# Alberta: a traditionally anti-labor province

By DENNIS ZOMERSCHOE

Alberta government, business and industry took it on the chin in SUB theatre Tuesday noon.

A four-man panel discussed and,

with the exception of a provincial department of labor official, Don Gardner, expressed deep dissatis-faction with the labor scene in the

Besides Mr. Gardner, Prof. Doug Muir of Commerce, John McNivin,

executive president of the Alberta Federation of Labor, and Roger Ten Trey, former ETS employee, participated in the forum titled "Alberta: Anti-Labor Province?"

Prof. Muir offered the most concrete analysis of labor in stating that "management is more anti-labor in this province than in any other. Management in this province has not been exposed to or-ganized labor."

Mr. Muir outlined a number of factors responsible for this attitude:

• the large rural population of this province has traditionally been anti-union because of its individualistic ideology, which is, to some extent, mirrored in the cities as most businessmen have first and second generation rural roots

• therefore labor organizing rights are guaranteed but in practice, organization has rather an aura of conspiracy about it.

This is necessitated by the hos-tile attitude of Alberta industry and business towards labor, which is reflected by the fact that only 19 per cent of industrial workers are organized in the trade union movement.

John McNivin levelled a series of charges against business and government in general. He said union certification applications in the courts as a matter of policy with the tacit approval of the government.

The courts are abused with the issuing of mass injunctions against strikers as soon as they adversely

affect industry's profits, he said. Mr. McNivin also charged the labor legislation has been twisted by management and is working against labor when it should be protecting it. He concluded that "the attitude in this province has to be "anti-union."

Roger Ten Trey read out a state-ment against U.S. and Canadian imperialism; he also criticized John McNivin's activity in the B.C. electrical workers' strike, saying that he "collaborated with a fascist imperialist union from the U.S." in an attempt to end the strike. An avowed Marxist-Leninist-Maoist, Mr. Ten Trey's line of thought ran along the central theme of den-nouncing "collaborators of U.S. imperialism."

Mr. Ten Trey has been picketing city hall, because he claims his dismissal from the ETS was based

on political grounds.

Mr. Gardner took a more moderate view of the labor scene in

Alberta.
"I don't believe the policy of the legislators has been developed on the basis that the government is anti-labor. Special aspects make organization difficult on the prairies due to the agricultural nature of the economy. Our oil industry is isolated and highly mobile, which also tends to complicate organization. The government arranges periodic conferences with labor to discuss various problems.

About 40 students attended the

#### **Protests spoof** Hayakawa award

NEW YORK (CUP)-About 200 demonstrators quietly protested The Council of Churches of the City of New York "Family of Man" awards dinner Monday, as the council honored U.S. President Nixon and San Francisco State College Administration President S. I. Hayakawa.

"counter-banquet" of bread and wine, planned by the "Peace Meal Committee" and sponsored by 12 anti-war groups, was held in the street outside The New York Hilton, while the awards were presented inside.

The protestors announced their own "family of man" awards for black militant leader James Forman and James E. Groppi, a civil rights leader now serving a sixmonth sentence in a Milwaukee prison.

Organizer John E. Shuh said the council's awards to Nixon and Hayakawa were the "baptism of oppression," and "a cheap publicity stunt."

Inside, Hayakawa told guests at the \$150-a-plate presentation din-ner he felt he was "acting in de-fense of academic freedom" when he took over at SF State.

Last year, Hayakawa called police and national guards on cam-pus to break a strike by students and faculty demanding black studies courses and an investigation of alleged racism on campus

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STUDENT INTEREST IN LABOR amounted to a maximum of 40 souls at a panel in SUB Tuesday convened to discuss Alberta's labor and union situation. Above, the panelists almost outnumber the listeners.

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STAFF THIS ISSUE—As the staffers crawled out after a grueling night at the presses, another bruised issue sprouted forth. Slinking along with the tide were Al (nothing) Yackiluc, Ginny (hard-pressed) Baxter, Ellen (down and out) Nygaard, Beth (back again) Nilsen, Sid (Caesar) Stephens, Bob (goal-post) Anderson, Dot (annihilated) Constable, a visitor from SU reading Playboy, and yours truly Harvey (in favor of) Thomgirt.

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Difficulty in deciding what constitutes doing the job well enough to warrant its inclusion in

Formerly the positions to be in-

cluded were decided only after lengthy GFC debate. If a student

lasted out the year in his position,

his activities were noted on his

was all right, said Dean Pilking-

ton.

The committee also accepted a

recommendation that they attempt

ment in non-social events during registration. This would require a change in form of registration

COSA's sub-committee on regis-

tration week, said that although

dances and other social functions

'The ceremony is designed to

introduce a note of sobriety into the week of fun and games," said

Major Hooper, Dean of Men.

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The Committee on Student Affairs passed a recommendation Tuesday that the General Faculty Council discontinue recording extra-curricular activities on students' transcripts.

Although it was recommended that the students' union "investigate and develop their own listing," the transcript itself should be maintained as "an academic document reflecting the student's academic performance.

The students' union voted Monday night to support the recommendation to delete extra-cur-

ricular activities from transcripts. "This would be a very difficult burden to place on the students' union with its personnel changing every year," said Associate Dean of Education, Wilfred Pilkington. He agreed, however, that transcripts should be preserved for

"I have looked at thousands of (transcripts from other universities) and I have never seen extra-curricular activities recorded on them," he said.

tinuance of the practice were:

were attended to the point of fire hazards, non-social The main points against the confunctions such as orientation seminars were poorly attended.
Included in the recommendations • The growing number of stuwas the retention of the admission ceremonies. C.B.C. BARBERS "It seems to add a form of dignity to registration week which might otherwise be missing," said

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