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EMPLOYMENT: REPORT FINDS ENGLISH PHDS HAVING TROUBLE FINDING JOBS

BURNABY (CUP) -- English PhD graduates are having serious problems finding work in their field, according to a recent report prepared by the Association of Canadian University Teachers of English (ACUTE).

The report found that while 90 per cent of the entrants to humanities doctoral programs seek teaching positions, in 1976 only 12 of 76 English PhD graduates found full-time teaching positions in Canada.

According to Alan Rudrum, chairperson of the committee which prepared the report, the situation is a result of universities attempting to cut costs by hiring underqualified lecturers on short-term contracts rather than by hiring PhDs. Rudrum says the economic savings must be balanced against the lowering of academic standards.

ACUTE makes a number of recommendations in the report to remedy the situation. One of their major complaints is that Canadian universities continue to hire foreign professors while Canadian PhDs cannot find work.

ACUTE also wants universities to reduce the number of teaching assistants hired to free funds to hire fully qualified PhDs. The organization also suggests job sharing as part of a solution to the problem, with faculty members having a lighter course load in order to free part of their salaries for new appointments.

Rudrum says a large part of the problem has been that universities have not carefully examined the effects of their policies on hiring. "What may have been suitable in the 60s is not in the 70s," he said.

NUCLEAR RESEARCH:SASKATOON TO GET OWN CAMPUS REACTOR

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Canadian University Press

SASKATOON -- Students at the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon may have good reason to worry about a nuclear "China Syndrome" becoming popular on their campus soon.

The university will be the site of a Slowpoke-2 nuclear reactor in 1980, according to the Saskatchewan Research Council.

The \$2.5 million reactor will be used for commercial testing purposes. It will be used to reduce raw uranium ore into yellow cake uranium, which is a concentrated, low-radiation emitting form of uranium.

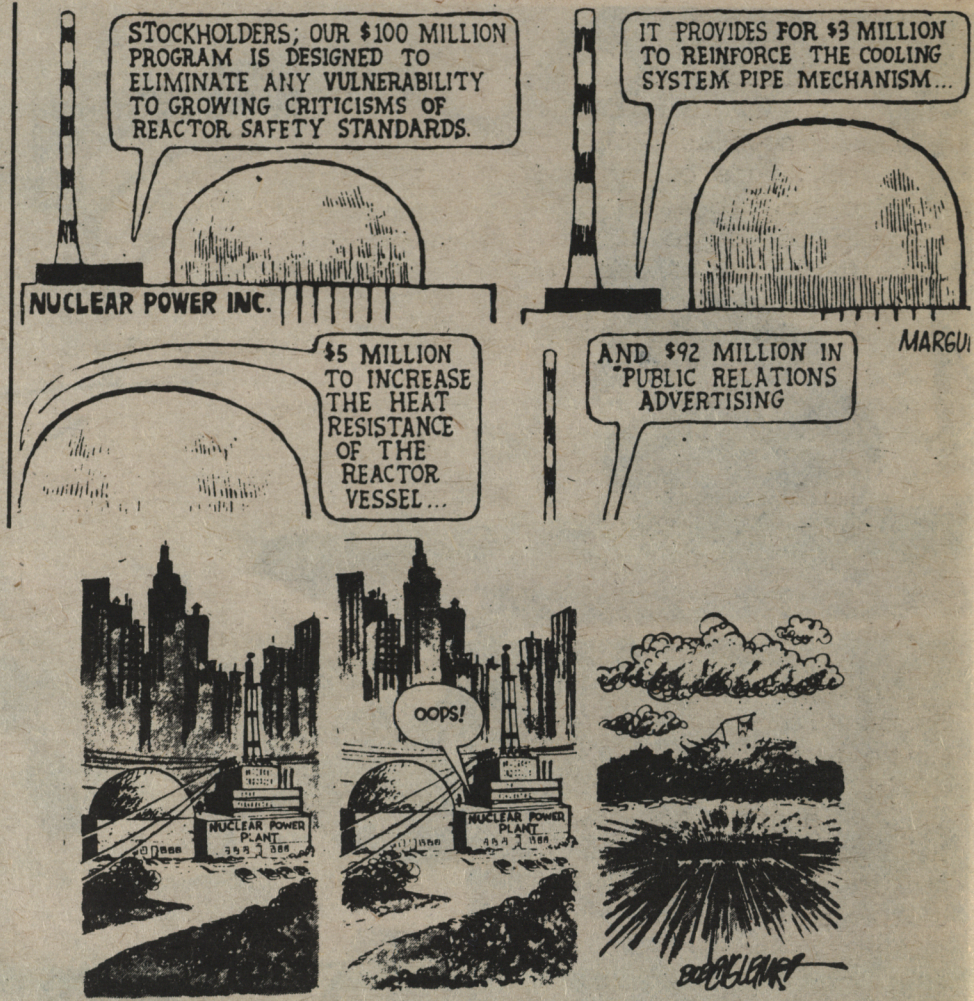
The production of yellow cake will lead to production of radioactive waste materials, according to the Research Council. The waste material will be temporarily contained at the university before it is taken away for disposal by Amok Corporation, the first contractor signed up by the council.

The reactor project is not merely for scientific investigation but will serve as a service to industry, with the council expecting to receive 40 per cent of the province's ore analysis business, according to the Financial Post. Currently Saskatchewan has no major ore analysis industry.

While the main focus of the project is commercial, Research Council officials stated they hoped that university researchers would have access to the reactor.

Construction is to begin immediately, with a completion target date set for July 1, 1980. However uranium mining in Saskatchewan has become a controversial issue in the past two years and

protests against the reactor are likely.



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