

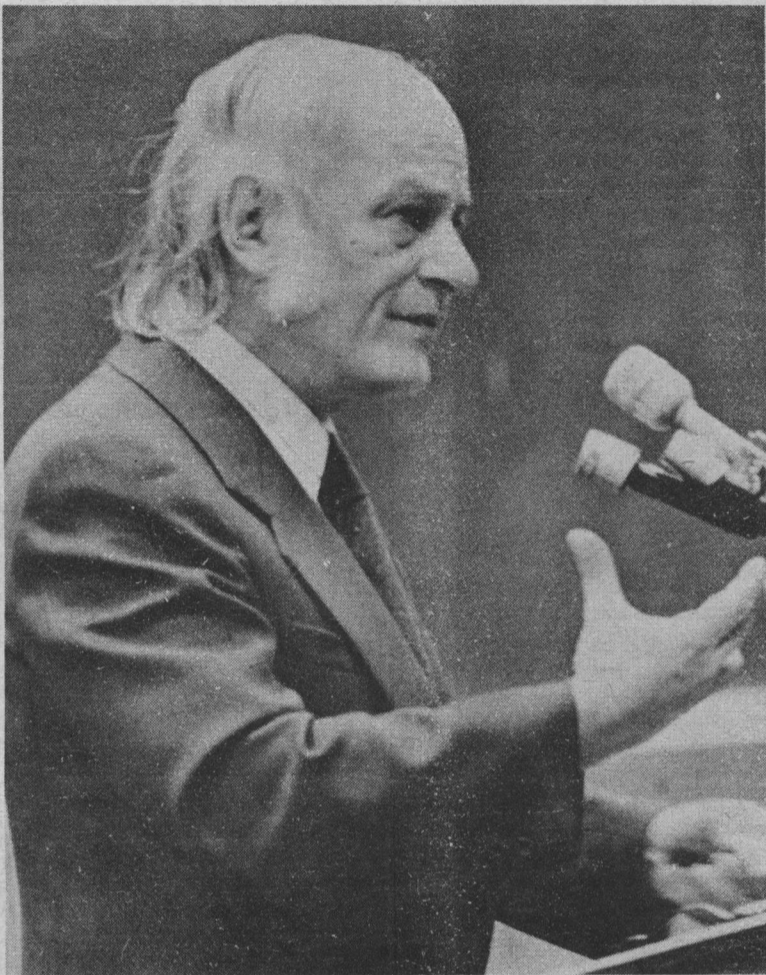
Ain't nobody meanah,
ain't nobody cleanah...

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than mah main man
- The Cat

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Rene Levesque.

photo by Greg Neiman

Levesque support grows

by Greg Neiman

The Bourassa government in Quebec, now implicated as party to "Harbourgate", may topple before the separatists in the next election, although it enjoys a great majority in its legislature at present.

Rene Levesque, leader of the Parti Quebecois, says popular support for him and his party has grown rapidly in past years.

"The present government is breaking up," he said at a public lecture Tuesday night. "this government happens to be the last rampart not just for the Liberal Party, but for the federal system in Quebec. The only thing facing the government is us, and now we're growing like mad."

"It's possible that maybe next time, if we don't win, we will be very close."

Should the Parti Quebecois gain a majority in the next election, Levesque says his party would try to establish a strong provincial government first, and move towards an official separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada by a referendum.

If the majority of people

vote against separation from confederation, Quebec will stay in, he said, and his administration would continue as the provincial government.

This precludes, though, that such a referendum should fail.

"Do you know of any place in the world," asked Levesque, where, in a modern society, 80% of the population is run by a 20% minority group that holds 80% of the middle and high management decision-making positions?"

This situation which exists in Quebec, Levesque sees as clearly oppressive.

"We are still officially a colony."

The majority of people, he said, are now incapable of tolerating the situation, and are willing to support him in a move to at least provide democratic equality with English Quebec.

"The richest per capita group in Canada is the English speaking minority, and this is very typical of colony situations."

As well, the more clearly this dichotomy is presented, the more clearly the majority of people wish to see it rectified, as evidenced by Levesque's

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Faculty Council row over athletics control

Regina (CUP) A battle is brewing over the priorities and control of the athletic program on the University of Regina campus.

The opening shot was a proposal to disband the athletic council in favour of a program run entirely by the Physical Education faculty. In response, Student Union President Jim

Gray plans a survey to determine students' priorities and interests.

The Student Union and the Physical Education Department run the present athletics program jointly. But in the working paper presented to the student council and the university's Vice-President on Feb. 18, 1975, Physical Education Neil Sherlock recommended a Phys. Ed. Departmental Council to control both intramural and intervarsity sports.

The budget last year allotted \$18,000 for intervarsity and \$7,000 for intramurals. But after the budget was approved by the Student Union, \$2,600 was left unspent by the intramurals and channeled into intervarsity budgets. The university also handed out a \$2,900 grant to cover other over expenditures in intervarsity sports.

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Hassle over Day Care improvements

CALGARY (CUP) The possible raising of Alberta daycare standards has provoked dissent from private operators here.

The present provincial requirement, now under review, is one staff member for every 20 children at the five-year age level. Calgary daycare consultant Eric Hefenden, said "Alberta standards are the worst in Canada," and expects the ratio will be raised with new legislation.

The national standard is one to twelve while the city suggests that one to 15 is an adequate requirement.

"We're not opposed to change," said Caroline Kiehalbauch, president of the Calgarian private operator group. "But we are opposed to a raise in standards that would drive us out of business."

Kiehalbauch rejects government subsidy of daycare

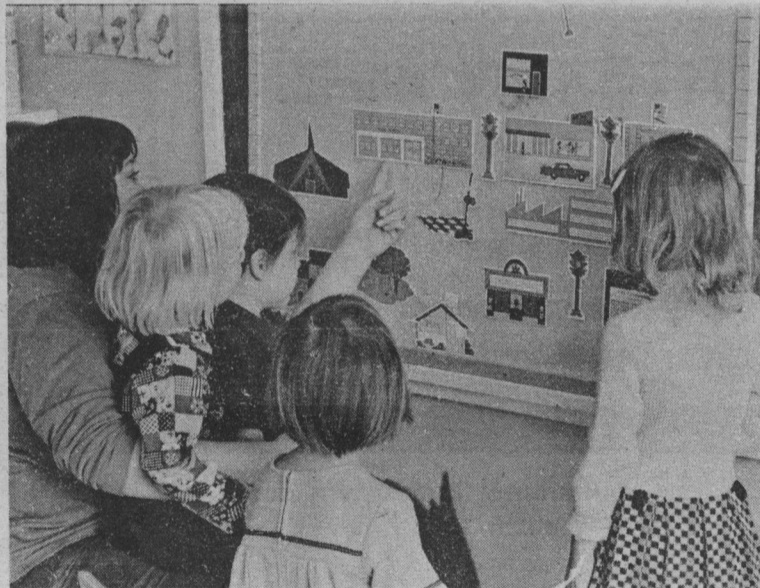
centres suggesting it is inconsistent with free enterprise.

"Subsidize the parents," she said.

Robert Franken, chairman of the University of Calgary Daycare Committee, said that a group of private operators have urged parents to oppose raising provincial standards by writing their Members of Legislative Assembly and other government officials.

Franken said the private operators have labelled city-run daycare centres "cadillac subsidy" to play on the fears of parents.

Pointing to a large child-staff ratio as being detrimental to a child's development, Franken said that understaffed centres end up controlling the children rather than educating them. He stressed that children must have attention, the lack of which places them in "dehumanized experience."



Next week is Day Care Week in Edmonton, and the HUB Day Care Centre wishes to invite all interested persons to its open house happening Tuesday, March 11. Come in and see how the Centre operates, talk about its problems, and even suggest improvements, or just come in to see what's there. Hours are from 9:30 - 11:00 and from 2:00 - 5:30.

SU donates Meditation room for U function

by Bob Blair

The Department of Extension will be sponsoring a Spring Session for Senior Citizens, and the Students' Union will be donating the Meditation Room in SUB to the department for the duration of the program, at no charge.

Cathy Buebell of the Department of Extension, at last Monday's Students' Council meeting gave a representation explaining the program and asking council to waive the normal \$65 per day fee on the Meditation Room to allow it to be used as a drop-in centre.

She explained that even though courses at this university are free to residents of Alberta who are 65 years of age or older, there are only nine in-

dividuals in this age group currently enrolled. So the provincial department of advanced education through the university department of extension will be spending \$20,000 to sponsor a program during the Spring term to orient senior citizens to university life and to allow them to become acquainted with the facilities and programs available here.

Ms. Buebell said that the organizers wanted a drop-in centre for the people participating in the program. She said that this centre would be manned by a resource person who would answer any questions the participants may have and that the centre would be a place where the senior

citizens might relax and have coffee.

She said that the centre should be centrally located. A limited number of rooms in the Lister Complex have been provided for out of town participants; so the centre should be close to Lister Hall. A room elsewhere on campus, possibly in CAB, could be obtained, but it would just be that much farther to go.

On the other hand, a room in Lister Hall itself would be inappropriate for the centre since that would be too far from where the program is taking place.

Councillors queried Buebell on how much the university itself was contributing to the program and how many

senior citizens would be participating in it. She replied that the university is contributing no money except that some instructors are donating their time.

There were ten applicants as of last Thursday, but the deadline for applications is still some time in the future and Buebell could offer no estimate on the number of participants.

Ms. Buebell said that the program is operating on a very tight budget as a result of the department of advanced education not knowing how many people may be expected to enroll, and asked the council to waive the normal \$65 per day charge for the use of the Meditation Room. She offered, on behalf of the department of

extension, to pay a \$25 per day maintenance fee.

Finance and administration vice-president, Jack Redekop led the attack against the proposal to waive normal fees. He said that it is the responsibility of the university to help finance programs like this and that the SU could not afford to forego any income it may be able to obtain from the Meditation Room "especially in its present financial situation."

Initially, debate by councillors went for waiving the usual fee, but the tide turned when Dent, rep, Blair Bennet pointed out, "We're not talking about just an outside group but potential students." Another councillor pointed out that the

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