

## He doubts 'will' exists to make controls work

By CHRIS HUNT

There are very few people in Canada who are satisfied with the federal government's new economic policy of wage and price controls.

Professor Constantine Passaris of the UNB Economics Department feels that while inflation is indeed a major problem, the implementation of a wage and price control policy involves a "certain degree of social conscientiousness". This type of policy, he said, was successful in Scandinavia because the people wanted it

to work and made it work. However in most countries where it has been tried it has not succeeded because the will to make it work was not there. In Canada, said Passaris, one can see that organised labour has great reservations about the new economic policy.

Passaris feels that the government can quite easily police and control wages but he said that the government's proposed methods for policing price controls are quite "inadequate".

In the countries where a wage and price control policy was

effective a different method from that of the Canadian government was used, according to Passaris. In these countries any company wishing to raise its prices had to apply to the government for permission and produce documented evidence of the need for an increase in prices. This method is not found in the proposed Canadian system of price control.

Another problem with the Canadian economic policy, said Passaris, is that the people employed to work on the Wage and Price Control Board have no clear idea of what they are supposed to do nor how to implement the new policy. Due to the seriousness of the new policy, Passaris feels that these people should have been

sufficiently prepared and given an adequate briefing on their duties and how to carry them out.

"Generally speaking," said Passaris, "Trudeau has placed too much emphasis on inflation as labour unrest is a serious problem also. Canada is second only to Italy in the percentage of strikes and labour problems. Other serious problems not dealt with are the high unemployment rate and the recessionary state of the economy."

Professor J.B. Rose of the School of Business Administration, believes that one cannot predict whether or not the new policy will be effective or not from present data. Primarily the success of the new policy depends on the trade

unions - if they don't want it to work it won't and as one can see by reading the papers the unions are making a definite stand against it. Also, said Rose, if the enforcement of the new policy is not effective it will not work.

Rose feels, however, that if it can break the "cycle of expectations", by which he means the vicious circle of price increases leading to higher wage demands which in turn results in higher prices etc, it will have had a measure of success.

"Generally speaking," said Rose, "the history of wage and price control policies show that they do not work unless people co-operate ... and the labour unions say they won't."

## Complex problems hinder implementation

By THE PHANTOM PHOTOG

Prime Minister Trudeau has recently announced some controversial economic policies. When asked if these policies apply to UNB, Personnel Director P.J. Vanderleeden said, "I think it certainly does. Certainly we take it that way."

He added that UNB meets one of the criterion for inclusion in Trudeau's plans in that it employs over 500 people. He stated that UNB is under the New Brunswick government, which has stated its agreement with the ideas.

With regards to the initiation of the policies Vanderleeden said the plan is "full of problems." There

are many details to work out and it is difficult to obtain information on the policies. What information Vanderleeden is receiving in answer to his questions is coming from an office in Saint John.

One example Vanderleeden gave to illustrate the problems was that of a promotional system. If a promotional system has been established in that pay raises are given for accumulation of experience, is it possible to continue this system? Vanderleeden stated that according to the office in Saint John, this is permissible.

He added that the usual increase is five percent and that this could cause trouble due to an unfair internal structure.


## Student directory due soon

The student directory should be available next week, an SRC spokesman said. It has been compiled and is now at the publishing company.

The directory will be free of charge to students with identifica-

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