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RINPUS GRIADR Youth Are 45% Of Unemployed

OTTAWA (CUP) - As of November 1970, 212,000 citizens between the ages of 14 and 24 were unemployed -constituting 45 percent of the nation's jobless. The Trudeau government's response to the situations has been "weak and discouraging", John Varley, president of the Canadian Student Liberals told a press

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conference here . ten years," said Varley, " have been promised happiness, security and material well -being

mination to stay in school." "So the kids stuck it out. The parents in many cases

sacrificed a great deal. And now they sit back watching as their children step from the graduation platform to the unemployment line."

Backing up his arguments with statistics, Varley pointed risen a staggering 43 percent in the last year. In addition, the unemployment percentage has risen steadily over the past six years. In 1966, the figure was 5.7 percent, in 1966 6.1

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percent, in 1967 7.3 percent, in 1968 8.2 percent, in 1969 8.5 percent and in 1970 "an unbelievable" 11.5 percent.

In the spring of 1971 he said, 73,000 new graduates will be seeking jobs representing a ten percent increase in the number of graduates. Employers however, predict an increase in demand of only 3.4 percent. "Young people are facing

"Young people for the last a crisis of unemployment nearly. twice the rate existant for older workers." said Varley.

"Surely some extra attenif only they had the deter- tion might be generated by As a stop-gap measure, Varley urged the government to adopt the \$50 million summer youth program prepared by federal planners and leaked to the press in early January. But in addition he also had a number of more unorthodox proposals.

Among them were plans to out that unemployment among resurrect Canada's ill-fate aerthe 14 to 24 age group has onautical and aerospace programs considerably decreased by the cancellations Avro Arrow and HARP projects, a massive anti-pollution campaign paid for out of the taxpayers pocket, and a "Go North" pro-

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ject designed to develop Canada's northland along lines already set by the USSR.

Varley also charged that part of the problem for university graduates, especially in the sciences, is due to American ownership of Canadian industry. As a result foreign firms in Canada are not able to do enough of their own research work, management training and secondary manufacturing and consequently do not hire enough Canadian graduates.

Any solution to the problem would take a major shift in the thinking of the Trudeau government, he said.

"Their main response as uttered by Mr. Lang, has been a continued optimism that more of the same Manpower programs and some around-the -corner-economic boom will cure the problem. Very soon, Mr. Lana says, we will have a shortage rather than a surplus in this critical category of College graduates."

"Meanwhile Mr. Trudeau simply states that it is not within the power of the government to help this specific g p."



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