

# Development real issue

Nova Scotia is a good example of underdevelopment in a supposedly advanced industrial economy. It is underdeveloped not because of some historical accident nor the vagaries of chance but because control over production has been placed in the hands of foreign and indigenous monopolies.

Underdevelopment means that the full potential of the economy is not exploited, that huge amounts of labour and natural resources are untapped. It means that goods and services are provided not according to need but according to their yield in profits. It also means that 25 per cent of this year's graduates from Dalhousie will be unemployed next year.

Fortunately, underdevelopment is not a permanent state. It can be altered. But to do so requires an understanding of the problem and specific policies to redress the situation. The political parties contesting the provincial election have not demonstrated either of these characteristics.

The Liberals, the people responsible for the preservation of our underdevelopment for the last eight years, have managed to appropriate for themselves the concept of self-reliance, a concept that in some third world countries has been implemented to reverse the process of centuries of colonial and neo-colonial underdevelopment.

To the Liberals, however, "self-reliance" is no more than a catch phrase completely devoid of meaning.

Gerald Regan can, with his characteristic sincerity, espouse self-reliance and in the same breath announce the sale (sic) of the Halifax shipyards to a tri-partite consortium over which the people of Nova Scotia have no control. On the eve of what Regan himself is heralding as the resurgence of the fishing industry and amidst clamourings for construction of a modern fishing fleet the Shipyards give-away is not only myopic but grossly irresponsible. Coming from a party that equates development with luxury cruise ships staffed by exploited Thailand labourers however, the shipyards "deal" is not surprising.

The alternatives to the Liberals are not all together inspiring. Their alter-ego, the Progressive Conservative party, can only be described as opportunistic. The P.C.'s have been maligning the Liberals with their record of fiascos and incompetence. To berate the Liberals for incompetence is one thing but to claim that better or more astute management of the economy within the existing parameters of production is a solution to our underdevelopment is nothing more than delusion. The P.C.'s with their pie in the sky "we've got the answer" promises are not going to "make the economy work."

The NDP, although it still professes to represent and advance a social democratic program, has succumbed to the dictates of electoral politics in an essentially conservative society. This has meant diluting its program to the extent that it is difficult to distinguish it from that of the other two. Perhaps this tactic will yield benefits for the NDP through electoral results but it's doubtful that even their conservative approach will disrupt the stangle hold the traditional parties hold over the electorate.

Through the rhetoric and promises then we can expect one thing; whatever the election results, Nova Scotia will stumble along a path of economic chaos for some years to come.

by Marc Allain

**IF you find  
MISTAKES  
in this publication  
please consider  
that they are  
there for a purpose.  
We publish something  
for everyone - and some  
people are always  
looking for MISTAKES!!**



I KNOW  
THAT MANY  
OF YOU  
ARE CONCERNED  
ABOUT THE  
ECONOMY.



A LOT OF  
PEOPLE HAVE  
PROPOSED THAT  
WE BROADEN  
OUR SOCIAL  
PROGRAMS  
TO HELP THE  
POOR, THE SICK  
THE ELDERLY  
AND THE NEEDY...



BUT I THINK  
THAT IS A  
DANGEROUS POLICY.  
WHILE I AM  
PREMIER OF  
THIS PROVINCE  
WE ARE NOT  
GOING TO  
DRIFT TOWARD  
SOCIALISM.



WE'RE JUST  
GOING TO  
DRIFT.

## AIESEC wants members

### To the Gazette:

Could you please publish the following "open" letter in the first issue of the Gazette?

AIESEC, the International Association of Commerce and Economic Students, offers international job exchange programs to students in over 50 countries, with the objective of providing greater interaction between the academic world of the business student and the practical realities of the business world.

AIESEC also has a seminar series, and gives students the opportunity of meeting professors at Dalhousie and local businessmen by having wine and cheese parties, and career fairs.

This past April, AIESEC Dalhousie had a disco in the Green Room with "Foxy Lady", which played recently released records from Montreal. In addition, AIESEC St. Mary's threw an entertaining wine and cheese party last spring.

We invite you to drop into our first meeting for the year at the SUB conference room 424 Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. so that you can find out more about AIESEC and its exchange program.

Wishing you a successful year,

Vic Leon  
AIESEC Public Relations V.P.

## Inmate needs correspond

### To the Gazette:

I am presently an inmate at the Auburn Correction Facility, located in Auburn, New York. My name is Herbert Roberson. I am Black, 21 years of age and I am 6'2" tall. My weight is 190 lbs. As for my talents, I sing, I

write poems, and I am trying to write a book. I'm currently serving time for possession of refer. I now have 18 months before I see the parole board for possible release. This is my only conviction as well as my first arrest, and hopefully my last. Also, I am attending business management classes given through Syracuse University, which is located nearby.

My purpose in writing this letter is in the best wish that you and your staff will see fit to publish this letter, or with your discretion parts thereof. I am seeking correspondence with a female student—students from your school. As a present student myself, I strongly

believe that it is important for me as a man, to be able to relate to the opposite sex. To establish a correspondence at this time would be very encouraging towards a better atmosphere of "stability in mind".

I am aware that this is somewhat of an unusual request on my behalf, but I should hope not an unreasonable one.

In the coverage of my letter, I will close at this standing and anticipate any confirmation towards my request.

Yours truly,  
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