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THE PREC : ANOTHER DECREE AGAINST COLLEGIAL COMMUNITY

Representatives of Collegial local unions affiliated to FNEEQ (CEGEP and private colleges) participated in a meeting held in Montreal on the 5th of November. This meeting was held to permit an analysis of the PREC and make recommendations to local general assemblies. The aim is to mandate representatives of each union on this question for the Federal Council which will take place nov. the 24th to the 27th.

Reaching the conclusion that the PREC is only one element of a global Government policy which will result in a major turnback in education in Quebec, the atelier concluded that we must consider the PREC in concert with other measures taken by the Gouvernement concerning Education: law 40, modification in professional education, the decrees etc.,...

The representatives believe that this counter-reform must be debated by the Quebec population and thus recommends:

- "THAT FNEEQ continues publicity to demand a public debate on the PREC and the whole question of Education in Quebec and the counter-reforms government is undertaking and, that in order to prepare this public debate and reinforce our support from other groups, we hold a campaign among unions (public and private sectors), popular groups and the population in general concerning the social conséquences of these counter-reforms and the urgency to act upon them.

Because PREC goes against the objective of the democratization of schooling in Quebec and because it does not meet our conception of what collegiate education should offer students; the "atelier sectoriel" recommends to local unions:

"THAT FNEEQ SHOULD REJECT THE PREC."

FNEEQ believes that collegiate education is not perfect; that it has it's problems, but by the PREC, not only is the Government not offering solutions but is creating others. That is why we demand:

- THAT the Government stops its cuts in Education;
- THAT ressources be increased to attack the real pedagogical problems students face such as difficulties in maternal language and lack of instruments linked to various needs (i.e. women)
- THAT the CEGEP be opened to underprivileged groups such as drop-outs, unemployed, illiterates, socially deprived, handicaped etc.
- THAT the loans & scholarship system be improved and also the material conditions of students;
- THAT teachers have working conditions and a status : permitting them to give quality services to students.
- THAT mechanisms be implemented permitting a true consultation of teachers in the elaboration of programs.

FNEEQ FEDERAL COUNCIL

Our Federation will hold its 'Conseil' Fédéral from Nov. 24th to Nov. 27th. The principal subjects to be debated will be:

- The PREC
- The participation in the parity committees proposed by the Prime-Minister in January 83
- Coordinator or director of services?
- "bilan" of the last negotiations

On Saturday the 26th of November a "Conseil Fédéral spécial" will be held on Women's rights in the Federation.

STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DECREE

An information campaign concerning the effects of the decree on working conditions and on the quality of education in the CEGEPs will take place during the week of November 28 to December 3. FNEEQ will hold a national press conference and present concrete dossiers & examples from each of our unions which demonstrate the negative consequences of the decree.

For this event, FNEEQ will publish a document in the form of an 8 page leaflet which summarises the results of a union wide survey reflecting 4 themes:

- teachers work conditions and the quality of education
- effects on women
- attacks on union rights
- the PREC

This document will be distributed to the college community along with posters & stickers reflecting the theme: "they are strangling the CEGEP's"

In order to succeed, we are counting on each local union to provide us with concrete material to illustrate the effects of the decree. As well, we are counting on each union to organize, either locally or regionally, special events during the week (eg. kiosques, press conference, debates with students etc.).

STRIKE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

We remind you that British Columbia civil servants and teachers are presently on strike. As you know, the struggle they are leading against the arbitrary attacks of the Government resembles very much what we have been through only a few months ago and are still facing today. Our Federation, by a unanimous resolution of the "Bureau fédéral", has sent them a telegram transmitting our unconditional support. We invite all local unions to do the same.

