

Unemployment overhaul time

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OTTAWA — With the Canadian taxpayers' share of unemployment insurance expenditures jumping by over 90 per cent last year, it is time for a major overhaul of the program.

Benefits paid last year totalled \$3.1 billion compared to \$700 million in 1970, the year before the system was revised by the present administration.

A 4½ times rise in payout demands an explanation.

Unemployment in that period has not gone up even one-eighth of that amount, nor has the cost of living. So what is the answer?

Increasingly, it is apparent mistakes were made in the 1971 Unemployment Insurance Commission revisions. The system was made too liberal. It could be ripped off and that is what has happened.

Admitting mistakes Even the government is now admitting privately they have made mistakes which they hope to correct. In the meantime, U.I.C. expenditures in the first two months of 1976 were up 15 per cent over the same period in 1975.

Recently, the Economic Council of Canada's report "Jobs and People" has served as a damning indictment of the unemployment insurance program.

This report documents that the structure of the

unemployment insurance benefits coupled with the ease of entry into the program have combined to undermine the work ethic.

Recipients are remaining on the UIC roles for longer periods of time.

While the average coverage lasts approximately 15 weeks, the

report reveals that 75 per cent of females and over 65 per cent of males remain on unemployment insurance roles for over 20 weeks; that is, into the extended benefit period.

Probably even more startling is the finding that the vast majority of Canadians prefer employment to idleness, not

only as a means of attaining financial security, but also because they find work personally fulfilling.

However, one out of three would accept unemployment insurance rather than work at minimum wage.

Finally, one-half of all males and one-tenth of all females draw unemployment insurance benefits that exceed the minimum wage in their province.

Induced unemployment On the question of unemployment insurance influence on work incentives and productivity, the authors of

"Jobs and People" claim the 1971 revisions to the Unemployment Insurance Act induced additional unemployment of approximately 0.7 percentage points.

This figure refers to the entire labor force (estimated at approximately 10 million persons in any given month.)

What this means in real terms is that the 1971 revisions to the unemployment insurance program have induced an additional 65 to 75 thousand Canadians to become unemployed who otherwise would have

been contributing to the productivity of this Nation.

Based on monthly job vacancy statistics, a large percentage of this number could have been easily absorbed in the labor market.

Huge losses When the results of this revelation are applied to the Canadian economy, the results are quite remarkable.

If the number of "induced unemployed" were gainfully employed, their contribution to the gross national expenditure, in the form of labor income, would amount to \$678 million.

Moreover, if these individuals were gainfully employed, they would not be in receipt of unemployment insurance benefits. The saving on this would amount to approximately \$310 million for the taxpayer.

Our unemployment would drop by a tenth if the "induced unemployed" got jobs.

With the prospect of less unemployment, a smaller UIC payout, and an increased national income, the present administration must move to correct the weaknesses within the UIC program.

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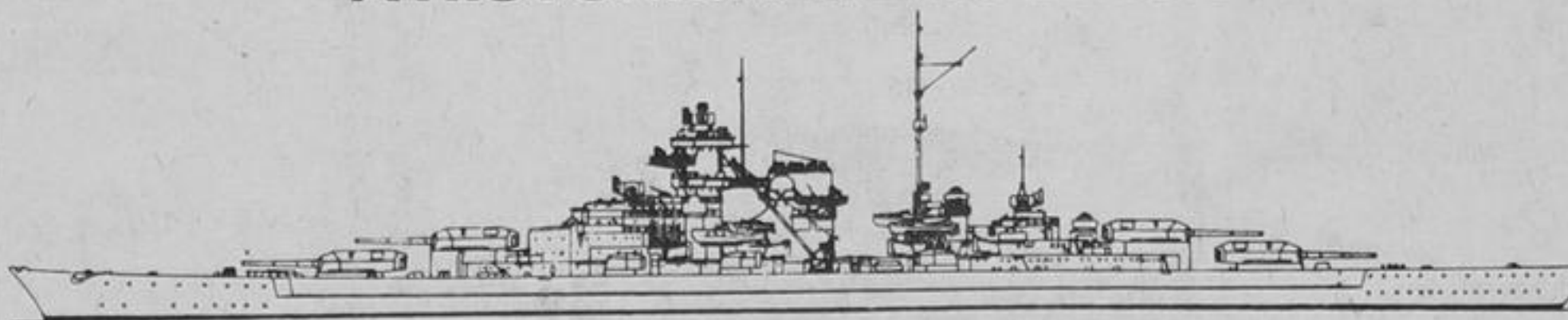
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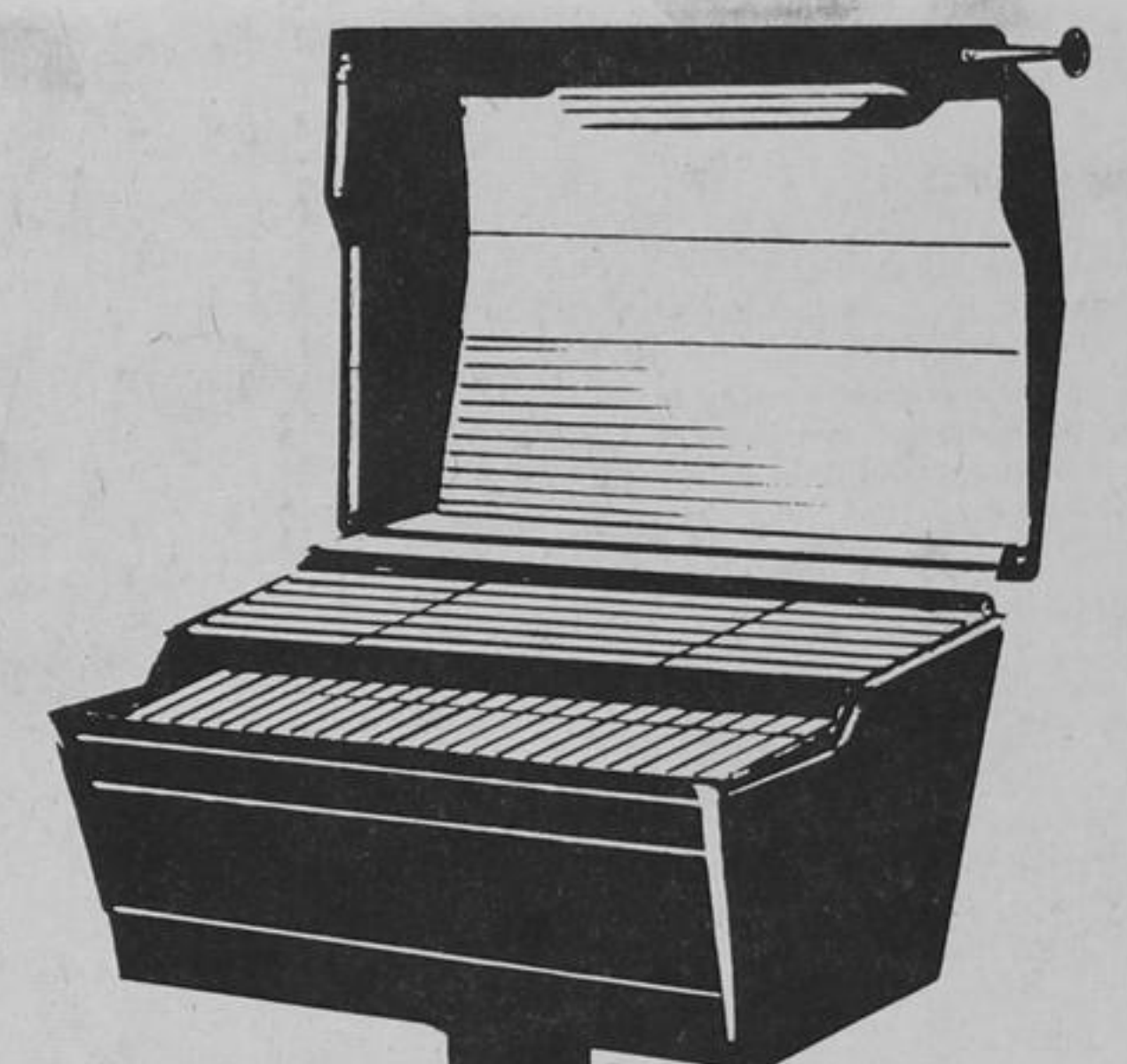
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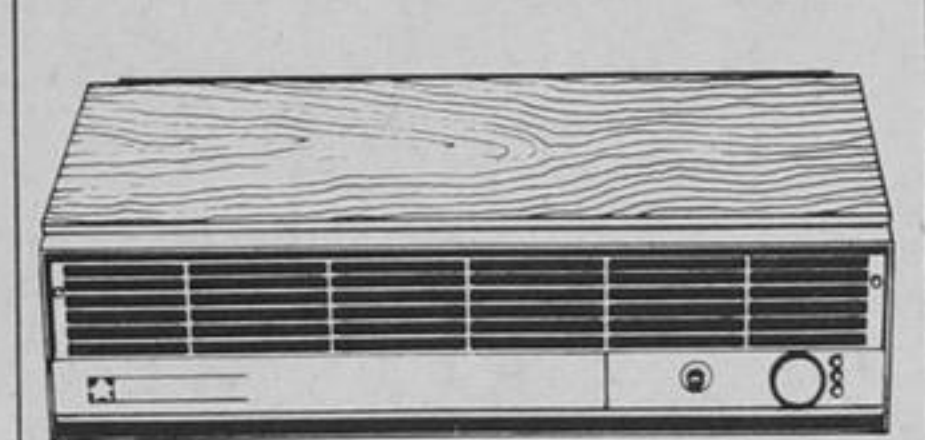
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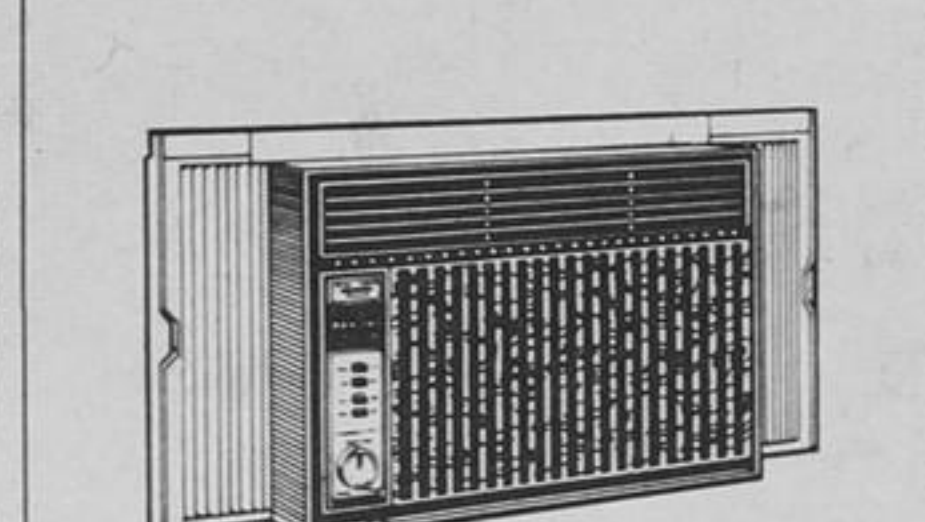


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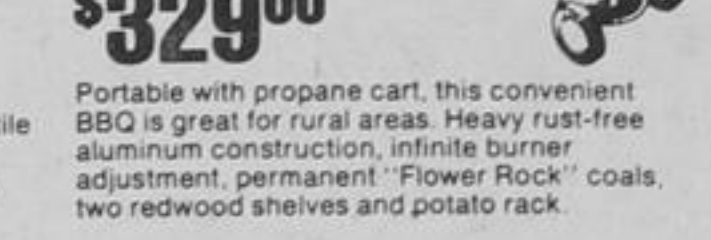
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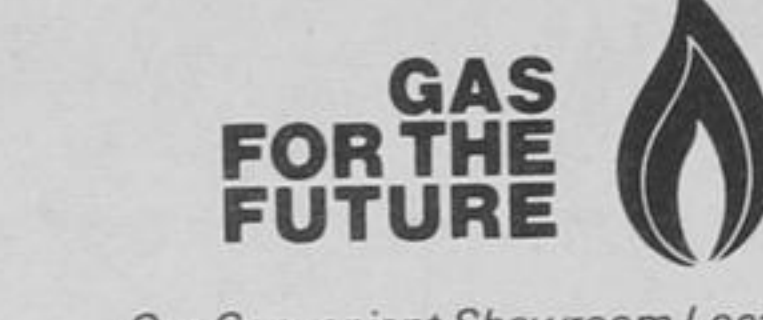
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