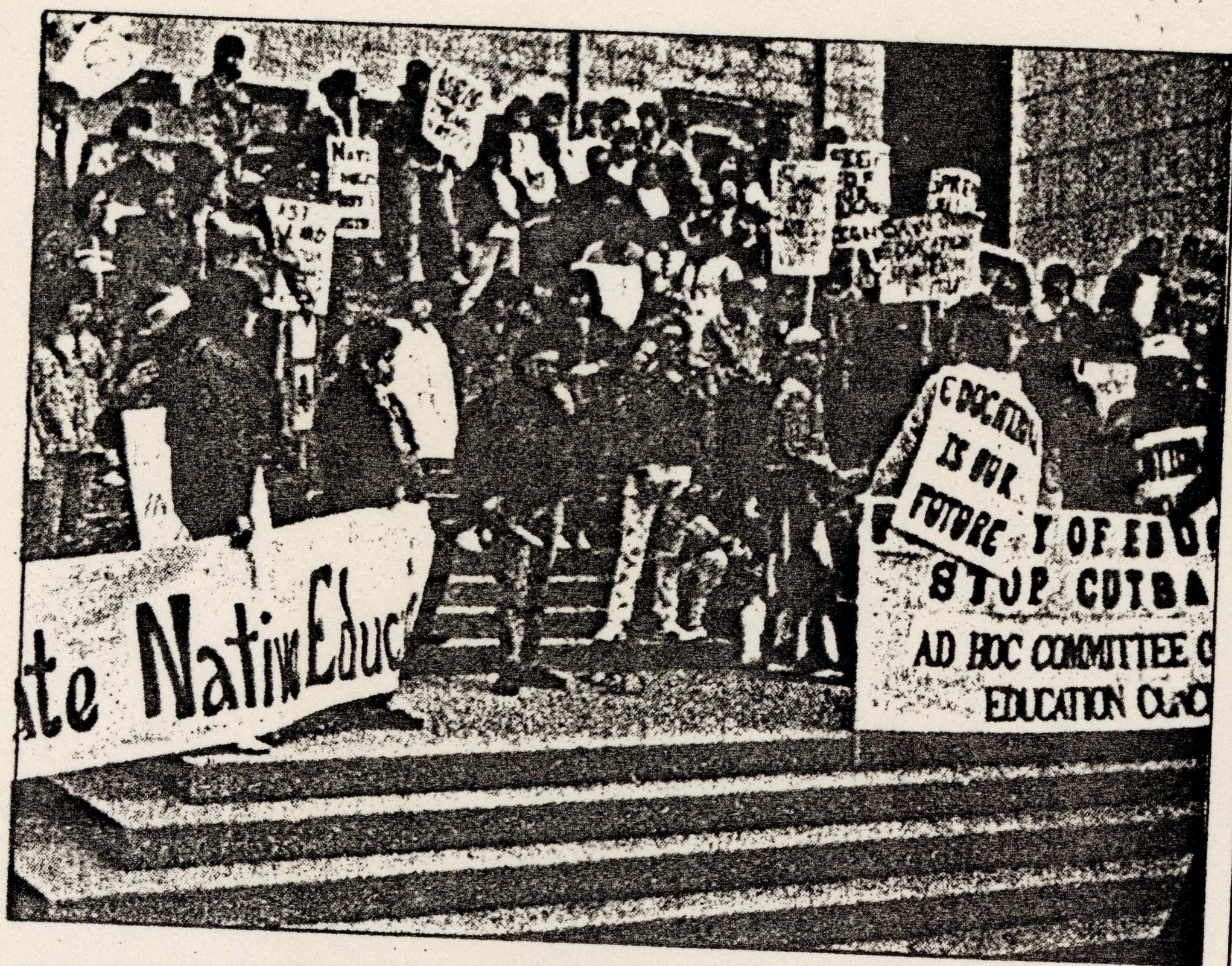




Above and below: Demonstration organized in Vancouver against the E-12 Guidelines.



what is known as the E-12 Guidelines until Native people are properly consulted and their demands met. The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development "sent a press release out a couple of days ago saying that they consulted with 500 bands. That's an outright lie. They are lying to the public... They call a half-hour film strip and a brief introduction of their policy to people and students

consultation, and that's not true. We want an honest consultation. We want our studies to be implemented," she said.

"The Assembly of First Nations has done a national review of Indian education. The then Minister, Bill McKnight, said that we won't change anything on Indian education until we've consulted with Indian people, until the national review is completed. The national review was only

given to the minister two, three weeks ago. These recommendations are not implemented in this policy... The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is responsible to Indian people. It should be accountable to Indian people.

"The government is moving fast on policies. Policies of oppression that are limiting us in our growth, that are keeping us in the depressed state that we are in right now," she said.

Following the demonstration which concluded with a circle dance, 150 participants marched from Robson Square to the Department of Indian Affairs offices nearby, where, for 1½ hours, the demonstrators crowded into the offices and carried a heated exchange with the local Director of Education.

Ron Penner, the department's Director of Education, BC Region, rejected the demand for a moratorium and justified the cutbacks citing budgetary deficits as the reason. He quoted from a letter from the present Minister, Pierre Cadieux, stating that the post-secondary Native education funding was generous and fair and unparalleled anywhere in the world. Mr. Penner welcomed further consultation but said that the new E-12 Guidelines would go into effect as planned.

Mr. Cadieux's letter went on to reject the demand that free post-secondary education be recognized as a right guaranteed by treaties. "For the government, the position is crystal clear — treaty reference to education does not include post-secondary education," he said.

Chief Lois Guss of the Squamish Band spoke in support of the demands of the students, saying "they didn't beat us in my gen-