

Scab, or legitimate work force?

Student labour creates problems for unions

By IAN MULGREW
The Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway and Transportation Workers want to eliminate casual labour because it is undermining the unions, charged their union spokesmen last week.

A postal union spokesman said that casual labour is being used

too frequently and is 'reducing union strength'.

Casual labour is a transient work force which is used by companies to handle jobs which do not require or necessitate the hiring of full time employees. The majority of casual workers at the post office and Canadian National Railways in Toronto, are students.

Labour Relations officer for CN Jack Gilman said that the union wants to make any part-time casual worker a member of the union regardless of how long the worker is employed by the company. This means that if any student previously hired by CN were re-hired, they would become members of the union, receive full benefits and union wages.

Gilman said that there are no casual workers currently employed by CN.

The postal union has proposed a contract with the federal government to eliminate most casual workers. The success of the agreement will set a precedent for CN's proposals to also eliminate casual workers in January.

Both spokesmen agreed that

students will feel most of the impact.

CYSF president Dale Ritch feels that the companies are using casual labour to undermine union strength and to cut across paying union rates and fringe benefits. "I think they are trying to create an exploitable work force and undermine the unions," said Ritch, last week.

However, Ritch felt that all the students in the union should be protected and have full rights.

Desired quota

CALGARY (CUP) - A presidential task force has been set up here to determine the desired percentage of non-Canadians attending the University of Calgary.

Established by the Board of Governors, the task force will determine the percentage and propose enrolment procedures "to cause such desired objectives to be met at the earliest practical date."

The task force, chaired by Academic V.P. William Stewart, will include representatives of faculty, administration, senators and students.

The task force has been asked to "address itself principally to those students who are registered at U. of C. on student visas and who are not Canadian citizens."

Quang still in Montreal

OTTAWA (CUP) - Former South Vietnamese General Dang Van Quang is still in Canada, despite his deportation order four months ago.

Immigration Minister Robert Andras said that he does not expect to make a final decision on the general's expulsion for a few months yet.

The problem is that Canada is having a hard time finding a country to send him to. After Quang arrived in Canada following the fall of South Vietnam, an investigation proved him guilty of "nefarious activities" related to the drug trade in Vietnam, and the deportation was ordered on July 7.

Andras told the House of Commons that the US had refused to allow Quang to enter as a refugee, an immigrant, or as a special case.

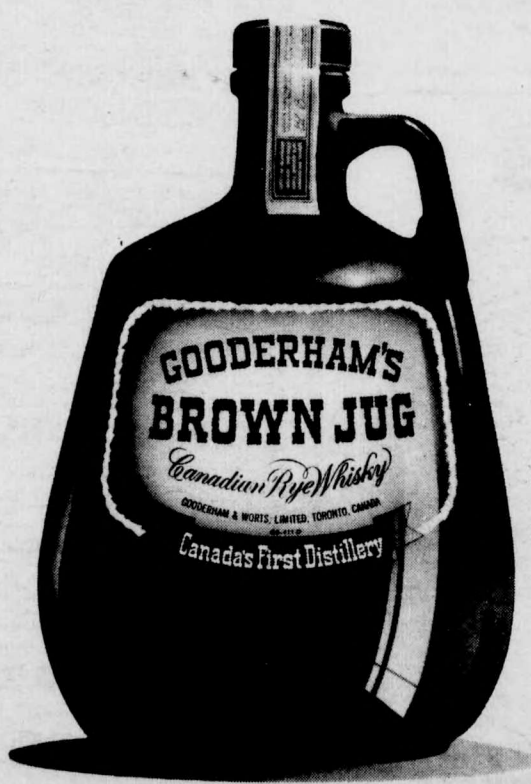
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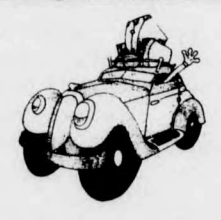
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