

Women's wages lower now than before IWY

OTTAWA(CUP) - The federal government spent a lot of money last year on "glib advertising campaigns" for International Women's Year, but did almost nothing to remove the

gap between what women and men paid doing the same job. NDP leader Ed Broadbent charged February 5.

He called the provision in the Anti-Inflation Act "laudible"

which allows pay increases beyond the guidelines "to eliminate sex discrimination in pay practices" but condemned the government for failing to publicize this provision or take steps to implement it.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Broadbent cited Department of Labour figures which show that "instead of the gap between women's and men's income narrowing in the past decade, it has widened."

The average income of the 2 million women in the labour force is now 60% of what is paid to a man doing the same job he said, pointing out that the gap is wider now than in the mid 1960s.

The special provision in the Anti-Inflation Act allowing for women to catch up to men was good, he said, "but it would have been more laudible if the government had followed up once again with something

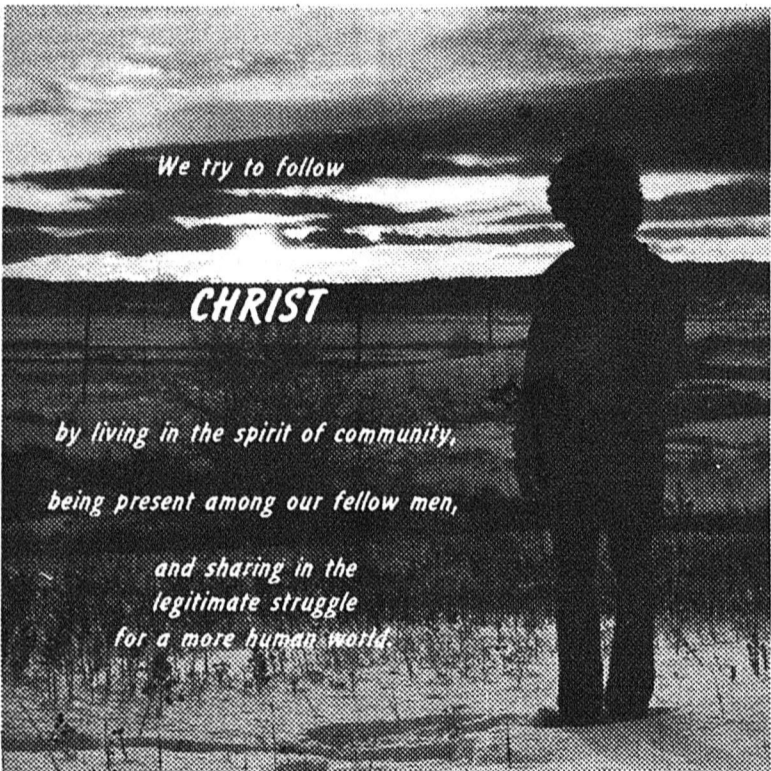
more than the permissive phrase that is in the legislation" and had taken steps to "implement seriously that possibility which it leaves open to employers."

He suggested the government embark on an advertising campaign to inform employers of this possibility and their "moral obligation" to pay men and women equally.

The federal government could also "persuade, cajole or coerce in some way the provinces to take direct steps to

implement on a mandatory basis this permissive clause in the anti-inflation program," he said.

Finance Minister Donald Macdonald replied by pointing out that the federal government cannot "impose its views" on the provinces, but that it hopes the permissive clause in the legislation will "help in the resolution of male-female pay differentials." He concluded "we are confident that with these actions the general situation will continue to improve."



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produced, and says that he was "not entirely upset" by their assassinations.

Kunstler told reporters at a Dallas news conference that he was not upset by the Kennedy assassinations because the Kennedys "excited adulation and adulation is the first step toward dictatorship."

Kunstler was the defense counsel at the Chicago seven trial, where seven activists were charged with disrupting the 1968 democratic convention.

Kunstler, who was in Dallas to address a political seminar, stated that "although I couldn't pull the trigger myself, I don't disagree with murder sometimes, especially political assassinations, which have been a part of political life since the beginnings of recorded history."

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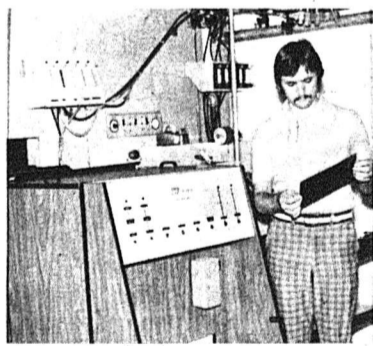
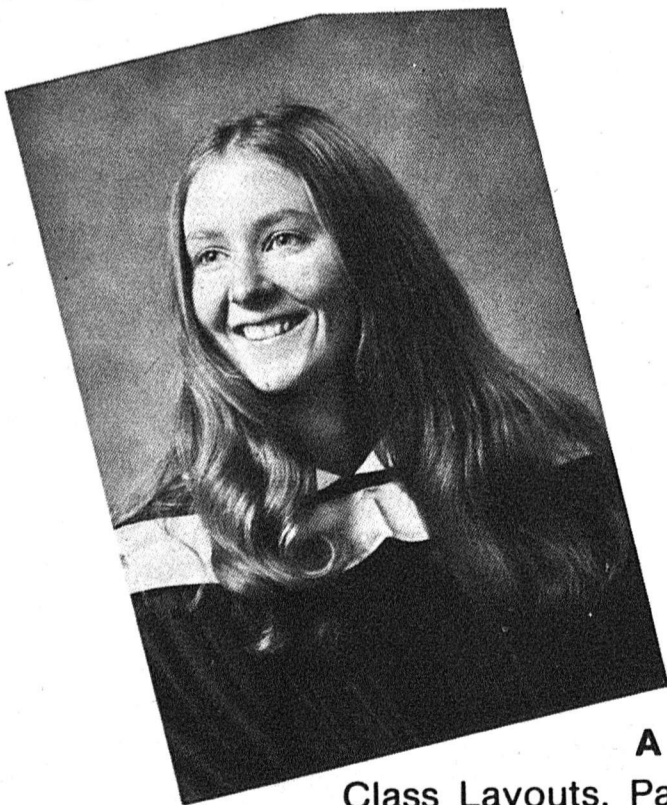
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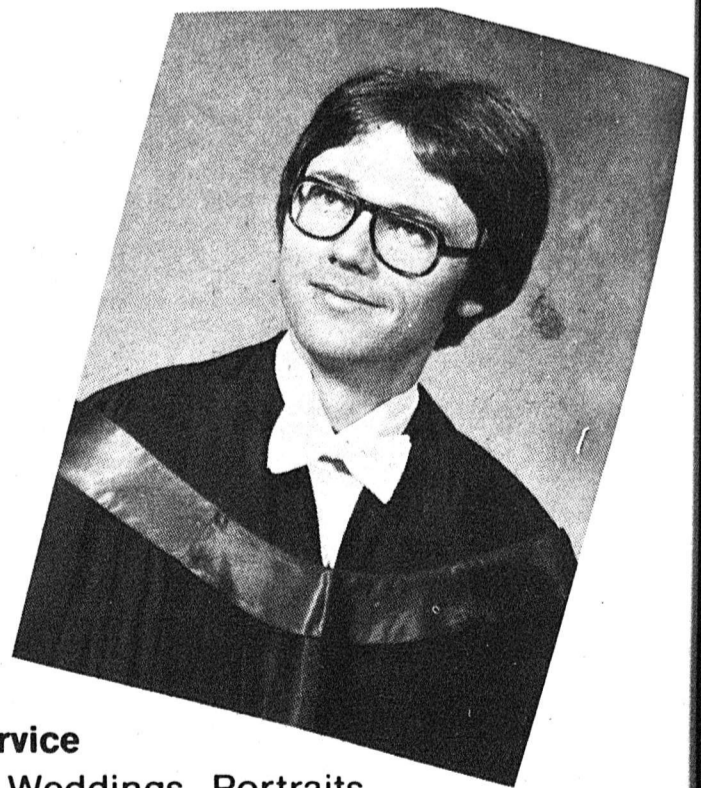
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