

"THE NIGHT BEFORE THURSDAY"

MAC!

Twas the night before Thursday  
and all thru the Bruns  
all the staffers were scurrying  
and most of all, Buns.

(she being our editor you see who we refer to  
by that cute little nickname that none of us can  
remember who thought up . . . say that five times  
fast and you'll be out of breath)

The ads were laid out (sorry Jean-Louis)  
on the pages with great care  
for clearly without them  
the paper would be bare.

(you see we've been having some staff problems  
an all, boiling down to the fact that no one seems to  
want to write up any articles or research some news  
stories and it's causin' Sheenagh to be very upset with  
us all)

P.S. - (there's a rumour goin' around that she'll  
offer her body to any male staffer that does two  
articles a week until Christmas)

Now Tim was in the darkroom  
a shootin' the negs  
with us in the office  
all workin' like dregs.  
When up near the typesetter  
came a terrible roar  
like a broken off muffler  
on a 454.

We rushed to the machine  
to see what was the matter  
it was smoking and burning  
and when we moved it, it clattered

And then came to pass  
what we all greatly feared  
it exploded into pieces  
all wires and gears.

We stood there a staring  
not believing what we saw,  
while Sarah on her typewriter  
started nervously to gnaw.

What'll we do!!!  
The typesetter's in flames, our photos and stories  
were all done in vain!

But Sarah didn't panic  
she just quietly said  
'We'll do it in letra-set,  
while you prepare the heads!'

In twelve point, in nine point,  
in six point we slaved  
and all thru the chaos  
quite calm Sarah stayed

She did herself honor  
and of her we're proud  
she dished out the orders  
and she dished 'em out loud!

All thru the night our brave comrads strived,  
and who here would blame them  
when at dawn they didn't rise!

We'd done the whole paper  
with letra-set and tone  
now would you really blame us  
when we all slept past one!

Our valiant endeavor,  
our bravely faced plight,  
turned out all for naught  
We didn't make it that nite!

Sorry!!!  
I hate all those happy endings!

Why not workers too?

# Munro favors paid leave

Federal Labor minister John Munro said in a recent speech employees in Canada should have the right to paid leaves to take vocational and other courses.

He was addressing the annual meeting of the Canadian Association for Adult Education in Windsor Ontario.

"Paid educational leave is not a NEW IDEA," he said. "It's only paid leave for workers that is a relatively new idea."

He drew attention to the fact that federal civil servants are able to take leaves of absence to learn second languages with full pay and fringe benefits under the federal bilingualism program and that teachers, senior bureaucrats, professors, doctors, and dentists are able to take sabbatical leaves to upgrade their qualifications in their fields without loss of pay.

"I believe that paid educational leave could do a lot to improve the social mobility of some Canadians who now have precious little hope acquiring job skills and holding a steady job," the minister said.

He said he was referring specifically to the 20 per cent of Canadians living below the poverty level, as defined in a recent federal Senate Report on Poverty in Canada.

"They are frequently among the first to be laid off and the last to be rehired," Mr. Munro said.

"What intrigues me about paid educational leave is its potential for giving a second chance to the worker who is stuck in a deadend job and has the ability to improve himself or herself."

He also said a lot of immigrants were attracted to Canada because of the social mobility the country offered, but these people already had job skills before they left their old countries.

Young Canadians have the opportunity to attend state supported schools till they get a high school diploma, and then have relatively easy access to community colleges, technical institutes, and universities, the minister said.

He also said the 1971 census showed that 1 million Canadians over the age of 14 years had less than grade five education, and almost 5 million less than grade nine.

Statistics Canada adopts less than grade five as marking the line where people are classed as functionally illiterate, he said, and the Canadian Association for Adult Education grade nine.

He said a program of paid educational leaves would be an important factor in improving productivity, since it would ensure that the labor force was properly trained.

He said this was an important factor in remaining competitive in foreign markets.

He said Canada fell behind other industrialized countries in providing continuing education for employees and that most manpower programs in Canada were aimed at people out of work who were trying to qualify for jobs.

He suggested tax incentives for employers willing to give leaves to employees who wanted to pursue their education similar to incentives offered for business expansion.

He also suggested educational leaves be combined with the unemployment insurance benefits. In 1970, he said, Statistics Canada reports showed 72 per cent of 44,000 firms surveyed offered no training programs.

The figures were just about the opposite in the United Kingdom, he said.

He said Labor Department officials had looked at this problem in Canada and that consultations should begin with trade unions, employers, educa-

ors, and others, to see if a paid educational leave program could be set up.

He also noted that the Canadian Labor Congress and Canadian Union of Public Employees supported the proposal.

Text of the speech was released in advance of delivery.

The American Cancer Society has decided that some people, especially teen-aged girls, cannot be scared away from smoking simply because it can kill them. So it's trying a new line, a "smoking stinks" campaign.

"Teen-agers are simply not death-oriented," says the Cancer Society's Public Information chairman. "They do not believe they will die."

But they do believe they might not get a date on Saturday night.

And what the Cancer Society will try to do, with its smoking stinks campaign on radio and television nationwide is to remind young ladies who smoke that they run the risk of having smelly breath, clothes, and hair-diminishing their chances for that all-important date.

The society even thinks it might run "scratch and sniff" ads in magazines which would release "an icky smell, a smoky, stinky odor." (Newsprint)

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## LePage says Atlantic

"The Atlantic provinces' situation is growing desperate. We have the highest unemployment in the country, the highest costs, the hangover of a fractured economy that is the direct result of badly conceived government policies over many years."

Those were the words of Mr. LePage, President of the Brunswick Federation of Labor, in an interview printed in a recent edition of "Steel Labour," the official organ of the United Steel Workers of America.

Mr. LePage was speaking in capacity as District five sub-director for the USWA.

"Unless there is some basic change of direction of economic policy under Chretien (Jean Chretien, recently appointed federal finance minister) I do suppose he will last long either Mr. LePage said, after saying Edgar Benson, John Turner and Donald Macdonald were "disasters" in the finance portfolio.

"If a board of directors of a company or the executive board of a trade union screwed up things badly as the Federal Cabinet, they would be turned out and replaced. But our ballots don't do that . . . except in a general election. Instead, they somebody else into the main stream and proceed to continue to give more of the same garbage. The

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