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Alberta sulphur sold in South Africa

by Brad Johnson

Alberta continues to sell sulphur to South Africa.

Citizens Against Racism and Apartheid executive member Bob Schmidt said Alberta sold South Africa "\$57.5 million last year" worth of sulphur.

He also said "the first quarter of this year Alberta has shipped 15,000 tonnes more than it did the first quarter of last year". This was a \$6 million increase in trade with South Africa.

"The greatest supplier of sulphur to South Africa is Alberta," said New Democrat MLA William Roberts. He said Vancouver based consortium Cansulex Exporters was responsible for most of the Alberta companies' sulphur exports.

Roberts enlisted pop star Stevie Wonder's support for his opposition to the trade at Wonder's Oct. 18 concert in Edmonton.

Esso spokesman Doug Milne said sulphur produced at Esso gas plants "doesn't really leave the country ...

(except for) a little bit of excess sulphur that does get exported" through Mobile Oil.

He said "Esso does not belong to Cansulex ... (which) moves about 5 million tonnes" of sulphur per year. Esso only sells "about 50,000 tonnes" of sulphur internationally each year.

A source at Cansulex, who wished to remain anonymous, said "about 85 per cent of the Canadian sulphur exported to South Africa was used for fertilizer production."

The rest is used for various materials such as rubber and synthetics.

Schmidt said even if Alberta sulphur is used for fertilizer, that means other sulphur in South Africa can be freed up for munitions production.

He also said this fertilizer is exported to surrounding states who badly need it, and there are documented cases where South Africa has used that export as an economic weapon, threatening to withhold it.

Doug Niel, executive assistant to Alberta Minister of International Trade Larry Sajben, said Monday although the federal government has taken steps against South Africa, they are "related mainly to imports, but not to exports as such."

He said it was something left up to the federal government and the private sector, not in the province's jurisdiction.

He also added there was "not any large number of letters" received in opposition to the export.

Grads do find work

by Karen Baier

"Higher education makes a difference" according to Neil Fink of the Labor Market Training Information Branch of Alberta Manpower.

Judging by the recent statistics compiled by Alberta Manpower in a Post Secondary Graduate Employment Follow-Up Survey, he's not wrong.

Neil Fink and Ian Montgomery of Alberta Manpower recently completed an analysis of the Alberta post secondary graduate employment results from Statistics Canada 1984 National Graduate Survey.

Says Montgomery, "Undergrad degree gets you so far, a grad degree gets you farther ... anyone who is thinking they've graduated for the last time is kidding themselves."

Fink added, "Experience plays a role for new graduates, but by and large it's education that matters."

Another study completed by

Alberta Manpower was to determine the success of transition of 1984-85 post secondary school graduates into the work force 6-8 months after graduation.

7622 graduates from selected programs in thirteen of Alberta's colleges and technical institutes were surveyed with a response rate of 73 per cent.

Results obtained from the survey find 92 per cent of the graduates in the labor force. Approximately 90 per cent of those in the labor force were employed with an average salary of \$1418/month.

About 84 per cent of those employed were in an occupation related to training.

The results of this college survey are identical with the findings of the National Graduate Survey at six months after graduation.

Referring to the National Survey, Fink comments that, "University grads are certainly at the top end of the scale in terms of chances of finding employment in their field

of study."

The statistics compiled are used as a counselling aid and for the development of models representing the transition of students into the labor market.

Both Fink and Montgomery advise caution to be taken by those intending to use the report to make career decisions.

It is not necessarily an accurate forecast of future employment prospects.

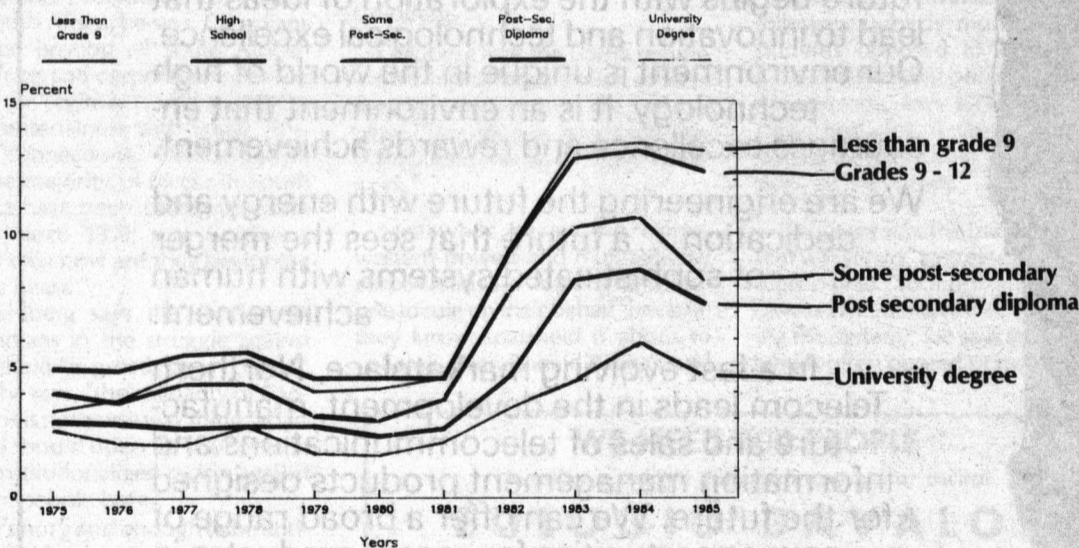
Ian Montgomery reports, "Cyclical shifts just totally obliterate what is going on ... we don't want to blow anybody's life by having them stay away from something they want to do."

The Alberta Manpower report includes an analysis of employment statistics for 11 major fields of studies which includes 235 programs.

Study results are available at the Alberta Career Centers: Sun Building, 108 St. and 104 Ave.

Figure 1

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
ALBERTA, 1975 TO 1985



Source: Labour Force Survey Annual Averages, Statistics Canada, 1975-1985

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the university has given permission to hire two more stackers, but won't hire a third.

Brewer said the union's grievance committee has a long list of complaints. "I think we had to take out more grievances over the past

year than we ever had to take out before," she said.

Library workers say bookshelves are in disarray because of university restraint. "It used to be done on a daily basis," said an employee who asked not to be identified. "Now

the books are extremely out of order, especially in overused sections."

The employees said books now take as long as a week to be shelved.

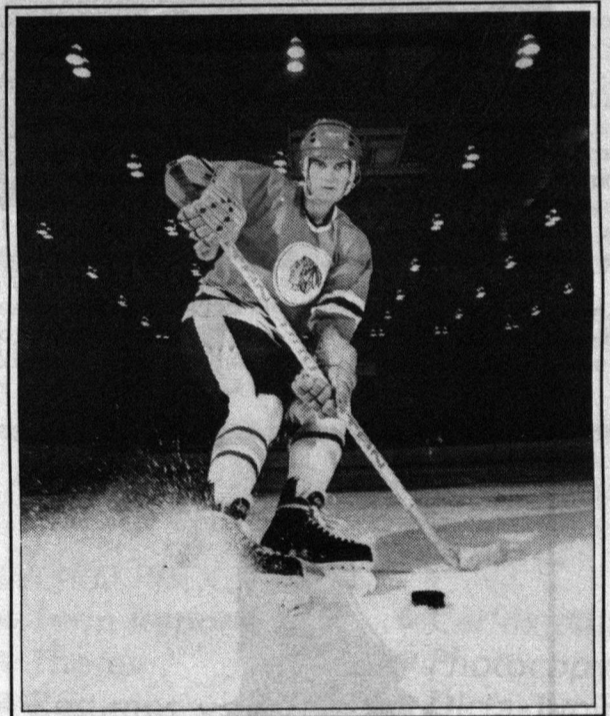
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