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...someone uses your tongue for a coaster.

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NDP seeks public approval

Everyone wants to get a larger slice in the pie.

At least, that's the thought that surfaced at the NDP-hosted Heritage Trust Fund Conference held in SUB this weekend. As it is though, any hands caught slipping into the pot other than those of the government will be slapped.

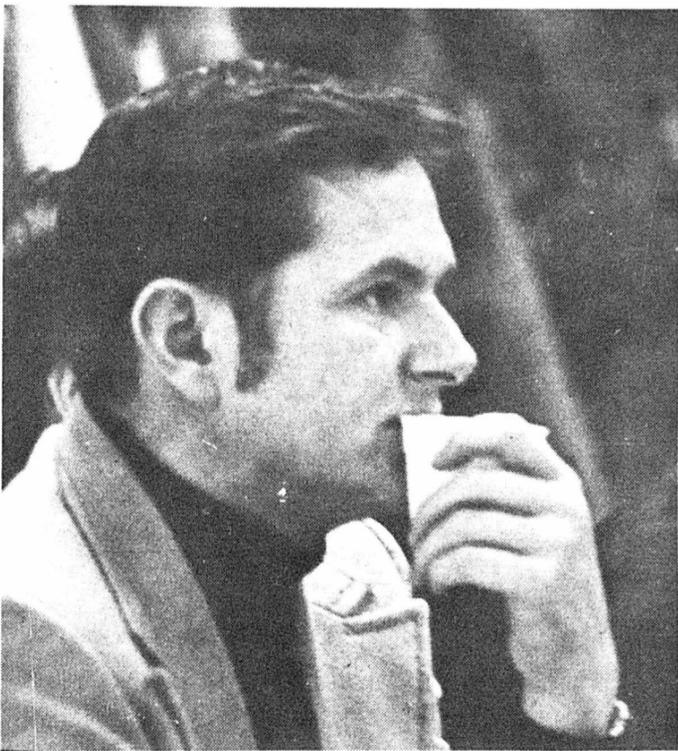
In view of this, NDP leader Grant Notley called for greater public control over allocation of the fund.

The Heritage Trust Fund is a pool of oil and gas revenue which the government has deemed surplus to immediate requirements. As of March 31, 1976, it will amount to \$1.5 billion, one projection predicts will reach \$10 billion within ten years of that date, exclusive of interest.

In order to avoid mismanagement of the fund, Notley suggests two possible tactics. We should insist that before those sixty-nine (Tory) members pass this issue through the legislature, there should be public hearings on the Act. A minimum condition we must try to extract from the government is that the fund must be approved in the legislature."

He added that all the major families in Alberta have called for legislative debate over the Trust fund.

One complaint Notley expressed at the conference concerns the Lougheed government's attitude towards social services and programs. He claims that the premier referred to funding for such programs as "window-dressing" put into the Act to



Grant Notley at SUB last weekend.

"make it look good."

The two day conference stressed the need for making capital expenditures from the fund rather than primarily operational expenditures.

Notley felt that the whole question of surplus revenues should be considered in light of the existing tax base. The squeeze on government-funded institutions, he feels, are in part due to corporate tax cuts, which he claims are "totally irresponsible decisions made in the election to win votes."

"Why put social programs in a straight jacket by levying this 11% ceiling?" he demanded. "Social services and education are being starved for funds."

Proper utilization of the Heritage Trust Fund was seen as a means to alleviate budgeting restrictions. It was suggested that an economic and social planning council should be implemented to give input into the matter before any decisions concerning use of the trust fund be made.

"It's a fight for survival"

by Kim St. Clair

"Essentially and for all intents and purposes we are squatters on this land ... show me justice in this country and I'll kiss your ass in front of the Post Office."

Speaking for the Metis Association of Alberta at a conference held here this weekend, Harry Daniels used these words to outline the dilemma Metis face in Canada today.

Metis are floundering, he claims, to maintain their culture in face of social ostracism and government ineptitude. Furthermore, they are not recognized as having aboriginal rights, and are left "homeless in our own land."

"We have a culture that is unique to this world," he said. "we cannot maintain it under our present situation. It's a fight for survival. Either the Metis people are alcoholic, on welfare, in jail, or transients ... this is what we've been relegated to since our heritage was destroyed."

The root of the problem as he sees it is that the Metis have not been provided land to live on, as treaty Indians have. "Once we have land, we have equity," he stated. "Given these things we could become economically independent and not have to depend on welfare."

Daniels feels there is hope, if the government will be sympathetic to the needs of the Metis, and if the Metis begin attacking the situation step by step. "You can't have poor people who are struggling for survival begin by combatting corporations," he pointed out.

Deaf ears on bureaucratic heads are killing their hopes though, he said. "Last April I sat down with Trudeau and told him just what we needed. He said 'yes, you're right, I'll get back to you in thirty days.' Well, he's a little late now."

The scheme Daniels en-

visages would have the Metis people in ownership of land in the mid - Canada corridor, where most of them live now. Given time, land and co-operation he feels they could begin to rise above their present situation.

The Metis are yet another group hoping to get a piece of the Heritage Trust Fund. "If we can come up with a strong enough economic development scheme," Daniels said, "we could use the Heritage Trust Fund to become an integral part of the mosaic."

Bowl of jello comes to life

HAMILTON (ZNS-CUP) - A Canadian researcher reports that he attached electrodes to a bowl of lime Jello and succeeded in picking up recordings of wave activity similar to that given off by the human brain.

Doctor Adrian Upton of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, says that the portion of Jello involved was about the size of a human brain.

Upton stresses that the lime Jello was not doing any thinking. He says the apparent brain waves from the gelatin dessert resulted from various artificial feeding machines and respirators that were operating next to the Jello, causing it to vibrate.

Upton explains the tests were conducted to show doctors that E.E.G. brain wave readings can be deceptive, particularly on persons in comas who are attached to various artificial life support systems.

Upton did not explain why the lime flavour was used.

'Abnormal' plants disclosed

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) - Residence students at Bishop's University have called for the resignation of their campus security chief after an impromptu search of their rooms, claiming their basic right to privacy has been violated.

While students were away for the Christmas break, University Comptroller, Jean-Luc Gregoire authorized inspection of all residence rooms by security chief Doug McConnell.

An inspection followed, described by Gregoire as merely a "maintenance check," without the knowledge or permission of the students whose rooms were checked.

A report has now been issued consisting of a room by room listing of damages and items considered to be "irregular" or "abnormal" by the inspector.

"Abnormal" items include marijuana plants, signs, posters and other sundries.

McConnell had used a camera during the "inspection" but students say very few of the photographs actually indicate room damage, and the majority are of items suspected to have been stolen.

The resident students have reacted to the inspection with anger but administration believes they acted within the law.

According to Quebec law, Bishop's University is governed by the Hotelkeepers Act, and as such the Administration can conduct room inspections at any time.

A revision of the residence rules, approved December 2, 1975 by Bishop's Principal, Dennis Healy, states that "no one except authorized university personnel (maidens, janitors, etc.) may enter, uninvited, the

room of a student. No one may make a search of a student's room unless accompanied by a police officer bearing the proper warrant."

Ombudsperson Dave Dussault said, "It is evident that the basic rights of every individual have been violated... I'd like to see McConnell's contract with the university terminated because I don't believe he's good for this school."

Money wanted: but where to find it?

by Kevin Gillese

Keep the bucks rolling in. That's the message which the universities of Canada have directed to both federal and provincial government officials.

It began January 15th when the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) presented a brief to Prime Minister Trudeau asking for a two-year extension of the Fiscal Arrangements Act which is slated to expire in March 1977.

The confusion arises with the Fiscal Arrangements Act itself. A complex document, the Act actually concerns a number of cost-sharing arrangements between the federal and provincial governments in Canada.

The part of the Act the AUCC is concerned with provides each province with federal grants equal to 50% of the cost of post-secondary education.

AUCC president Michael Oliver said that the continuation of this part of the Act is the request from the AUCC. "There's always been a certain amount of confusion over the constitutional responsibilities in federal/provincial funding. With the resultant Act, it happens that the federal government is actually paying out a lot of money and not too many people know about it. The money is funnelled through the provincial governments and the result has been a diversification

in provincial post-secondary education and perhaps a certain neglect of national objectives."

Oliver charged that "In the past, university planning has largely been made after financial considerations. We'd like to see that changed." Oliver explained that the extension was necessary in order to pull together the governments and universities involved - "to allow time for the development of a national policy for universities."

In pursuit of that objective, the AUCC formally presented their brief last Thursday to Bert Hohol, Alberta's Minister of advanced education. The presentation was one of ten

made to each of the provincial governments across Canada.

"There hasn't been an awful lot of thought about a country-wide examination of our universities by anyone," Oliver said. "We think there should be." The increased university and government exposure was an initial move on the part of the AUCC, Oliver added, which will hopefully result in university/government conferences to develop a "National Universities Policy".

That change in University policies must be made soon, Oliver felt, but should not be under the deadline of an expira-

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