



Food prices-up up and away

OTTAWA (CPA/CUP) — The February consumer price index, the more common measure of inflation, jumped .9 percent in February, bringing the annual inflation rate over the past three months to 9.2 percent. Statistics Canada has reported.

Food prices were responsible for almost three-fifths of the jump, rising two percent from January. But higher prices for shelter and clothing also contributed to the rise.

Further hikes in the index can be expected during the next few months as well. Oil prices will rise in March, as part of the government's policy of pricing Canadian oil at world levels.

And the wholesale price index for January took a sharp 1.2 percent jump, due primarily to higher fresh vegetable prices.

Wholesale prices were also up in non-ferrous metal, wood, textile and iron products as well as chemicals and non-metallic minerals.

The jump in the wholesale index will eventually show up in the consumer price index, since wholesalers pass on higher costs.

The February jump in the consumer index brings the annual rate of inflation since February, 1976 to 6.7 percent, well above

finance minister Donald Macdonald's target of six percent inflation this year.

Two of the country's major banks said recently they expect the rate of inflation to be higher in 1977. The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce said slower rate of growth and high employment will characterize the current year but also warned that "the recent acceleration of the rate of inflation is . . . disquieting."

The Royal Bank expects inflation this year to run at seven percent.

Student Aid tightens up

New Brunswick Student Aid will be using a different method to calculate student contributions for the academic year 77-78.

Previously, a student's summer savings were determined by their year of education. A student entering third year was expected to contribute more than a freshman. However, due to a request from a student commission, summer savings will now be calculated by the same standard for everyone.

Summer Savings are dependent on the entire summer's gross earnings. A student's contribution is considered to be 45 percent of this if living away from the parent's residence, or 60 percent if living at home.

If total summer earnings cannot be determined, the original assessment will be made from a Summer Savings Table which will be enclosed with the application form.

A verification of actual summer earnings will be required. As soon as enrollment is completed in September, the filing of an

Earnings Report Form, included with the original award, will be necessary. Official proofs; separation slips, unemployment benefit records, etc., must be returned with this report. If the actual earnings exceed minimum wage, the award will be adjusted accordingly. To avoid this possible reduction, students are advised to calculate their earnings and the nearest possible contribution based on the above percentages.

New Brunswick Bursary cheques, if applicable will not be released until the Earnings Report Form and documentation of earnings has been forwarded to the Student Aid Branch.

Canada Student Loans and New Brunswick Bursary application forms will be available at the beginning of May. It is advantageous to apply early.

Further inquiries should be directed to: Dept. Of Youth, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Student Aid Branch P.O. Box 600 Fredericton Ph. 453-2577

Union cities "sterile"

SASKATOON (CUP) — Unions have to expand their horizons beyond money and working conditions to larger social issues said Jack Munday, an Australian union leader, speaking at the University of Saskatoon recently.

There is no point in getting better wages and working conditions if the cities that the workers must live in are sterile, dreary prisons he said. Unions in Australia have moved beyond traditional concerns to environmental issues since these are class issues and the working class live in the dirtiest, noisiest part of

cities. The first 'green ban' in Australia was imposed five years ago when a union was approached by a group of "middle class women" said Munday. They wanted to save the last piece of forest in Sydney from development from office highrises. A ban on the development was called and when the developers said that they would hire non-union labor to build the structures, the union said it would leave another of the company's half-completed office towers unfinished — as a permanent monument to the

endangered park land.

Since then, 42 bans, totalling more than \$400 million in projects, have been imposed successfully.

Munday said that this did not mean that unions were denying their members the right to work but that they "want to build buildings that are of use to the city." He said the haste of some unions to ensure work for their members was shortsighted since they overlook long term environmental concerns for a little work for a few people.

"Any system that can't provide useful work for every citizen should make way for a social system that can," he said.

Australia is a heavily unionized country with a history of strikes over social issues. Sixty percent of Australian labor is unionized compared to 30 percent of Canada's and 24 percent in the United States.

Dr. Everett Charms

The UNB Pre-Med Society closed the 1976-77 year with a flourish by spending an evening with the distinguished Dr. Everett Chalmers. He gave all present a valuable insight into medicine in general by recounting many of his personal (and often humorous) experiences. He described the work of the old family doctor in detail and then went on to the new steps in medical care, medicare, the advent of the specialist, and finally, the new hospital at the top of the hill.

The role of a doctor is ever-changing, and doctors of today will face new issues tomorrow. We are very grateful to Dr. Chalmers for taking time out of his very busy schedule to come and speak at UNB. Everyone found the experience rewarding.

This wraps up things for this year. See you at the Pre-Med Info Booth at registration next year and/or check the Bruns for notice of the first meeting in the fall. Until then, Good Luck with exams and have a terrific summer!

ACTIVITY AWARDS

On behalf of the Student Activity Awards Committee, I am pleased to announce the names of the recipients of this year's awards.

Activity Awards:

Jim Krant
Felix Gregoire
Gina Widawski

On behalf of the UNB Students Union I would like to thank the above persons for their efforts and dedication to the students of the University during their term here, and wish them all the best in the future.

Activity Awards with Distinction:

Peter Davidson
Brian Pryde
Jim Smith
Dorothea-Julia MacLauchlan
J. David Miller
Terry Doherty
Kevin Garland

Allan Patrick
Chairperson-SAAC

VICTORIA HOUSE

It is presently planned to operate Victoria House as a co-education residence for 1977-78.

Women who are interested in applying for such a residence should apply through the Office of the Dean of Women.

Men should apply through the Office of the Dean of Men's Residences.

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'DUTCHY MASON'
(4 piece group)

APRIL 4-9
'RED EYE'

APRIL 11-16
'GOOD FEELING'

APRIL 18-23
To Be Announced

APRIL 25-30
'FREIGHTLINERS'

HOURS: 8:00pm - 11:30pm
Cover Charge Thursday-Saturday 7:00pm - 10:30pm
No Cover Saturday Matinee 2:30pm - 5:30pm