

'Overfishing work of Canadian-based boats'

OTTAWA (CUP) - A \$1,432,000 Department of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE) 'incentive offer' to Canso Seafoods Ltd. of Canso, Nova Scotia, may result in a depletion of already-low fish supplies.

The grant was billed as another incentive to help create 275 jobs in Nova Scotia. The 'incentive' will cover 35 percent of the approved capital costs of \$1,500,000 plus \$3,300 for each job 'created'. The purpose of the grant is to aid in the construction of new fish processing facilities at Canso.

Canso is the site of a discarded Acadia Fisheries plant. Acadia was one object of the bitter strike by the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (UFAWU) during 1970. Negotiations finally took place in October 1970 but the fishermen were un-

able to be represented by the union of their choice. Provincial law of the time would not allow it.

In March of 1971, just before the Nova Scotia government passed legislation allowing fishermen to organize into unions, the Canadian Food and Allied Workers Union (CFAWU) - the Canadian branch of the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butchermen of America - started raiding on UFAWU locals to the joy of the companies and with the tacit approval of the Canadian Labor Congress (CLC). The Nova Scotia government sided with the CFAWU and refused to recognize open votes conducted that showed the fisherman wanted the UFAWU as their union.

Acadia is owned by a British multi-million dollar consortium. It received a \$9,000,000 loan

from the provincial government to build the plant at Canso. At the time of the strike, not one penny had been paid back on the principle and the interest had not been paid for many years. It is not known whether the government recovered any part of the loan before Acadia pulled out of Canso.

According to local fishermen, there is a serious danger that there will be no fish for the plant to process. If the present plant were to depend only on normal fishing operations, it would be open for just three days a week. Herring fishing has kept the plant open on a regular basis.

There are 100 people employed in the present plant, compared to the 300 employed by Acadia during its heyday.

Fishermen say unless the federal Fisheries Department steps

in soon, there will be no herring left. No herring has been caught this week as all the possible catches were under the 4-and-one-half minimum length. The over-fishing is the work of Canadian-based boats.

'It seems like environment minister Davis is closing his eyes to the situation,' charges Edison Lumsden, a Canso area fisherman, but has not received any replies.

If the herring is fished out,

then the in-shore fishing, the main livelihood of the local fishermen, will come to a virtual standstill. This is because cod follow herring into shore, and if there is no herring, there is no cod.

Even now, fishermen have to go out seven to 25 miles to catch fish compared to six to seven miles in the past. As the herring become scarcer, the cod will move further away.

Africa night 1973 Feb. 10

Africa night 1973 comes up this Saturday the 10th of February in the SUB ballroom starting at 8:30 p.m. From the indication of things this promises to be one of the most interesting programs of this term.

Those who attended last year will recollect how interesting and varied the program was and organizers of this year's night promise an even better night.

A hint of part of what the night will consist of should be enough to give an indication of what one would be missing by

not being present: Dances, sketches, film, and 'home cooking', and a few items that have to be seen to be appreciated.

An attempt has been made to portray more of traditional shows and the cultural aspects of the continent. Africa being the largest continent - area-wise, has a diverse cultural heritage, and as many of the different aspects as possible have been portrayed.

So, see you on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the SUB ballroom. Don't even be late, or you may miss a part of one of your cultural 'experiences'.

England flu yet to hit NB

FREDERICTON - There is no evidence of England influenza in New Brunswick yet, Health Minister Lawrence Garvie said.

While influenza and other flu-like respiratory diseases are prevalent at this time of year, there has been no indication of any epidemic in the province. It can be expected that any major out-break in Eastern Canada or New England States would also be felt in New Brunswick.

The "England" strain of virus has been reported as causing few complications in previously healthy persons, but like any other influenza virus, serious complications including death do occur in elderly people, and in others who suffer from chronic or debilitating chest diseases.

The new "England" strain of influenza virus is a recent mutator. It is beginning to supersede the Hong Kong strain which has been responsible for the majority of influenza cases around the world during the past several

years. The two strains produce symptoms which are clinically very similar in nature and severity.

Specific vaccine to provide specific protection against this new virus is being produced at the Institute of Microbiology of the University of Montreal and is expected to be available in the province in the next four weeks.

Evidence available from limited studies by Health Department officials indicate that approximately two-thirds of the people vaccinated with Hong Kong strain influenza vaccine possess significant protection against the England strain.

Only a few cases of influenza attributable to the England strain virus have been identified in Canada. Several outbreaks have been reported in the United States as well as other parts of the world.

The Provincial Department of Health and district medical health officers are keeping a close watch on the situation.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16 the playhouse

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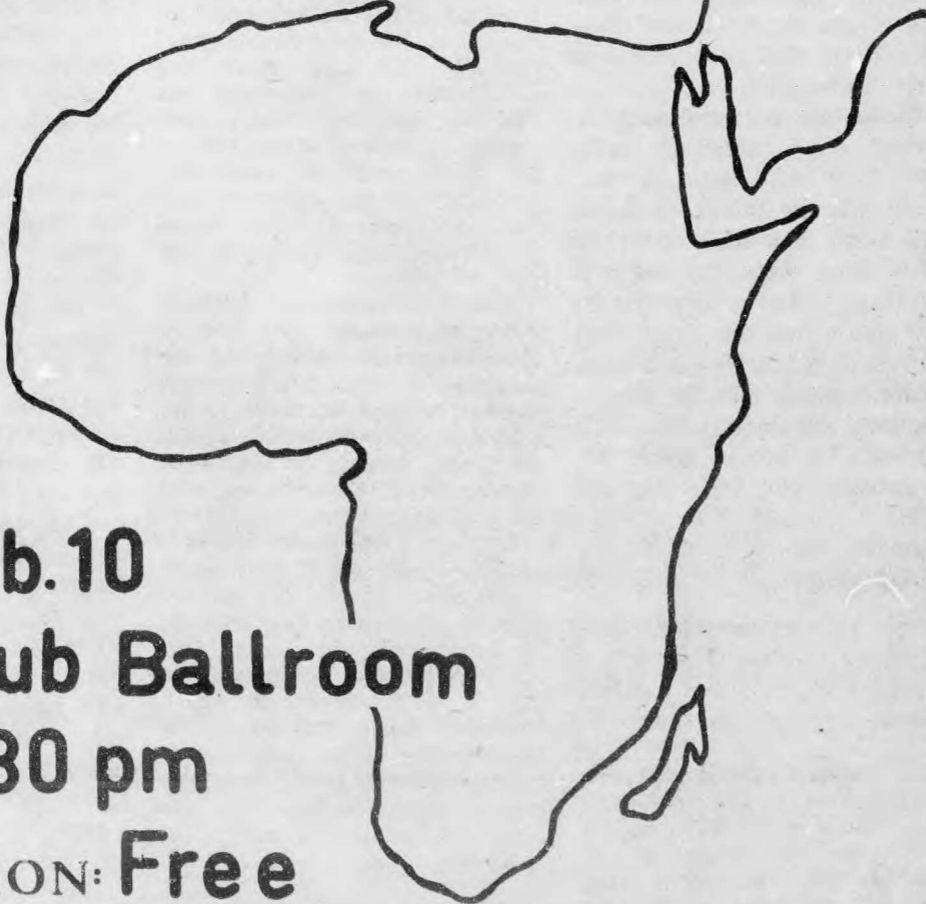
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