

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION— just for the privileged few?

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The unemployment situation and a new mysticism in the so-called tune-in turn-on, drop-out American-originating youth culture have combined to create an increasing decline in enrolment. Many young people, quite understandably, do not want a burden or thousands of dollars of debt to obtain a sheepskin of questionable value.

Government and business leaders now say that to correct the unemployment situation, the supply must be restricted to meet the demand. In other words, enrolment should be restricted to eliminate as many poor young people as possible.

This has effectively already happened in most of Canada. Ontario, which always leads the rest of the country in education policy, took the bold step of raising tuition fees by \$100 for full-time undergraduates in March 1972. The move blatantly contradicts the concept of creating an educational system with equal opportunity for all, regardless of class background.

If our leaders are concerned about instituting the policies of full employment and equal

opportunity Lester Pearson espoused in announcing the Fiscal Arrangements Act, they would seek solutions to the economic problems facing Canadians. But no political party in Canada has yet dared confront the sources of our economic dilemma, the control of our economy from abroad.

The warnings of the Watkins Royal Commission on Foreign Ownership went unheeded and turned Mel Watkins from a liberal into a founder of the left-wing Waffle group. Eric Kierans is now advising New Democratic Party (NDP) provincial governments, after giving up on the Liberals. The Grey Report on Direct Foreign Investment had to be leaked and published by Canadian Forum magazine before the government would release it.

The clearest "official" study to date that confronts the issue head-on is the Science Council of Canada special report on Innovation and the Structure of Canadian Industry.

Full employment in Canada will never be reached unless control of the economy is taken out of the hands of the multi-national corporations says the report. The

multi-national corporations do not carry out the research, development and manufacturing of products that provide most jobs in an industrialized nation. Canada continues to provide the raw materials that give jobs to workers in other nations and profits for the foreign corporations.

Until Canadian resources are processed in Canada and Canadians receive all the benefits, unemployment will be an integral part of our life.

The immediate problem students face is very clear.

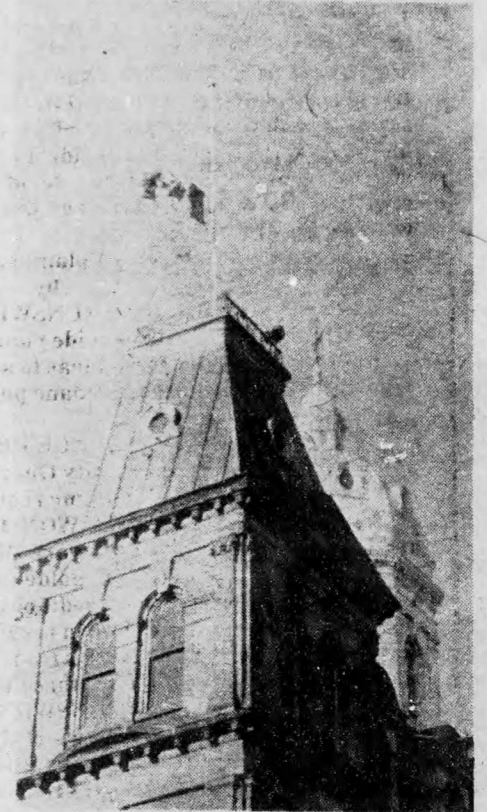
Universities will once again become the preserves of the rich.

The poor working class will be given the privilege of attending technical institutes or community colleges which will provide them with just enough training to fit into the industrial machine one a schedule, just as a factory turns out cars.

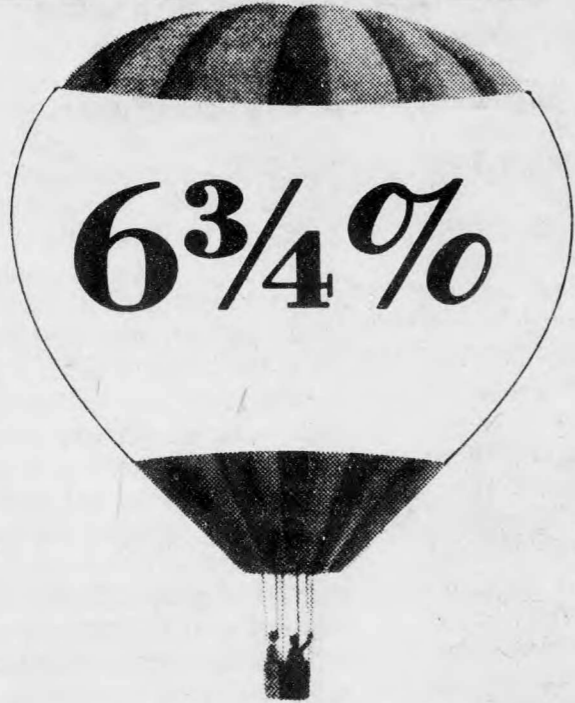
Students in these institutions have virtually no rights and carry class loads of up to 40 hours a week. Naturally, under these conditions, the drop-out rate is much more pronounced.

The conditions can only be changed if students begin to

develop their own organizations on provincial, regional and national levels to formulate policy and plan action. These organizations must also link up with other groups pressing for social change to end the conditions under which we live.



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