

# White bureaucracy demoralizes natives

"No aboriginal people can ever have had such astronomical sums of money spent on them, to such little satisfaction on either side, as have the native people of Canada recently. Only a huge white bureaucracy is really profiting by it, and its paternalism is demoralizing the native and infuriating the white man."

The criticisms came from Dr. Percy Jackson, wife, mother, grandmother, and general practitioner, who drew from the experiences of her 47 years spent in the northern Albertan community of Keg River.

Jackson was present in the Jubilee Auditorium Saturday to deliver the U of A Convocation Address and to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. She was granted the degree for her accomplishments as physician, author, educational administrator, and homemaker.

Dr. Jackson blamed the government's welfare program for creating a dependency among the native people and, in the process, undermining their traditional attitudes and values.

The social worker of the early sixties, claimed Jackson, "walked in with good intentions," but belittled the natives' log house and changed their practice of medicine.

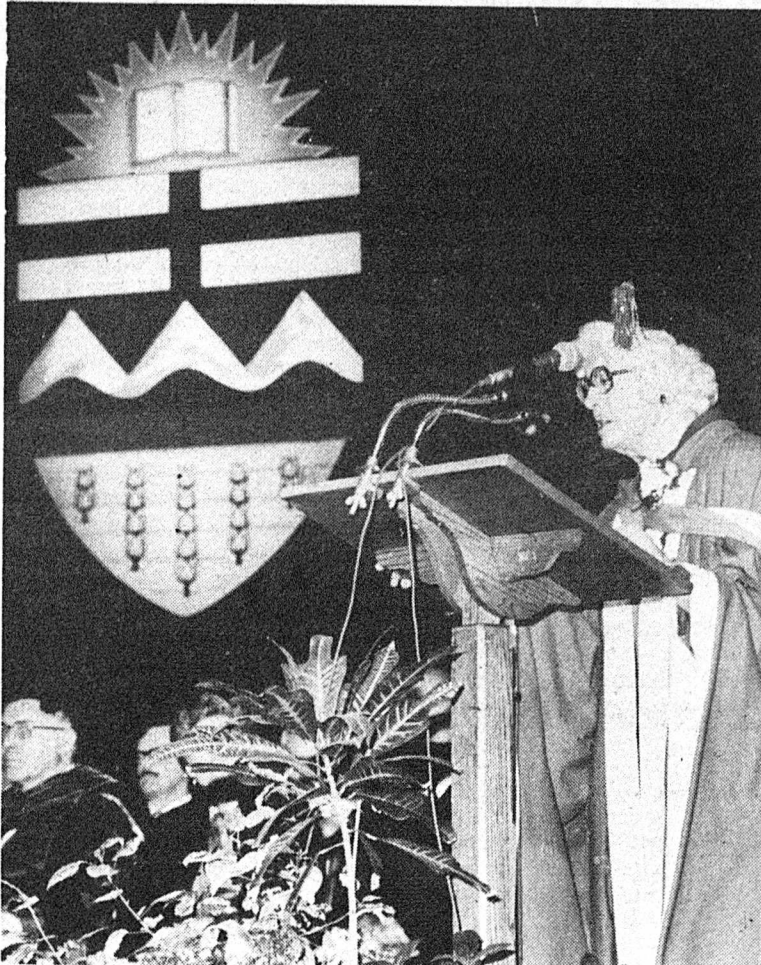
"He lost some of his self-respect," she remarked, "...the temptation to give up the painful struggle was irresistible when backed by financial reward for remaining handicapped."

"Relations seem less friendly now between our races," she continued, "and I think one of the reasons for the developing hostility is that the native, through Social Assistance, is buying so many luxuries that the white taxpayer hesitates to buy for his own family."

"...The money intended to raise the standard of living of native people is building a wall of racial intolerance," she commented.

Dr. Jackson argued against the "reverse discrimination" that allows lenient courts to impose lighter sentences on natives. She maintained that it only serves to promote a stereotype of the Indian as an "irresponsible savage, who knows no better."

"I am not suggesting that the native should go back to living in



**Dr. Percy Jackson at Sat. convocation.**  
Under the glimmer of the Alberta shield, Dr. Jackson delivered the convocation address at Saturday's fall ceremonies and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Photo Stan Mah

a log cabin on moosemeat and bannock. He would be crazy to want to. The old life is gone, but with it went the sense of achievement and personal worth, and also the harsh discipline of life in the bush..." she stated.

Instead of maintaining "the buckskin and feathers culture," Jackson advocated training for natives in jobs which increase

their self-worth, as Bechtel contracting, in Fort McMurray, is presently doing.

"To change the way of life of a whole people from 'hunter-gatherer to stable agricultural and industrial wage economy will take a long time, but it will never happen if we maintain them in a state of dependency, as an inferior people..." she concluded.

## Women let down

WINNIPEG (CUP) - Cut-backs in educational funding keep women academics at the bottom of salary scales and put them last in line for tenure according to the University of Manitoba representative to the western regional meeting of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT).

Lorna Sandler said because so many professors are already tenured, most of them male, women are having a harder time getting and securing tenure as money for salaries decreases.

Dealing with the status of women in western universities, the Oct. 21-23 conference, failed to find a solution to the problem she said. Sandler was pessimistic about a recommendation that university departments give preferential treatment to women applicants.

The conference also asked universities to adopt unisex mortality and actuarial take in calculating pensions.

Present tables differentiate on the basis of sex, and assume women will outlive men resulting in a lower yearly pension for them.

This discriminates against 84 per cent of women on pensions Sandler said because studies prove they don't live longer than men. Those who benefit, she said, are insurance companies

who save money through the arrangement.

CAUT already endorses unisex tables but the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) has refused to support them, Sandler said.

## Science reps

Student representatives of the Faculty of Science met Sunday to discuss the organization of a science students' association.

Such an organization, it was agreed, should recognize both the needs and the diversity of the faculty.

Representatives suggested the association could sponsor such events as clinics on finding science-related employment, lectures by members of each department on writing lab reports and scientific papers, and social activities. It could organize a senior student-run counselling service for junior students.

The students' association would be responsible for electing science representatives to campus bodies, including the Science Faculty Council which only recently granted student representation.

Persons interested in helping to organize a science students' association should contact Jay Sparks at 432-0980.

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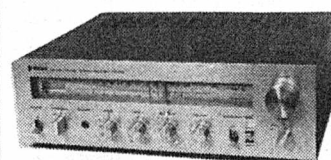
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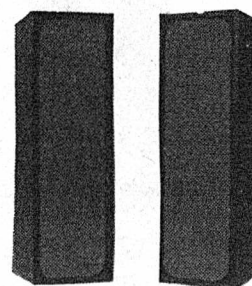
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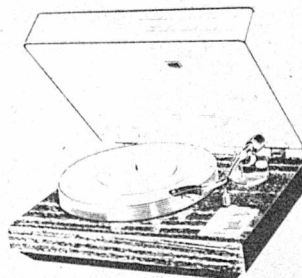
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