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education are not so much economic as cultural. There is evidence to show that children of the professional and business classes are conditioned to expect university education regardless of cost, whereas children of unskilled workers are conditioned not to expect it," the report said.

"This is saying, in effect because low-income people don't expect to go to university, you don't have to worry about them", said Boeck. "That is a despicable attitude."

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secondary system out of revenue generated through the present tax system.

Under the present tax system, everyone - especially those in the lower and middle income brackets - pays for post-secondary education, but it is the rich who benefit the most, the OFL argues.

The brief calls for increased accessibility for the non-rich, and a "restructuring of the tax system to iron out inequalities coupled with a special levy on corporations who benefit considerably from a well educated labour force to further ease the cost burden."

This position is echoed in the OFS brief to the student aid committee, which also stresses the fact that post-secondary education is unattainable for many low and middle income people because of the high cost involved.

The OFS goes further, however, in its position on the taxing of corporations. OFS calls for increased corporate taxation to support all government services, rather than simply a special levy to pay for post-secondary education.

# Is Canada's farmland threatened?

The editorial below was printed in *Agrologist Autumn 75* and was followed by an article by Dr. J.A. McKeague entitled "Canadian Inventory: How Much Land Do We Have?" It begins an investigation which may hopefully result in a fuller

understanding of land resource problems in Canada, thus providing for a more efficient national policy concerning that problem.

Canada is viewed by other nations, and by many Canadians themselves, as a country of immense land resources.

Although Canada does have ample land to supply food and shelter for her own sparse population, the capacity to produce food is very small in terms of the needs of the world population. But because of its established position as a "developed" country, Canada has an urgent responsibility to initiate policies to ensure its land resources are used to the best possible advantage.

Some of the land use problems facing us today include:

- \* a shortage of high quality land suitable for food production;
- \* keen competition by many sections of society to acquire the best land for other non-agricultural uses.

\* problems of management including water, nutrients, drainage, wind and water erosion;

\* the problem of overcoming the general public's attitude that Canadian land is almost limitless.

Current Canadian political attitudes towards land use reflect "laissez-faire" economic theories — land is regarded as a commodity to be bought and sold and not as a resource. But there is a mechanism for land use control in the laws that are the basis of our government

Unlike the United States where land rights are guaranteed by that country's constitution, land in Canada is held at the pleasure of the Crown. Although one can use property, buy and sell it, lease or give it away, it is still subject to the government's powers of taxation, expropriation, police powers and forfeit. Land use controls can therefore be more easily developed in Canada because of this "pleasure of the Crown" principle.

Many economists expound a "highest and best use" theory for land. But carried to its ultimate end, this idea would bring land previously lost to agriculture back into food production only when the food priority was higher than any other need. This would probably only happen when part of the population was near starvation. Surely this would be a backward step. If it is to be avoided, the laissez-faire theory for land allocation must be modified.

The Agricultural Institute of Canada strongly believes that food production must be given a high priority where the use of Canada's quality land is concerned. Food can be produced much more cheaply and consistently on high quality land in climatically favorable areas than on marginal land.

Although it may be argued that the construction of shelter



is also cheaper on good land, the higher cost of building on poorer land is a one-time expense while the extra expense

of food production on poor land is a recurring annual cost.

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## Monte Carlo: bet high and sleep on the streets

Prizes for this year's Monte Carlo Night, to be held at the Jubilee Auditorium Friday, will exceed 10,000 dollars.

Among the list of prizes are carpet by C.J.V., a living room grouping from National Warehouse Furniture, a color T.V. from Furniture Place, skis from the Mountain Shop, a ski jacket from Abominable, a \$100 gift certificate from Black Sheep, a desk and chair from Superior Steel Desk, and an electronic calculator from Miller Stationers, a ski package to Silver Star including two round trip tickets courtesy Pacific Western Airlines, as well as two days and two nights accommodation at the Village Green Inn in Vernon, a fur coat from Morris Furs, an armchair courtesy F.D.Y. Furniture and a \$300 gift certificate from Armstrong's Men's Wear.

This year the entertainment for each of the two stage shows will feature H.P. Riot and Freda Payne accompanied by Privilege. Critically acclaimed for vocal versatility and renowned for her beauty and outstanding wardrobe, Freda Payne has extended her recording success into recognition as one of the most dynamic acts in night clubs, concert halls, and theatres.

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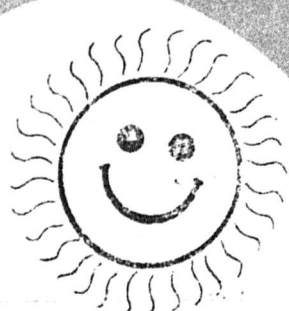
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