

## Broadbent not troubled by Trudeau's remarks

OTTAWA (CUP) - Federal NDP leader Ed Broadbent said in a televised address Jan. 11 he isn't concerned about Prime Minister Trudeau's recent "superficial talk about planning and a new society".

Trudeau's assertion the "free-enterprise" economy is in trouble "is a trivial platitude" according

to Broadbent.

"In fact, a mixed economy replaced the pure market economy decades ago in Canada. And it's this mixed economy with its simultaneous high inflation and high unemployment that has now broken down."

What bothered Broadbent and his federal NDP colleagues, he

said, is the "unthoughtful, uncaring incompetence" of the Liberal government, and the charges it has brought against the Canadian people in recent weeks.

Broadbent quoted Trudeau as saying Canadians "haven't been sharing much", and then contrasted this with the tax policies of the Trudeau government, which have resulted in the rich getting a larger peice of the national income every year.

Broadbent also said the PM asked Canadians to start "living within our means" while ignoring the fact that Canadian industry is operating at only 85 percent capacity. "How can we be living beyond our means when we are not even using our means," he asked.

He contrasted Trudeau's claim, Canadians "haven't been living in a brotherly way" with the recent announcement of a miniscule tax hike for high-income tax payers, while at the same time coming down hard on low and middle income earners by not indexing family allowance cheques in 1976 to compensate for inflation.

"If he was really concerned about 'brotherly' regard for others, why didn't he announce a genuine tax increase on the rich, sufficient to pay for the family allowance increase?"

Broadbent also contrasted the Trudeau dictum that Canadians must develop "the new virtue" of self-restraint, while implementing

an incomes policy which "will have no effect on self-employed professionals."

As for the Trudeau election promise to "ensure that Canadians would regain control of our natural resources", Broadbent said the Syncrude deal meant the government has "sold out even more of our natural resources" to foreign

interests.

"I am not concerned about the Prime Minister's superficial talk about planning and a new society", Broadbent concluded, but "I am concerned that he has made political platitudes about Canadians belief in fairness and justice, and that because of incompetence and insensitivity he never delivers on his promises."

## Quebec can look forward to labour problems

OTTAWA (CPA-CUP) - Organized labour in Quebec will be involved in more confrontations with the Quebec government in 1976, according to Louis Laberge, Quebec Federation of Labour President.

Quebec union leaders are strongly opposed to the federal wage guidelines, he said, and the worker is faced with two choices; to let the government walk all over him or to fight for his rights.

Unions representing about half the provincial labour force will be engaged in collective bargaining this year. They include 260,000 teachers, 150,000 construction workers and 70,000 industrial workers.

Marcel Pepin, Confederation of National Trade Unions president,

said he believes the federal controls policy will restrict economic growth. Increasing inflation and unemployment could bring about conditions as serious as those in the depression years of the 1930's.

The CNTU head urged the federal government to ditch its anti-inflation program and instead pump money into social programs to create jobs.

It should increase purchasing power rather than restricting it and should control the price of basic services and commodities, gasoline, electricity, transportation and food.

Workers' buying power will be badly eroded while prices and profits continue to climb, without this change of policy, he said.

## U of M faces fee hike

WINNIPEG (CUP) - Tuition fees at the University of Manitoba may rise next year, if the university senate accepts the recommendations of a controversial report.

The recommendations call for tuition fees based on a percentage of the actual cost of offering a program. Students in the professional faculties, where costs are higher, would pay higher tuition fees than those in arts or science.

The report does not set the percentage but asks the universities board of governors to do so.

If approved, it is expected that the percentage set would be higher than the current average of 11.6 percent.

An increase of 20 percent in fees next year has been rumoured.

However, opposition is growing. Student senators have already said they will not accept the report as it now stands, and the student council has called for no fee hikes. A January 8 meeting of council passed a motion condemning the recommendations.

According to the dean of students, the university does not have all the information it needs before it can raise fees. It does not yet know if the University grant from the province will be unaffected by the increase in fees. Neither does it know yet whether student aid will increase to allow for the increased fees.

The report itself estimated that the fee increases would reduce enrolment by five to 15 percent, according to one student senator. "Any raising of fees will only compound the problem of accessibility to the university for low-income groups."

If the recommendations are approved by senate, they go to the university board of governors.

From there they go to the universities grants commission, the provincial body responsible for funding Manitoba universities.

Last February the grants commission reported it would not support a tuition increase this year.

## Union membership increases

OTTAWA (CUP) - The latest figures (January 1975) show union membership in Canada at 2,875,464. This was an increase of 5.5 percent over 1973. If this rate of increase has continued, total membership will now be over three million.

Membership increased by over 65 percent in the last ten years compared with an increase of 25 percent in the previous decade. Thirty six point eight percent of the non-agricultural paid work force was organized. Seventy-one percent was in unions affiliated with the Canadian Labour Congress.

Membership in unaffiliated national unions composed over 16 percent of total membership as a result of extension of organization and collective bargaining to government employees, teachers, nurses and groups of professionals.

Thirty-seven unions with 20,000

of more members represented 70 percent of the membership in national and international unions. Among the largest are four national unions - CUPE and PSAC (CLC), Quebec Teachers' Corporation (Ind.) and the Social Affairs Federation (CNTU).

The United Steelworkers of America for the first time in 30 years gave up top place as the largest union in Canada. It reported 187,000 members. CUPE reported 199,000. The others in the top dozen are PSAC 136,000; UAW 89,000; Quebec Teachers' Corporation 85,000; Teamsters 75,600; IBEW 63,400; Social Affairs Federation 61,000; IAM 57,000; IWA 56,700; CPU 56,000; Ontario Public Employees Union 55,400; and CFAW 50,000.

Forty-three percent of the CLC's 1,289,971 members belonged to international unions.

## City boycotts goods

NEW YORK (LNS-CUP) - The City Council of Gary, Indiana approved a resolution in late November calling for a citywide boycott of the products of United States corporations with holdings in South Africa.

The Gary council is the first municipal body in the U.S. to the apartheid policies of South Africa. The resolution called for a city

administration boycott of four U.S.-based corporations doing business in South Africa. These include Motorola, International Business Machines Inc., International Telegraph and Telephone, Control Data, and Motorola, was singled out for providing the electronic equipment for white South Africa's extensive surveillance and tracking of its black population.

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