## Ram fee collector

by Hank Luce

enclaves of Canadian petropower, where jaded cynics utter short, bitter laughs at the antics of the Lougheed government and smile wanly at the existential absurdity of it all, there are few surprises.

Yet even the most callous eyebrows shot up this week when advanced education minister Bert Hohol named the administrator of the Progressively Conservative government's policy of charging wogs a king's ransom to study at Alberta un-

For the man is none other than Jagjivan Ram, 68, fat, corrupt opportunist extraordinaire of Indian political life, popularly known as "the scum of Bihar."

Ram, who recently lost the power stuggle to succeed Indira

Gandhi as India's Prime Minister.

assumes his new post July 1.

Quoth Hohol: "This should EDMONTON — In the plush prove that our government is not racist. Some of my best friends are zipperlids uh persons of Chink uh Chinese origin."

Reaction ranged from shock to surprise. YetRamis not without his defenders. "He'll make the ETS buses run on time," mused noted political analyst Frank Mutton. "What we need is dis-

The elegant Louis Hyndman, soi-disant intellectual of l'equipe Lougheed, offered this eloquent paean of praise: "Is is not fitting that we should have a man who is the very embodiment of the fact that eternity is infinite and infinity eternal?"

However, when asked about Ram's plans to equip Alberta with B-52 long-range bombers and loads of napalm coincidentally aimed at the New Delhi

residences of Ram's chief opponents, Hyndman maintained an uncharacteristic silence

"It is not in our position to question the leisure time ac-tivities of civil servants," he snapped, adding: "I have one thousand per cent confidence in Mr. Ram.

That, however, was only the first surprise of the week. In one fell swoop, Mr. Lougheed managed to wipe out his effective opposition by naming Grant Notley deputy premier and finanace minister. Notley hotly denied he is a turncoat, claiming he made the move for "the good of Alberta" and not for "any reasons of increased political power; Myron, get Stan Knowles on the blower and ask what sort of interior decor he'd suggest for the Rolls, and I wasn't at all pleased with the cedar panelling in the third bathroom of the mansion, couldn't we get something lighter?"

At week's end, Bernardo Bertolucci had agreed to consign the saga to film, with Liv Ullman as Lougheed, King Kong as Hohol, Giancarlo Giannini as Hyndman, Ram as himself, and Robert Redford as Notley.

## Night Watch crew raped

by John McEwen

Three members of the University's Night Watch squad were sexually assaulted in four buckets of water, a huge picti separate incidents last Thursday night by an unknown assailant.

The incidents occured in the Common Room at St. Joseph's College, the girls' washroom in the basement of the Rutherford Library, the Low-Temperature Physics Lab, and behind the fountain at the Londonderry Mall.

An official release from the Edmonton Rape Crisis Centre said: "These were all good boys from fine homes. This gross insult upon their sexual purity is to be deplored."

wishes to remain anonymous, manhood of the University Nig blamed Gateway staffers for creating a climate in which such an attack could occur. "When they printed that story saying all previous sexual assaults had

involved exhibitionism, rath than contact, we had to swit our weapons. We changed in clubs and chains to carry of Golda Meir, and a lot blankets to throw over pervert

"It was terrible! He threw down on the blankets and putt picture of Golda over our head We couldn't run or get aw without spilling the water in o buckets.'

This recent assault prompted the formation of "Parents of Night Watch Nig Watch" team headed by R Marr's mother. The new patr will wear orange polka dot ar bands and hopes to preve One of the victims, who further attacks on the virtuo Watch patrollers.

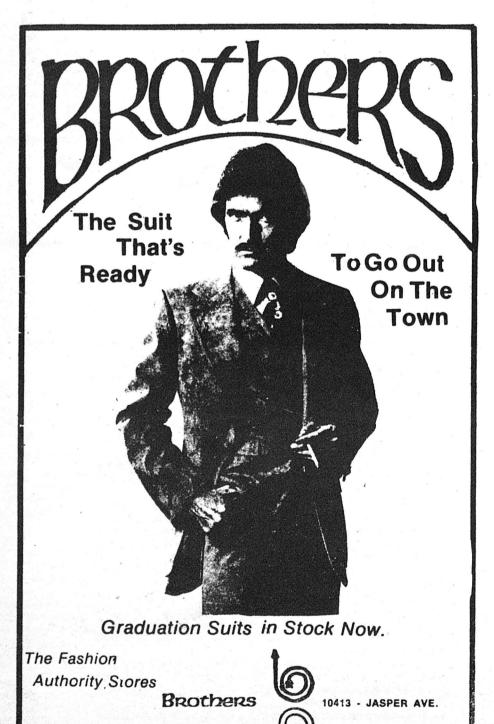




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