

Strike riot in Manitoba scab fight jails 100

WINNIPEG (CUP) - Over 100 striking members of the Canadian Association of Industrial, Mechanical and Allied Workers (CAIMAW) have been forcibly dragged, "kicked" and "shoved" into police paddy-wagons recently outside the Griffin Steel Industries plant here.

The strikers had been resisting attempts by the company to hire strike-breakers to break the 22-week old strike. Accompanied by eight squad cars and two paddy-wagons, about 30 police officers and 25 strike-breakers attempted to cut through the picket lines early one morning. The strikers linked arms to resist but were ordered to be forcibly removed by police.

About 70 police returned the next morning to arrest more pickets as strikers continued their passive resistance towards the strike-breaking tactics of the company. The scene was repeated throughout the week.

"The paddy-wagons were called in Monday," said Al Pitt, national president of CAIMAW, "and that's when the police violence began. They grabbed us by the legs and hair," he said, "while others were being forcibly kicked and shoved into the paddy-wagons." Pitt said that one policeman even grabbed a club from his squad car, apparently to use on the strikers.

"I started yelling at him," he said, "when another cop came over and grabbed it off the officer." One of the union pickets arrested, Joe Melinowski, said he thought the police had used excessive force on the strikers. "I was kned in the stomach and kicked," he said, "while my friend, who had a broken arm, was dragged and thrown into a paddy-wagon."

UBC prof quits

VANCOUVER (CUP) - A University of British Columbia sociology professor has resigned because of education cutbacks and the university administration's neglect of the women's studies program. Dorothy Smith, whose resignation is effective June 30, said in an interview March 7 that cutbacks have caused sharply increased faculty teaching loads and may cause the women's studies program she is teaching to end this year. She said the burden of provincial government education cutbacks is being placed on the shoulders of the faculty, making

it more difficult for them to do a proper job teaching. "The over-all problem with the teaching thing results from the provincial government," she said. "It's all dumped on the faculty. You're shortchanging students. That appears to be the general trend — at least in the Faculty of Arts." Smith, who has taught here for eight years, said that until two years ago, two courses and graduate students were the normal course load for a professor. Now the normal load is three courses as well as graduate students.

Bean slaughter

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS-CUP) - Making Mexican jumping beans jump is "cruelty to animals." At least this is a ruling from the Dutch secretary of culture William Meijer, who is proposing an immediate cut-off in the importation of Mexican jumping beans to the Netherlands. According to Meijer, the

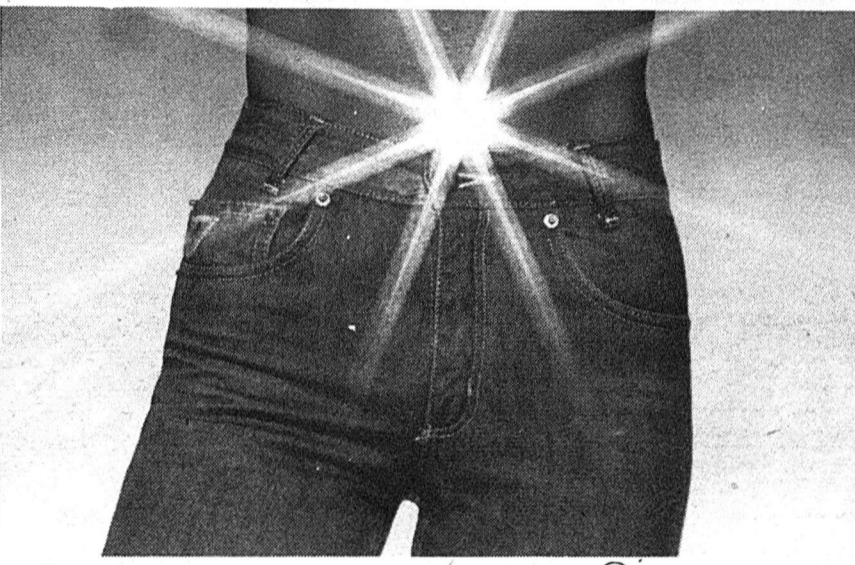
bean jumps about because there is a little insect inside which becomes irritated and hops around looking for shade when excess light or heat is administered to the bean's coar. The Dutch Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says it is determined "to bring an end to this sadism."

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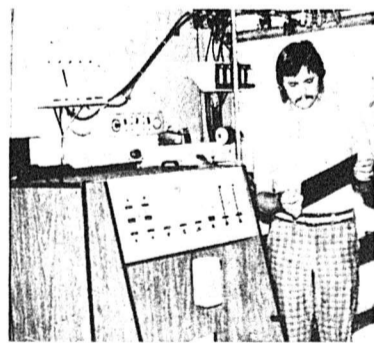
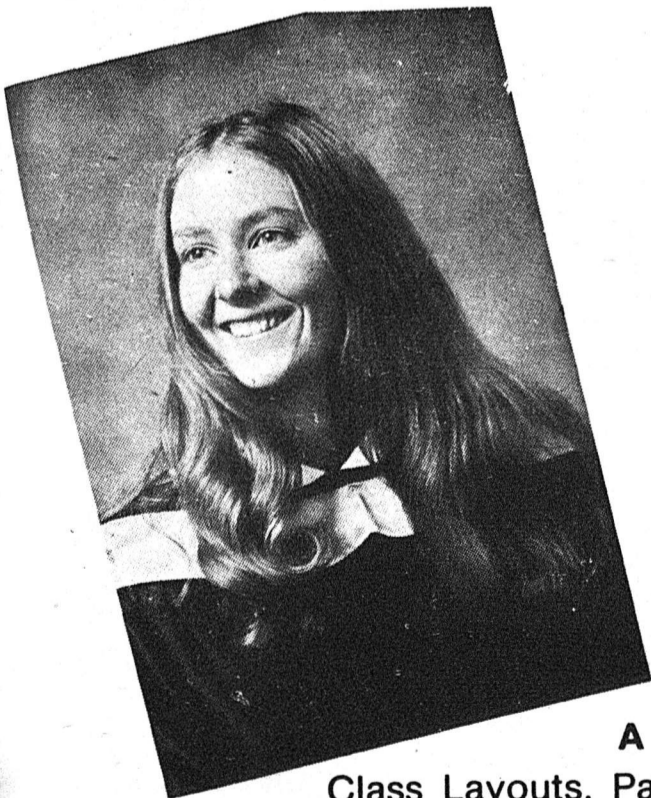
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