

It's so hard to keep believing when
you know you've been deceived.

- Kris Kristofferson

Overheard in a pub:
"There are no reactionaries at
Algoma College."

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MA BELL STRIKES AGAIN

OTTAWA(CUP) --- The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) called Feb. 2 for the nationalization of Bell Canada claiming the Canadian Transport Commission (CTC) cannot effectively regulate Bell's operations.

The CLC presented a 23-page brief to the CTC which condemned Bell's proposed rate increases because they would cause increased hardship to "the old, the infirm, the disabled, the unemployed, the pensioners on fixed incomes, the underprivileged, and native peoples residing in the regions of northern Quebec, Labrador, and the Northern Territories."

Bell wants to increase the basic rate for telephones from \$5.40 to \$5.80 per month; double installation charges from \$11 to \$22; double pay phone charges from 10 to 20 cents per call; create a "directory assistance charge" of 25 cents per item except in the case of a number not in the phone directory, a blind caller, or calls tendered from a hospital or hotel room; and increased service charges on long distance calls and on the per minute overtime rate.

The CLC charged the CTC is not protecting the public's interests, but Bell Canada's, and suggested the "regulator has become the regulated."

The Congress' brief details what it says is illegal profit-taking conducted by Bell since 1958 in violation of ruling made by the Commission and the Board of Transport Commissioners (BTC); the Board is the CTC's predecessor.

In 1967 Bell's earnings reached 6.8 per cent and climbed to a high of 6.9 per cent in

1969. The profit range for that period set by the Commission and the Board was between 6.2 per cent and 6.6 per cent.

Bell controls 6,000,000 of the 9,700,000 phones in Canada. In attacking Bell's charges for services as excessive, the CLC compared the cost of a telephone in metropolitan areas with over 100,000 users.

Calgary - Edmonton -- \$4.25
(public)

Winnipeg -- \$3.90 (public)

Burlington, Ont. -- \$5.80
(Bell)

Quebec City -- \$5.90 (Bell)

The main reason Bell gives for the requested increases is that "its rate of return is so far below the level of a fair and reasonable rate of return under existing circumstances and conditions that the company's financial strength is seriously weakened."

Bell says rate increases are "necessary to make telephone shares a more attractive investment". The 1973 requests will merely "prevent deterioration of the profit position of the company" while those for 1974 will "improve profit and thus improve the ability of the company to raise capital."

"Bell Canada's net earnings in 1970 were \$210,759,000. Net income, after interest, discounts and premiums on long-term debt was declared to be \$133,262,000. This figure, when added to the declared provision for depreciation of \$183,850,000, represents a cash flow through the corporate treasury for that year in the amount of \$317,112,000."

The UE concludes "that the

amount mentioned is a formidable sum and in our view it should be more than enough to maintain and improve the technological competence of the company in providing service, especially domestic service." This idea is supported by the fact that Bell's net earnings "have increased in every year since 1943 and in the eight years 1963-70, net earnings have more than doubled," the UE said.

Bell certainly doesn't have to worry about unfriendly relationships with Canada's financial institutions. The corporation has been linked with the Bank of Montreal for more than 40 years.

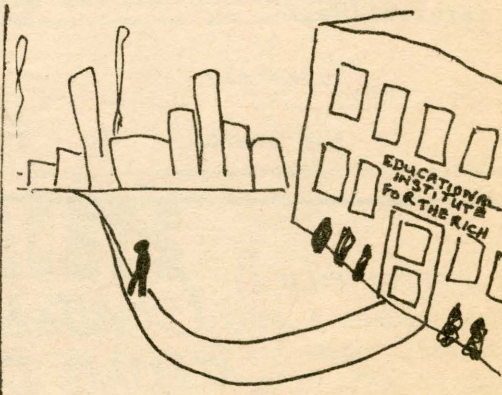
The development of modern telephone technology - advanced switching and transmission systems especially - supposedly means less expensive, more efficient service. Technological improvement means more productivity and increased productivity heralds better returns on the invested dollar. UE notes:

"In 1957, Bell's peak employment year, 41,363 employees handled a daily average of 18.6 million local telephone calls and 336,000 long distance calls. In 1970, just over 39,000 employees, a reduction of some 2,000, were required to look after a volume of service that was practically doubled that of 1957. Daily averages for 1970 were 25.4 million local and 790,000 long distance calls."

UE suggests "Bell's continued earnings growth and expanded capability through technological advance warrant a decrease, rather than an increase in rates to domestic subscribers."

No reductions appear to be in the offing at present.

BLESSED ARE THE RICH 25
by Jan.



QUESTIONS

"Why do we never get an answer, when we're knocking at the doors?" - or so says the song; yet the incident that took place at the Pub, Thursday night, should have the words shuffled somewhat. Perhaps the caption of "Why do we never get an answer, when we're kicking down the doors?", is more appropriate, for that is what the students of Algoma did. For those who kick off the chains of oppression, there is only one phrase: "More power to you, the student."

To clarify the situation of Thursday night's Pub, it seems arbitrary that an explanation be given and assessed, as to just what happened.

As I saw it, the Pub was going like the "Wine-coloured Days" of the Godfather. Everybody was drinking, and the Students' Council for once was showing a positive sign in terms of dollars and cents. However, all that was well was soon to be disrupted. The Night-Cleaners, for unknown or pseudo reasons, assumed the role of Hitler and introduced the Hard Steel of Facism, commonly known as Chains and Locks, and locked the students of Algoma College out of Algoma College by placing chains and locks on the doors. Why should this group (the Night-Cleaners) stop those who constitute and institution called Algoma, from gaining access to their lockers and coats?

Then, when the students rights are violated, the police are called out to the students' property, to do what?

Yet one can assume from all the actions, that, because the students of Algoma College wanted their coats, they had to "kick down doors" and, as a retaliatory action, those who had placed the bonds called in the "Johnny Law". Obviously, that is sick reasoning on the Night-Cleaners' part, and further, there should be full and adequate explanation as to why they 1) put chains on the doors without notifying students, and 2) why they called in "The Man".

Questions, there are many, but action the students took and Answers? Well, could we have some, pleaseMr. Night-Cleaner?

Dan Roy

Dear Editors:

Formal congratulations are in order for the staff of the Northern Light. The editions of recent weeks have been excellent. The regularity with which the Light has been coming out is also commendable-- especially considering the work involved.

A special bouquet should go to Lynn Bovington. Hopefully the columns Camping Hint, On the Move and Anglow Sez will always be included in the Light. These are very interesting and informative.

Sincerely

jan yeaman

Whats' Up At Algoma

Wednesday, February 14, 1973 was a unique day for Algoma College. Some eighty-five students gathered to discuss some of the issues facing students at our fair school. This was probably one of the best turn-outs for a general meeting at Algoma. There was much debating and little shouting which is an indication that students here are interested in the future of Algoma and they are mature enough to carry on a mass meeting without calling each other names. A couple of times people wandered astray from the issues but John, the chairman, brought the discussion to order with little difficulty.

Only two issues were dealt with but a consensus was reached on both and we all know that expediency is not the first priority of a democratic system. The first item was fee hikes and it was intimated that perhaps a different approach be taken than non-payment of fees. However, those currently with-holding decided to continue with, I might add, the support of the majority present at the meeting. There seemed to be a bit of confusion for one part-time student as to who the fee-strike was aimed at, but when it was clarified that the protest was with the government and not the board, everything seemed all right.

After the lengthy debate on the fee-hike, the Budget Committee reported to a somewhat smaller group of about sixty to sixty-five people. The discussion for this issue was short and ended in a motion being passed almost unanimously. That motion was then taken to the Budget Committee on the following Friday where, after heated debate, it passed again almost unanimously. Students at Algoma must be applauded for the interest shown in the future of the school and for the manner in which they conducted themselves at this meeting. It is only hoped that more students will show some interest and maybe Algoma will be a unique institution.

P.S.

The motion passed at the meeting was: "The number one priority of the Budget Committee be the full retention of all faculty now on staff at Algoma College."

Kobason.

MASS STUDENT MEETING

Masses were up to 60 plus - possibly a record in the history of Algoma College. The masses were in favour (52 yes, 6 abstentions, 0 opposed) of "continuing to support protest against the fee hike", and to hold a referendum on this issue. As well, the masses were in favour of placing in first priority (to students) full retention of all faculty. The meeting ended two hours after it started without having gone through the complete agenda.

J.K.

ZUGZWANG

C.D. Martin

ALEXANDER ALEKHINE (1892-1946) held the world's championship from 1927 to his death in 1946 with the exception of a period of just over a year in 1935 to 1937. He comes the closest of all great chess players to being a psychopath.

After he defeated Capablanca in 1927, he refused to play the Cuban again, until the temporary loss of his crown forced to play three tournament games with him, but there was never a return match.

Alekhine had obvious problems. Three times he married women ten to thirty years older than him. He mentally and physically abused all three. He smoked and drank to excess and often used the corner of the tournament room rather than the can. During World War II, a number of anti-semitic chess articles appeared under his name.

His thorough preparation for matches paid off in his defeat of Capablanca, whose weaknesses he had spent a great deal of time analyzing. He was an openings expert, specialising in the use of rare or 'once only' variations that were not completely sound but which could not be disproven over the board. He was a superb middlegame and endgame player with a keen eye for tactical opportunities. Alekhine-Yates, Queen's Gambit, London 1922

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 d5 4 Nc3 Be7 5 Bg5 0-0 6 e3 Nbd7 7 Pcl c6 8 Qc2 Re8 9 Bd3 cxd4 10 Bxc4 Nd5 11 Ne4 f5 [Bxg5!] 12 Bxe7 Oxe7 13 Ned2 b5 14 Bxd5 cxd5 15 0-0 a5 16 Nb3 a4 17 Nc5 Nxc5 18 Qxc5 Oxc5 19 Pxc5 b4 20 Pfc1 Ba6 21 Ne5 Rfb8 22 f3 b3 23 a3 h6 24 Kf2 Kh7 25 h4 Rf8 26 Kg3 Pfb8 27 Pc7 Bb5 28 Rlc5 Ba6 29 P5c6 Pe8 30 Kf4 Kd8 31 h5 Bc8 32 g3 Ba6 33 Rf7 Kh7 34 Pcc7 Rg8 35 Nd7 Kh8 36 Nf6 Pgf8 37 Pxg7 Rxf6 38 Ke5 (1:0) [38... Rff8 39 Rh7+ Kd8 40 Pcd7X]

MIKHAIL M. BOTVINNIK (b.1911) played six matches and one match-tournament for the world's championship from 1948 until 1963 when he lost the title to Tigran Petrosian. In that period, he did not have the title for two years, 1957-58 (V. V. Smyslov) and 1960-61 (M. Tal).

The secret of his success was his thorough preparation for each match. Since he was an engineer, he played less tournament chess than most players, but he began to prepare for each match six months or more in advance. He was left off the Soviet Olympic team in 1952 because of his poor tournament results, but he revenged himself by beating all but one of the players who had voted him off the team in the next big Soviet tourney. He easily won his return matches and would have beaten Petrosian in 1964 if F.I.D.E. had not abolished the right of a return match for the champion.

Like all champions, he was a very strong endgame player, and he has probably drawn more lost endgames than most players including one at Varna in 1962 against Fischer. His opening repertoire is small, and he has a slight tactical blindness in the middlegame. Even today he is rated as the sixth or seventh strongest player in the world, but at his age, he does not have sufficient stamina for long chess events.

Botvinnik-Capablanca, Nimzo-Indian, AVRO, 1938

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 d5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 c5 7 cxd5 exd5 8 Bd3 0-0 9 Ne2 b6 10 0-0 Ba6 11 Bxa6 Nxa6 12 Bb2 Qd7 13 a4 Rfe8 14 Qd3 c4 15 Qc2 Nb8 16 Rael Nc6 17 Ng3 Na5 18 f3 Nb3 19 e4 Oxa4 20 e5 Nd7 21 Of2 g6 22 f4 f5 23 exf6 Nxf6 24 f5 Rxe1 25 Rxe1 Re8 26 Re6 Rxe6 27 fxe6 Kg7 28 Qf4 Qe8 29 Qe5 Qe7 30 Ba3 Oxa3 31 Nh5+ gxh5 32 Qg5+ Kf8 33 Qxf6+ Kg8 34 e7 Qc1+ 35 Kf2 Qc2+ 36 Kg3 Qd3+ 37 Kh4 Qe4+ 38 Kxh5 Qe2+ 39 Kh4 Qe4+ 40 g4 Qe1+ 41 Kh5 (1:0)

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but you can't drive me underground.
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To haunt you, I won't make a sound.
To track you, I don't need a hound.
You think you're lost, I got you found.
You're surrounded, tho' you think that we can't see.
Your castle walls, they all will fall.
You'll be surprised, that all in all,
nobody really cares at all.
You won't believe, (the biggest gall)
I can bite your heels when you crawl.
Pain can come from those so small.
Go cry 'wolf', or better you should scream.
Tho' you're not on top you think you're first.
Some surgeon's scalpel steel the nurse
who can let the others feel the hurt.
When you're the driver of the hearse,
you'll feel bad, but they'll feel worse.
Without you what would the doctor be?

I'M WATCHING YOU BUT NOT QUITE LIKE BEFORE.
I WILL FIND YOU, YOU'RE THE ONE I'M LOOKING FOR.
BUT WHEN IT'S OVER, DON'T SAY "SORRY" ANYMORE.

The brushless painter running down.
Into the night to paint the town.
While putting everybody on,
blowing smoke rings for the Crown.
To brag to those you've been around.
To listen to your silly sounds
disciples pass your bread around,
while the cross is hidden in your gown.
They think that they're on holy ground
not knowing Judas watches from the tree.
While posing as the sainted knee
godfather to the one who's meek.
By using words like 'sad defeat'
you laugh, but you got to lose the beat.
The girls all giggle at your feet.
Screwing people that you meet.
You might get made, but be discreet.
Don't take your mask off, trick or treat.
As you get the stars down on their feet,
do you really think that you have fortune beat?
Believing in the magic noose
that trips the egg, the golden goose.
And with it you can never lose
while fairy tales steal the truth.
Don't let go, hey, don't let loose,
for the goose is slipping off the roof,
and without its wings how can you be free?

WELL I'M WATCHING YOU BUT NOT QUITE LIKE BEFORE
I WILL FIND YOU, YOU'RE THE ONE I'M LOOKING FOR
BUT WHEN IT'S OVER, DON'T SAY "SORRY" ANYMORE.

Lone Ranger he just rides along
protecting those that don't belong.
In the land that has no right or wrong.
Tonto, you just load his gun.
Killing outlaws one by one,
shooting inlaws just for fun,
while the jungle laws are on the run.
Step out 'fore you get stepped on.
Sadist with the war paint on.
Afraid if you're in the dark too long.
Guess you know the jungle's no place for the meek.
You say life is absurdity,
carnival for melodies.
You are the big-time, bitterly.
Set the stage so faithfully.
A hawker for Lord Mystery
while marching so religiously.
Face the army that has paid to see
the choirboy of reality laugh at all authority.
And you smile, oh so cynically,
sole possessor of his key.
But it's sad to know that's all you'll ever be.
And you said, "Keep on the sunny side"
that "Life is just a rainbow ride".
Silver studded surfboard glide
on the wine and waves that keep you high.
Don't hit the moon when you fly too wide.
It'll bring you down below the tide,
where no one keeps their tears inside.
The waters can hide them if you cry.
For in the waves there are no mysteries.

BUT, I'M WATCHING YOU AND NOT QUITE LIKE BEFORE.
I WILL FIND YOU, YOU'RE THE ONE I'M LOOKING FOR.
AND WHEN IT'S OVER, DON'T SAY "SORRY" ANYMORE.

-Eric Anderson

Dam The Dams

On Sunday, February 18, 1973, the first meeting of the "Dam the Dams Campaign" of Sault Ste. Marie was held in Room 104 at Algoma College. The meeting began at 7:30, and extended until 9:00 pm.

The group defined its goals, the purpose and need for establishing themselves. It was concluded that the specific goals of the new body should: 1) oppose all dams that threaten the ecological and environmental balance of Northern Ontario, and 2) co-ordinate and assist the group opposed to the Water Diversion Plan in North-Western Ontario.

It was also decided that the Member of Parliament and the Member of the Legislative Assembly be contacted to make them aware of our existence and to emphasize to the government representatives, the concern and the need for establishing more studies and preparation for the construction of "Dam" projects; also, to emphasize the growing concern to the members, the threat to the environment, and the threat to Canada as a nation.

Also, there was a motion to contact the James Bay group, who were successful in their campaign against Big Government and Big Business, in order to understand and perhaps implement some of their methods of success. It was decided upon that this group was to be contacted at once.

The members present then closed the meeting, with the consent that another meeting be called March 11, to assimilate and report on the information that has been applied for. It was also suggested that a film produced by the National Film Board be ordered, but the time and date was not decided upon.

This group, it seems, has two very viable points and wishes to emphasize the need to control our environment

that is, protect it from senseless destruction by the unwarranted construction of dams and the need to establish "Canadian Control over Canadian Resources." Therefore, if any one has an interest in preserving the Canadian ecology and the Country called Canada, you are urged to attend the next meeting on March 11.

Dan Roy

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EXTRA ... EXTRA ... EXTRA ...

R. Dematteo's article: The Function of Education in a Capitalist Society, has put Algoma College and The Northern Light on the map. Canadian University Press has released this article to all its members for publication.

One of the Board of Governors won a Medal of Merit from the city. He is quoted as saying "a single person can do little without the co-operation and help of others." I wonder why he doesn't consider co-operating with students?

Why is it that everyone else has to park in the parking lot and not one of the Board of Governors?

To the author of the "Crap of the Condor", renowned editor of Racist International who was nominated for the trivia of the year award.

AYAK

The criteria for being a left-wing faculty at Algoma College:

1. Buying coffee for students.
2. Saying Karl Marx's name at least once a lecture.
3. Wearing blue-jeans.
4. Dishevelled hair.
5. Saying four-letter obscenities while lecturing.
6. Self-proclamation of being a lefty

-Kobason.

thoughts on Vietnam... Ian Harper.

after twelve long years of war
of death
of destruction
an agreement has been signed
that says that the United States
respects the independence
sovereignty
unity
and territorial integrity
of Vietnam
after twelve long years of war
of death
of destruction
an agreement similar to a previous agreement
which Nixon promised to sign
before he broke that promise
and dropped more bombs on North Vietnam
and more women
and more children
and more old people
and more sick people
were murdered
their crime was being under those bombs
this is supposed to be a necessary evil of war
unfortunately the dead cannot reply to such absurdity
some gave their lives for freedom
others had no choice
the so-called victims of war
women
children
the sick
the old
and those in the wrong place at the wrong time
who will pay for their blood?
these simple innocent people
human beings that used to breath
and laugh
and cry
their blood is on our hands
the military establishment that signed their death warrants
must be overthrown
or they will continue to murder
in the name of whatever they chose to call it
over territory that belongs to those
who breath
and sweat
and work the land
the farmers and other workers
and their families
it's their land
not the military regimes and the puppet governments
who smile and plant their flags over the dead bodies
of those they claim to represent
it's not their land
it never has been
it belongs to the people
who gave their lives
so that others might live free and productive lives.

