

# NUS lukewarm to federal proposals

OTTAWA (CUP) - The federal government's recent announcement of its employment strategy for 1977 includes job creation programs designed to give a few more students work next summer. Student representatives have given a lukewarm welcome to the proposals which they say show government response to last summer's lobbying efforts to increase student summer employment.

But the National Union of Students notes that funding for the new job programs is much less than it was in 1971 when unemployment was lower. NUS says it will continue to "do all it can to see that every student who needs work in 1977 will get it."

The five-year employment strategy was announced by minister of manpower and immigration Jack Cullen as a program designed "to help fill the employment gap over the next several years". It will not put Canada's 750,000 unemployed back to work next year or relieve the glut on the student employment market next summer.

"It must not be a strategy of major monetary or fiscal stimulation, vast programs of public construction or public service expansion, or major tax cuts ... Our basic aim is to reduce unemployment progressively over

the next five years," said Cullen in emphasizing the government's policy of extensive cutbacks in public expenditures.

Cullen's proposals for both the permanent and student job market call for low wages and jobs of short duration.

The new Canada Works program will create 61,000 jobs in high unemployment areas for not more than 12 months, with wages based on the provincial minimum.

The "Young Canada Works" program will employ 21,000 students next summer for periods up to 14 weeks in community organizations, with wages "generally...kept down to the minimum provincial wage levels."

An undetermined number of jobs are supposed to come from federal departments and agencies who will be "invited to set up projects...which will carry out activities that relate to a responsibility of the sponsoring department" under the "summer Job Corps" on which the government will spend \$10 million.

The Student Summer Employment and Activities Program (SSEAP) - the budget of which was slashed from \$60 million to \$24 million with the cancellation of the Opportunities for Youth and related programs resulting in

40,000 less jobs this year - will be continued at a cost of \$25 million, the minister said.

The government also plans to increase the funding and the number of on-campus Canada Manpower Centres, which placed 158,000 students out of 502,000 registered last July, according to former manpower minister Robert Andras.

Additional plans include "cooperative education" programs based on a work-study ratio, and "Job Experience Training" for chronically unemployable secondary school students.

The National Union of Students finds it "gratifying that students' work and pressure over the past summer to make the government aware once again of the student summer employment. The organization also protested Andras' cancellation of the OFY and LIP programs and a special survey used in past years to determine the amount of student unemployment.

O'Connor was highly critical of the Young Canada Works pro-

gram, which he said lacked the advantage of OFY which under federal control usually approved projects submitted by the most needy students.

Because the new program is to be administered through existing community agencies, "there is no guarantee jobs will go to those who need them most," he said.

In welcoming the government's decision to make student employment its "number two priority", O'Connor nevertheless noted that the federal proposals fell far short of reducing student unemployment estimated as high as 25 percent last summer.

He noted that the Canada Works and Young Canada Works programs were funded an approximate total of \$250 million, greatly reduced from the \$578 million accorded the Canada Works program in 1971 when unemployment was much lower.

O'Connor said he was "suspicious of the government's sincerity to reduce unemployment" because they have already indicated how many jobs will be

forthcoming next summer despite their own prior acknowledgement that job needs could not be determined until midwinter.

The national union has written Cullen recently in attempts to meet with the minister over the type of new jobs proposed and the number of jobs available.

At the recent NUS fall conference delegates agreed to make student employment the organization's top priority in the near future.

O'Connor's harshest criticism was directed at the small increase in employment the new job programs would provide under the government funding cutbacks.

He said the government was "obviously sacrificing the human dignity of employment for all Canadians to their questionable economic policies and fiscal priorities.

"While some may think half a loaf is better than none, NUS is going to do all it can to see that every student who needs work in 1977 has it," said O'Connor.

## Cancer expert to speak

Norman Farnsworth, one of the world's foremost researchers into cancer treating drugs, will speak at both campuses of the University of New Brunswick this month.

Farnsworth will conduct a seminar in Fredericton on Thursday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 303 of F.J. Tickle Hall. The seminar is titled, "Approaches to the Discovery of New Drugs From Higher Plants." The Fredericton session, open to the public, will be chaired by John Findlay, professor of chemistry at UNB Fredericton.

The following evening in Saint John, the noted researcher will deliver the main lecture, "The Search for New Drug Plants in the Amazon Jungle." It will be open to the public also, and will be held in Ganong Hall lecture theatre at UNBSJ at 8:30 p.m.

Farnsworth is currently head of the department of pharmacognosy (the science dealing with the sources, physical characteristics, and doses of drugs) and the pharmacology at the University of Illinois. He is past president of the American Society of Pharmacology, and is one of the world's top

authorities on drugs from the periwinkle plant.

Among the numerous drugs extracted from the periwinkle plants are some that have been effective in the treatment of forms

of cancer including childhood leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, and breast cancer.

Farnsworth's visit to UNB is being sponsored by the Senate visiting lecturer's committee.

## Canadian identity series

S.D. Clark will open a series of guest lectures at Saint Thomas University in the Edmund Casey Hall auditorium at 12:30 p.m. with a lecture entitled, "The Issue of Canadian Identity."

Born in Lloydminster, Alberta in 1910, Clark received his BA in honours history and political science from the University of Saskatchewan in 1930. He also holds MA's in history (Saskatchewan) and sociology (McGill). In 1938 he received his doctorate from the University of Toronto.

A member of faculty at the University of Toronto from 1938 to 1976, Clark is presently visiting professor at the University of Guelph. He also served as visiting

professor at the University of California, Dartmouth College, and the University of Sussex, England.

Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1953, Clark served as President of the Society between 1975 and 1976. He served as President of the Canadian Political Science Association and, earlier this year, was elected Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Clark's publications include *The Social Development of Canada* (1942), *Movements of Political Protest in Canada* (1959), *The Developing Canadian Community* (1963 and 1968), and *The Canadian Society and the Issue of Multiculturalism* (1976).

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## Viscosity seminar

Self diffusion, intra- and inter-diffusion and viscosity of liquids will be the topic of a seminar lead by professor F.A.L. Dullien today at 3:45 p.m. in room D33 of Head Hall.

Dullien is head of the chemical engineering department of the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.

All interested persons are welcome.