

institutions, school boards, other public bodies performing a function of government in the province, and those receiving substantial public funding such as universities, hospitals and nursing homes. All collective agreements and other compensation arrangements in the provincial public sector will be subject to the review and monitoring procedures of the federal Anti-Inflation Board.

Similar to the agreements signed with other provinces, this one applies for some 18 months, effective October 14, 1975.

Graduation from school — and prison

Prisoners in the Matsqui and British Columbia Penitentiary are one step closer to the possibility of obtaining a university degree while behind bars.

Since January, 15 prisoners in the two institutions have been enrolled in two third-year sociology courses offered through the University of Victoria, B.C. (UVic) and sponsored by the Federal Government.

This is a new program offering senior courses, initiated at the request of inmates who for four years have been offered courses in first and second years.

The inmates felt they were in a dead-end program that stopped halfway to a degree. Some of them have taken close to 40 units of lower level courses.

"This new program will enable a limited number of long-term prisoners to take some third-year courses before they are released," explained Dr. Douglas Ayers (Education), UVic coordinator of the program.

He said it was expected that most prisoners now taking courses in first and second years who wished to continue, would do so by completing third and fourth year courses on a campus.

"We already have a number who are attending courses on campus after being paroled or finishing their sentences," he said.

The Correctional Education Program in Federal Penitentiaries originated with Ayers and Dr. T.A.A. Parlett through a Donner Canadian Foundation grant in November 1971.

For the past four years prisoners have been offered courses in first and second years, mainly in the humanities and social sciences. About 75 prisoners are enrolled in this program this year through UVic.

Ayers said that of the 15 who are now enrolled in third-year courses "a high proportion will finish their degree if they are not paroled or released".

Courses offered at institutions are regular university courses, supervised by UVic departments. "The prisoners don't want any easy courses," said Dr. Ayers.

News briefs

■ Canada's Foreign Investment Review Act is being administered "equitably and efficiently" in the eyes of foreign investors, says the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York. The act, now in force for two years, has made the process of investing in Canada less routine than before but with "no discernible cooling of investor interests", Chase economists wrote in an issue of *International Finance*.

■ The Native Council of Canada, representing some 750,000 non-status Indians and Métis, has told the Government it would not ask its people to abide by the proposed new gun laws unless changes were made. Native people have an aboriginal right to make a living from hunting, fishing and trapping, and the gun is the tool of their trade, says the Council.

■ Effective April 1, Canadian passports now cost \$12, an increase of \$2. The passport fee was last increased in January 1969. Since that date, demand has increased by over 40 per cent and seven regional passport offices have been opened across Canada.

■ Canadian National Railways has increased the number of passenger trains between Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto and has also increased service in

southwestern Ontario.

■ Preliminary statistics for February show that 1.4 million United States visitors entered Canada, down 0.2 per cent from the February 1975 figure. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 2.0 million, an increase of 17.1 per cent over those of last year. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased 2.6 per cent to 35,900 while Canadian travellers returning from countries other than the U.S. rose 17.7 per cent to 144,600.

■ New bail procedures for accused murderers and drug traffickers become law on April 26, federal Justice Minister Ron Basford announced. Those charged with murder or trafficking have to show a judge why they should be released on bail. The act also covers rape trial procedures and the "laundering" of the proceeds of organized crime.

■ The Consumers' Association of Canada announced it was starting a class-action suit on behalf of Canadian subscribers to *Time* magazine. The Association says subscribers were "short-changed" after publication of *Time Canada* ceased March 1.

■ A draft code of ethics that would specify guidelines for safeguarding the freedom of the press in Canada was presented to a committee of the Canadian Daily Newspaper Publishers Association on April 26 by a committee of the publishers' association headed by editor-in-chief of *The Toronto Star*, Martin Goodman.

■ Imperial Oil Ltd plans to spend more than \$300 million in 1976 for the exploration, production and development of new energy resources, says D.K. McIvor, executive vice-president, at the recent annual meeting.

■ The Canadian Wheat Board announced on April 27 the sale of two million tons of wheat to the Soviet Union. The contract includes an option for shipment to Cuba of part of the quantity, either in the form of wheat or flour or both.

■ National Hockey League Stanley Cup quarter-final results (best-of-seven): New York Islanders eliminated Buffalo 4-2, Philadelphia beat Toronto 4-3, and Boston won over Los Angeles 4-3. In the first game of the best-of-seven semi-finals, April 27, Montreal beat New York Islanders 3-2 and Boston beat Philadelphia 4-2.

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