

Carmichael Draws Big Crowds During Local Campus Talks

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Prominent politicians come and go at local university campuses but, say student leaders, "none of them packs 'em in like Stokely Carmichael."

In the past two days, the controversial American civil rights worker has spoken at three campuses and attracted the biggest audiences any speaker has received in years.

At Sir George Williams yesterday, more than 1,000 students crammed the 750-seat main auditorium to hear the 24-year-old Negro outline his much maligned concept of "Black Power." When it was over, the enthusiastic crowd gave him a standing ovation.

The chairman of the Students Non-Violent Co-ordinat-

ing Committee received the same reception and response the night before at McGill where close to 1,100 persons paid one dollar apiece to hear him talk.

At Universite de Montreal the same day, about 800 French students cheered wildly when he told them: "I don't speak white either."

Both student and SNCC and student organizers are elated over the response, saying it was beyond their expectations.

David Tarlo, of the McGill Friends of SNCC, said the closest thing to Mr. Carmichael's success in a similar event came over a year ago when Rene Levesque, at that time at the peak of his controversy-sparking oratorical form, packed them in at the Student Centre.

Mr. Carmichael is here at the invitation of various student organizations and to raise funds for SNCC's work in registering Negro voters in the U.S. South.

Ironically, in his hard hitting talks, the 24-year-old Negro's favorite target is "white liberals."

As explained by Mr. Tarlo of McGill, himself white, "it must be frustrating for him. All these people turn out to hear him speak and for two hours they become very liberal and understanding. They accept him as articulate, intelligent and equal. But it stops there."

"Their attitude to his people remains the same," he claimed, "bigoted."

Youth Killed In City Fire

Rene Laflamme, 22, died early yesterday in a fire in a tenement at Dorion Street and Maisonneuve Boulevard.

Police said that Laflamme, of 1973 Dorion, had no relatives that they knew of.

Another man was injured during the two-alarm blaze which broke out at 4.15 a.m. Firemen controlled it in an hour.

At St. Ephrem, Beauce County, a 32-year-old man died early yesterday in a fire in his farmhouse. A snow-storm had blocked the road leading to the house of Alexandre Pepin, and police had to use a plow to reach it.

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