BOYCOTT SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

ONE VERY INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT OCCURRED. MR. WIGHTMAN RESPONDING TO A QUESTION POSED BY A FACULTY MEMBER TO THROW SOME MORE LIGHT ON HIS CASE, COMPARED HIS ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS WITH THAT OF A FELLOW FACULTY MEMBER. IT WAS HOPED THAT BY DOING THIS, THE I.M.A. OF MR. WIGHTMAN'S QUESTIONABLE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS WOULD BE DISPELLED WHICH WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DONE. BUT, WHAT SURPRISED THE CROWD WAS THE FACT THAT NOT ONLY DOES HE (V.W) HAVE HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS THAN THE OTHER FACULTY MEMBER BUT THIS UNNAMED MEMBER OF THE SAME FACULTY WHO HAS LESSER QUALIFICATIONS HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A PROMOTION. THIS CONTRADICTION CAN BE ANALYZED BY ANYONE FOR THEMSELVES BY VISITING MR. WIGHTMAN'S OFFICE.

AN OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD AFTER THE GENERAL MEETING CHAIRED BY DENNIS WALLACE. THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE PSYCH DEPARTMENT CONCERNING ARBITRATION WAS DISCUSSED RELATIVE TO ITS SUCCESSFUL IMPLIMENTATION. THE MEETING ADJOURNED WITHOUT A DEFINITE STRATEGY BEING PLANNED, BUT, CERTAIN PROPOSALS WERE TABLED FOR FURTHER RATIFICATION BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL. THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETS TODAY AT 2:30 P.M.

WHILE STUDENTS WERE BUSY MAKING DECISIONS, BOYCOTTING AND PICKETING CLASSES, TELEGRAMS AND TELEPHONE CALLS WERE BEING RECEIVED FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES. THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PLEDGED COMPLETE SUPPORT IN A TELEGRAM RECEIVED TODAY. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE NOT ALONE IN OUR STRUGGLES. THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH HAS REQUESTED GUIDELINES FOR STRATEGY TO COMBAT AN IDENTICAL PROBLEM ON THEIR CAMPUS. NEWS OF OUR BOYCOTT HAS SPREAD ALL ACROSS CANADA AND INFORMATION CONCERNING OUR STRUGGLE HAS BEEN SENT OUT TO BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL POLITICANS AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL NEWS MEDIA.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A STRIDE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION HAS BEEN TAKEN. IT SHOULD ALSO BE OBVIOUS THAT THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT THAT WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY HAS GOT TO CONTINUE IF THE STUDENTS OF THIS UNIVERSITY ARE TO BE TREATED WITH THE RESPECT WARRANTED TO THEM AS HUMAN BEINGS FIRST, AND STUDENTS SECOND. AS WE CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLES, WE BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE BACK-ROOM POLITICS, THE BACK-STABBING, AND THE UNNECESSARY POWER PLAYS THAT HAVE BECOME A COMMON OCCURENCE IN OUR UNIVERSITY. WE CANNOT STOP HERE! AFTER THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED WE CANNOT AFFORD TO RETREAT INTO OUR USUALLY APATHETIC SHELL. SUCCESS WILL COME THROUGH SOLIDARITY.

THE WORLD IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CLASSES

THOSE WHO GO AHEAD AND DO SOMETHING

AND

THOSE WHO SIT AND SAY

WHY WASN'T IT DONE THIS WAY?
