

Government breaks promise

No pipeline jobs for Natives

OTTAWA (CUP) --- Despite government promises to the contrary, Northern Native people may be prevented from working on the construction of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline.

That is the effect of an agreement signed last year between the Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada and four unions, allowing the unions to restrict recruitment to their hiring halls in Vancouver and

Toronto.

Under the terms of the contract, the four unions, Laborers' International, Teamsters, Pipefitters and Plumbers and Operating Engineers, will have control over all job classifications in the construction phase of the pipeline.

That means the unions would probably hire on the basis of seniority. And 2,000 men are expected to be looking for work on

the completion of the Syncrude Project in 1977, the same time as construction of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline is scheduled to start.

Native people in the north have long been aware that no benefit would accrue to them from the pipeline construction, according to a spokesman in Firth's office. But now, it has become more than ever

apparent that white workers will be flown in when the project begins and out when it ends. They will have no ties to the northern communities. And the settlements will be severely disrupted as a result.

In Alaska, the government had also promised that the pipeline would not be built unless there were provisions for the employment of Native peoples. But the government later reached an agreement with the unions to leave Native people out of the project.

Firth is concerned that the same thing will happen in the Northwest Territories. In response to his question in the House, Buchanan said he was not aware of the Alaska agreement.

The mass importation of outside workers to Alaska has caused ruinous inflation in that state, driving prices of housing and goods to incredible highs. Many local people are finding it difficult to survive, due to the rampant inflation.

In other developments, the Indian Brotherhood of the Northwest Territories says the Canadian government is being pressured into beginning the Mackenzie project early by US interests. The charge follows a strongly-worded speech by Buchanan in Yellowknife February 13, in which he accused the Dene people of stalling on their land claims presentation to the government. Buchanan threatened to cut government funding for the Brotherhood's land claims research. Now, the Indian Brotherhood says the date given them by Buchanan as a deadline closely approximates that which certain US business interests have set as a final decision date on whether the pipeline will be constructed or not.

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next and with more ruthlessness. Whereas the Alberta differential fees will be decided in co-ordination with the various post-secondary administrations, Ontario opted on May 4 for a straight tripling with the only exemptions going to students sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency. According to the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS / FEO) which had registered opposition to the hikes, those students make up a mere 12 percent of visa students in the province.

The reason given for the Ontario hikes by minister of colleges and universities Harry Parrott was "mounting public concern over the extent of taxpayers support for foreign students". The hike won't apply to students in the middle of programs, he said, but once it applies to all international students he estimated a \$6 million yearly saving. OFS challenged those figures charging the ministry had given no explanation for its calculations.

In Manitoba two university administrations didn't bother waiting for any government directives and decided to impose quotas fearing an overflow of internationals because of the Alberta and Ontario decisions.

The University of Brandon has limited international students to 20 percent of the full-time enrolment while the University of Winnipeg set a 200 student limit.

The University of Manitoba, after investigation by a Senate sub-committee, decided to withhold action this year.

The Dalhousie International, a monthly journal of world affairs will be appearing in next week's Dalhousie Gazette.

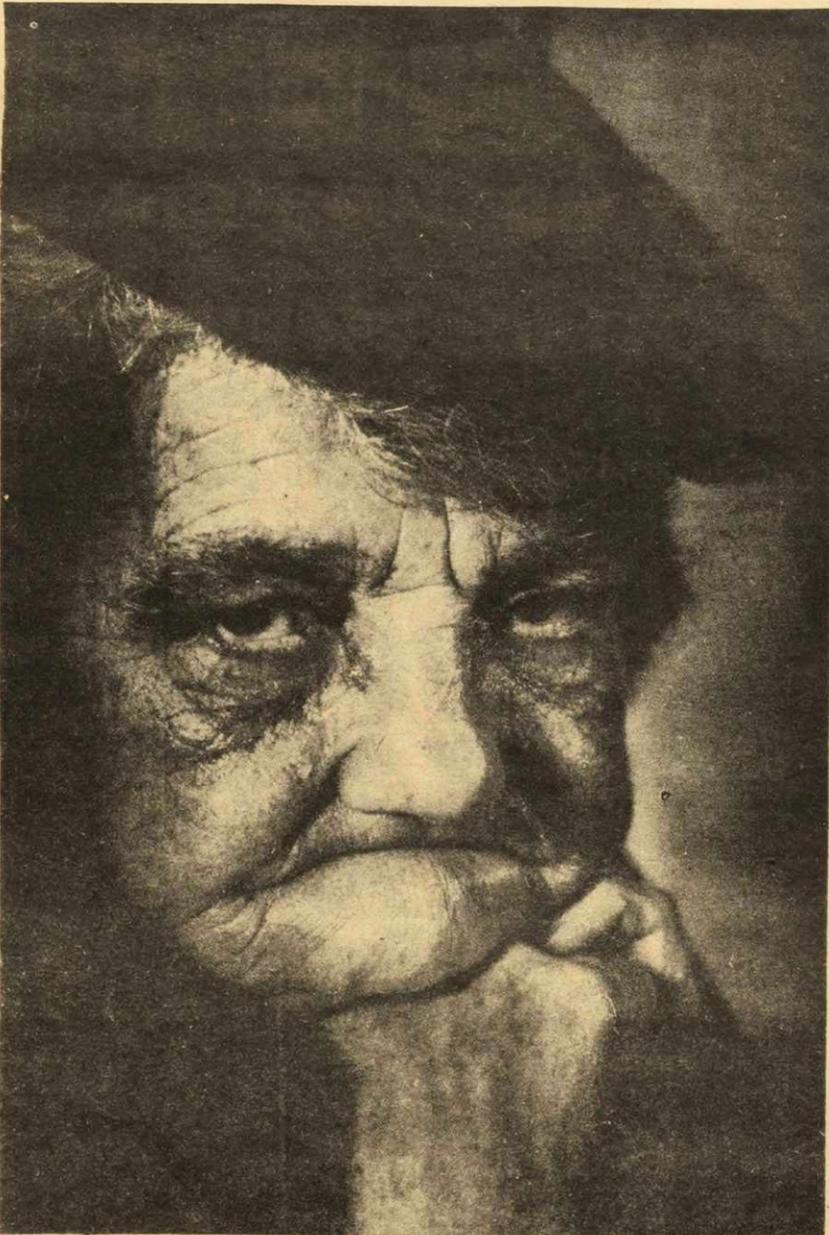
The University of Calgary student union issued a two page policy statement which denounced the differential fees and tuition fees in general. It said the international fee issue is being used to distract attention from educational cut-backs which are the real cause for university's financial plight.

The Edmonton and District Labor Council voted to oppose the fee hike at their mid-June meeting after hearing the head of the University of Alberta's International Student Committee describe the government's policy and the minister responsible for it as racist.

Hohol has told a May meeting of student leaders that international students create a "different visual impact on campus" and blamed these students for their tuition hikes because they "didn't tell Albertans who they were and what they were doing here."

The International Students Organization at the University of Manitoba opposed differential fees and quota while the student union decried higher fees but broke the ranks to suggest a quota system "the better of two undesirable alternatives."

While student opposition is expected to mount in the fall the immediate outlook looks gloomy and the future not much better with dangerous precedents having been set.



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