

## Immediate Return Of Phone Demanded

The Island Telephone Company stands far from dear to the hearts of Memorial Hall citizens. These one hundred students are struggling to live normally without that modern necessity—the telephone.

Inconvenience wrought by their plight has been alarming: switch-board operators are often compelled to leave their work and personally scan the campus for would-be phone call recipients; residents of Memorial, seeking to benefit by what is supposedly a public utility, must give way to a lengthy line of infatuated Freshmen, to whom time is an irrelevant issue. These conditions are appalling—they cannot be long tolerated.

It all began when some unsuspecting and yet unknown soul chanced to slip a penny through the slot designated for nickles. To his utter amazement, he discovered that copper was more valuable than previously thought. In a few short days, the joyous news had spread far and wide through Memorial Hall corridors. Residents of all shapes and sizes were taking advantage of the one-cent piece's new-found ability. But, unfortunately, not everybody was pleased with the invention. When the nickle-seeking company representative stumbled up the stairs to gather his wares, he took an immediate disliking to the copper coin: his superiors were even more displeased. They jumped and screamed and threatened drastic action unless this illicit activity were immediately halted. Although they made no effort to repair their precious instrument—so that it would vomit at the sight of such an inferior metal—they violently demanded that she be treated with care.

One week passed before another inspection was made. When the

little box was opened, fewer nickles than before could be found. That did it: "Enough is enough," raged the telephone-man, "we cannot allow this no more." Two days later, the telephone was yanked from its cozy pedestal; it has not returned to this day.

Was the company justified in their decision? Their property was being misused and the enterprise was losing money. Something surely had to be done. One hundred penny-pinchers were "in the wrong"—no doubt. But, even under these circumstances, did the Telephone Company have the right to usurp such vital privileges? Hardly.

Is the Island Telephone Company so lagging technically that they are unable to devise a system whereby pennies are rendered useless? Is it not their responsibility to provide phones capable of dis-

tinguishing one coin from another? If the company is unable to supply the simple mechanical device necessary for the proper operation of their equipment, have they the right to demand such proper operation? The fact is undeniable that we have among us a group of irresponsible coin-droppers; equally undeniable is the fact that the Island Telephone Company failed in their commitments to furnish operable equipment. In short we alone are not the offenders; both sides were irresponsible.

We may thereby justify a demand for our telephone's safe return. Our governing body, the Students' Union, must immediately take steps toward this end. We can no longer live in the Dark Ages—this is 1965, not 1695.

P. S.: If our suppressors see fit to remain adamant, a visit to the Public Works Commission will surely crack their monopolistic control.

## CUS Calls For Coins Without Queen

OTTAWA (CUP) — Jean Bazin, president of the Canadian Union 22) called upon the federal government of Students (CUS) last week (Feb. 22) to consider "placing portraits of Canadian historical figures on Canadian currency."

The CUS call for a coin without the likeness of the Queen was in accordance with a resolution passed by university student body presidents at the 23rd National CUS Congress in Toronto last fall.

In a letter to Prime Minister Pearson, Mr. Bazin congratulated "the efforts of our elected representatives in working toward the formation of a real Canadian identity. The new flag is an important step in this direction."

CUS, said M. Bazin, has been seeking a distinctive flag since 1958, and has reaffirmed this request annually. "In the spirit of the future which the flag symbolized, the youth of our country cannot help but take a greater interest in the workings of our governments, and hope to play a more influential role in promoting Canadian unity."

"It goes without saying," his letter to the Prime Minister concluded, "that the spirit of this resolution is positive, proposing an

## MVP's NAMED

A recent meeting of the campus AAA voted Sophomore Fred Ripley the Most Valuable Player of the Intramural Football League. On the Varsity level, Len Sirois was chosen by his teammates as MVP of the 1964-65 edition of the Basketball Saints. These awards and several others will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet to be held in the near future.

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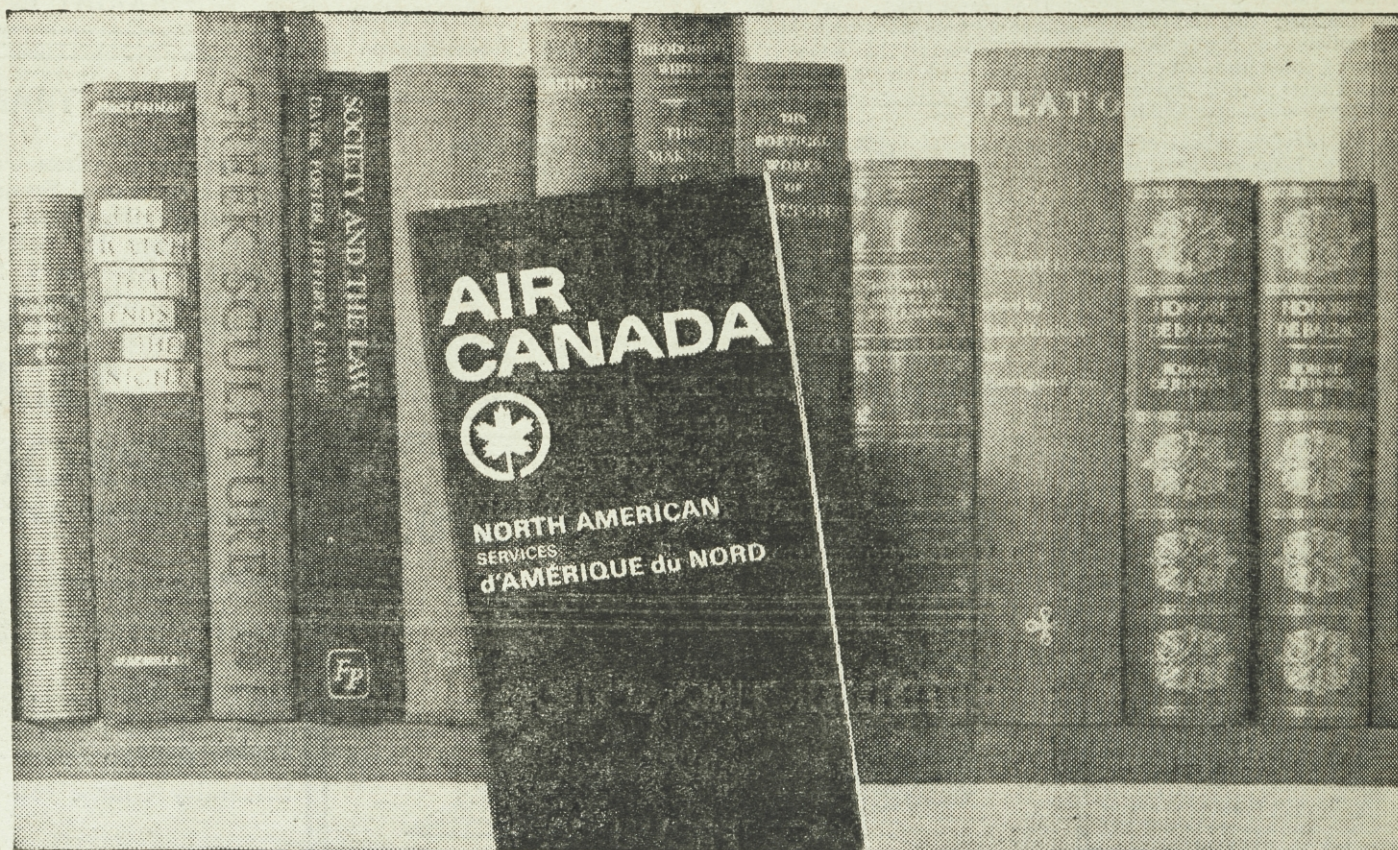
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