

Manufacturer faces hostile audience on Under Attack

By RON ROSENTHAL

There is no real unemployment in Canada, the president of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association (CMA) told a hostile Glendon College audience last week.

Keith Rapsey, on campus for a taping of the Under Attack television programme, called the 12.3 per cent Maritime unemployment figure a false statistic and said that during a recent trip to the east coast he found many businessmen who complained about

the lack of employees.

One of three student panelists suggested that laws preventing strikes in essential services, such as fire-fighting, result in a sub-standard living wage for certain workers.

But Rapsey replied that "strikes en-

courage an atmosphere of settlement by siege, which closes down plants, rather than settlement by reason."

He said he supports police presence on strike sites since "the picketers invariably break laws and when the police conduct strikebreakers across the picket-line, they're just doing their proper job of preventing violence."

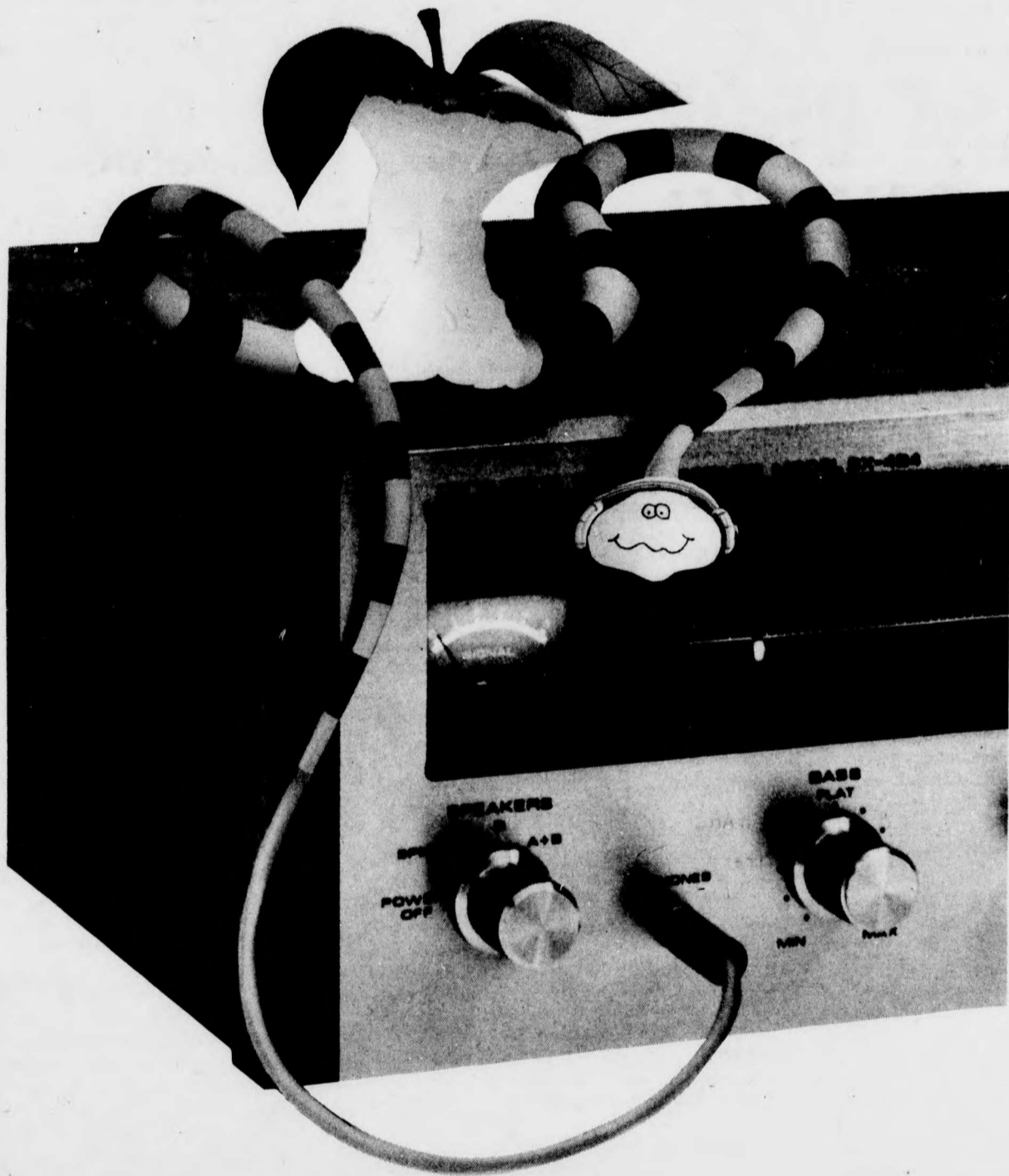
Another panelist said he equated theft with strikebreaking, but Rapsey said scabs should fill striking men's

positions, since certain services or commodities must continue to be placed on the market.

A student from the audience criticized the CMA for its opposition to a proposed law banning professional strike-breakers.

Rapsey claimed the association of two previous CMA presidents with the Canadian Driving Pool (an Ontario strike-breaking service) had no effect on the CMA's position.

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Stanfield fares better

Robert Stanfield, national leader of the Progressive Conservative party

and leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, said little that was new but demonstrated a surprising confidence during his visit to Glendon Dec. 5.

Stanfield, at Glendon as a guest on the television programme 'Under Attack', criticized the Liberals for procrastinating on an energy policy and the New Democrats for supporting the Liberals.

Many students were surprised by the confidence Stanfield showed. After the taping one student remarked, "The banana-eating caricature that graced editorial pages across Canada in 1968 is now as obsolete as the image of his flower-power opponent."



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