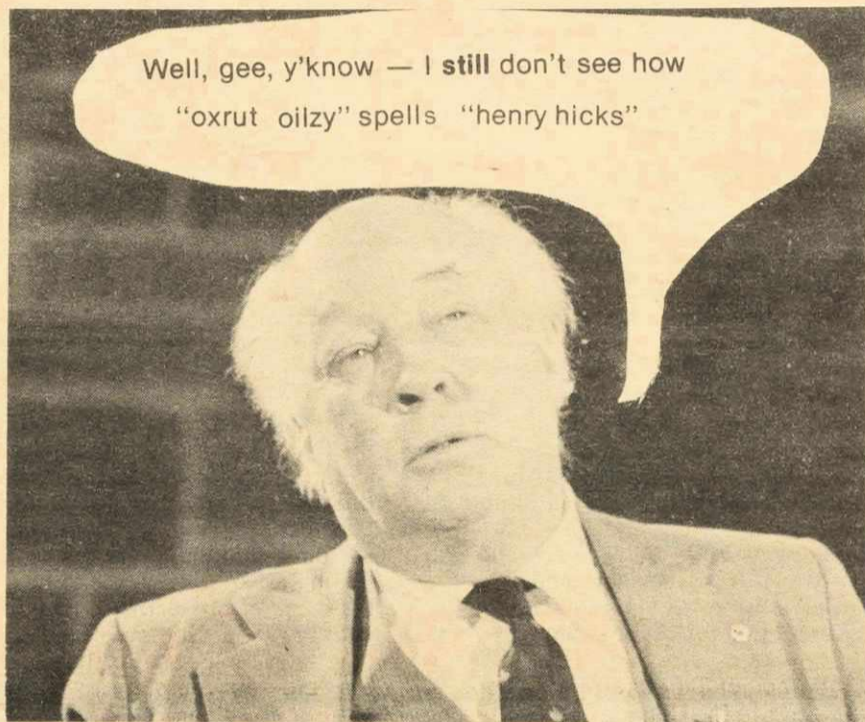


SILLY SNAPS

John Howard Oxley's entry was selected as the winner of our first SILLY SNAPS contest. Honourable mention also goes to Don from manpower for this submission:

" Yes, I believe that it is the university's responsibility to demystify the contradictions inherent in capitalist society."

For this week tell us what Gerry's saying.



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Unemployment coalition

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1. The Coalition opposes all forms of wage controls, and calls for the repeal of Bill C-73.

2. the repeal of recent UIC legislation Bill C-27, that further reduces benefits to unemployed people.

3. an end to financial cutbacks in, and an expansion of, health, education, and other social services.

4. an end to layoffs and shut-downs, and all other methods of depriving workers of their right to employment.

5. an end to tripartism.

The issue of tripartism is a particularly explosive one, and much of the ideology of the Coalition, and AFS, is demonstrated in its treatment of the question.

Tripartism is a Canadian Labour Congress-approved platform for action which involves close cooperation between labour, government and the corporate sector in solving the country's economic ills, and has been in action for approximately two years.

The Metro Coalition opposes tripartism on the grounds that it implies collusion on the part of labour with big business, and is a form of "class collaboration." Under tripartism, according to the Coalition, government has no commitment to react to a request from labour, and has historically shown greater loyalty towards the corporate sector than the labour movement.

The Coalition wishes to make it clear that it opposes tripartism as

an individual policy, and not the CLC in general, and is lobbying to have organized labour withdraw from negotiations with the government. The Coalition as a founding policy advocates agitation against, rather than cooperation with, government, as they feel that the interests of working people are never served by government sectors.

Due to an angry exchange of letters between AFS and the Coalition, many expected Monday's meeting to bring to a head the issue of continued AFS participation in the Coalition. However, both Kelly and Coalition chairperson Sharon Reilly have acknowledged that the correspondence was excessively vitriolic, "angry letters by angry people", and feel that cooperation is a better policy for action than non-fraternity and fragmentation.

Kelly says that AFS, although still dissatisfied with labour leadership's position within the Coalition, wishes to remain a working partner, so long as unity around the proposed structure and demands is obtained.

The Coalition is functioning more efficiently than it has in the past, due principally to a revision of its institutional structure. Petitions from the Inco miners are being distributed, and the issue is being tied to the question of layoffs of local shipyard workers. A Union of the Unemployed is being initiated at a meeting to be held Wednesday, Feb. 8. Letters are being sent to various allied organizations, and a general public information programme has been discussed.