Love, war, Quebec—in one film

Eddie Albert has a role in Yesterday

MONTREAL (CP) — There are films about the Vietnam war, films about French-English conflict in Quebec, and films about tragic young love. But one film will have them all.

Shooting is to begin here Monday on the feature-length movie Yesterday, which features roving gangs of University of Montreal students rioting on the McGill University campus and students from the two universities slugging it out in hockey games.

Yesterday is also a love story about a French-Canadian girl and an American student studying in Montreal during the winter of 1967.

Here are some details from the film's synopsis from the producer, Dal Productions Ltd.:

"A young American student, Matt, arrives in Montreal to attend McGill University and play hockey.During a game with arch-rival University of Montreal, a brawl erupts ... In the stands, Matt meets Gaby, an attractive French Canadian art student. For her it's dislike at first sight."

Matt, will be played by Vince Van Patten, best known for his roles in Disney movies and his television part as the Bionic Boy.In her first major film role, Quebec actress Claire Pimpare stars as Gaby. Veteran actor Eddie Albert also has a featured role.

"Later that week, McGill is the scene of an anti-English demonstration by dissident University of Montreal students," the synopsis continues. "During the melee, Matt recognizes Gaby and helps her to get away."Her dislike turns to hopeless love.

Then there is a scene where Matt saves Gaby's brother from the police "after a thrilling car chase."Gaby later becomes pregnant but hides it from Matt, who plans to marry her anyway.

Matt's student draft deferment ends when he is bounced from McGill for retaliating against a professor who gave him bad marks. He's shipped out for Vietnam where he's killed. "But life must go on," the synopsis says, "and so Gaby continues."

Yesterday, directed by Canadian Larry Kent, is scheduled for release in August, 1979. It is being produced with assistance from the Canadian Film Development Corp.