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and to make an official public protest over the current provisions of the Election Act which left them ineligible.

The next edition of the **Gazette** contained three articles which, it seems, the two students also missed. The lead editorial outlined NDP policies regarding education cutbacks and tuition fees concluding with a general statement of support for the New Democratic Party based largely on our stand **against cutbacks and higher tuition fees.** The editorial also noted that I was the only political leader who "bothered" to be interviewed by the **Dalhousie Gazette.** This interview appeared on page 15 of the October 1 edition where my strong support for student issues was well detailed.

I hope these - and other - students will appreciate the extent to which the politicians and policies of the New Democratic Party are prepared to represent the concerns of students in this province. I invite them to be in touch with me directly with queries or concerns they may have.

Yours truly,

Alexa McDonough, MLA
Leader
Nova Scotia NDP

Begin akin to Hitler

To the Editor:

The description given by the spokesman of the Canadian Jewish Congress (The Dalhousie Gazette, Nov. 12, 1981) of Menachem Begin (the current Prime Minister of Israel) as a "freedom fighter" is a mockery of the word "freedom" and the English language. More appropriately, this is how Mr. David Ben Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister and chief architect, described Menachem Begin in a letter to Haim Gury in May, 1963:

"Begin is a thoroughly Hitlerite type, ready to destroy all the Arabs for the wholeness of the country (the reference is to the boundaries of a 'Greater Israel' - Ed.). I cannot forget the little I know of this activity - and it has a clear meaning: the murder of tens of Jews, Arabs and Englishmen - in the explosion of the 'King David Hotel', the pogrom in Deir Yassin and the murder of Arab women and children; ..." (And if Begin takes over the country)

"he will put his thugs into the army and police headquarters and will rule just like Hitler ruled in Germany. I have no doubt that Begin hates Hitler - but this hatred does not prove that he is different from him..."

Similarly, the letter written (The New York Times, December 4, 1948) by 23 distinguished American Jewish leaders, including Albert Einstein and Hannah Arendt, amongst others, is as relevant today as it was then:

"The public avowals of Begin's party are no guide whatever to its actual character. Today they speak of freedom, democracy, and anti-imperialism, whereas recently they openly preached the doctrine of the Fascist State. It is in its actions that the terrorist party betrays its real character: from its past actions we can judge what it may be expected to do in the future. (Emphasis added.)"

A shocking example was their behaviour in the Arab village of Deir Yassin. This village, off the mainroads and surrounded by Jewish lands, has taken no part in the war, and had even fought off Arab bands who wanted to use the village as their base. On April 9, terrorist bands attacked the peaceful village, which was not a military objective in the fighting, killed most of its inhabitants - 240 men,

women and children - and kept a few of them alive to parade as captives through the streets of Jerusalem.

Both Ben Gurion's and Albert Einstein's predictions have sadly come true and one cannot but wonder at the deception to which the people of the world are being subjected and how "Peace", "Freedom" and all human values have been debased and mocked.

Yours sincerely,
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President,
Canada Palestine Association

The Gazette is looking for information on the free lecture and seminar held from October 30th to November 1st at the Arts Centre. If you were there, have information about the group from Summit University that held the event, or have been involved with this group, please write to the **Gazette** - we're interested.



All members of the Dalhousie community are invited to contribute commentaries to the Gazette. Submissions should be typewritten, double-spaced and

not exceeding 750 words in length. Commentaries express only the opinions of the individuals who write them and need not express any editorial policy of the Dalhousie Gazette.

People don't dress funny

To the Editor:

People who listen to Punk/New Wave music dress funny. You know the kind: leather jackets spattered with buttons, safety pins and chains, bondage pants, maybe the army look or just plain tacky, gaudily coloured clothes. So what? People have a right to dress the way they want. I, for one, think Commerce students dress funny.

There has always been a direct relationship between the music of the times and the way people dress. You can look at any time period or type of music and see the assorted clothes and regalia which went with each of them. The twenties had the Charleston and flapper girls; the fifties had greasers wearing denim and leather. Both are rather cliched images of the times, but those that often come to mind first.

Not too many people today would wear Beatle boots or sport a mop top haircut, but there must be at least a few sixties throwbacks with their long hair, John Lennon glasses and peace buttons. To list more current examples, how about Disco-wear, like shiny satin shirts, tight sleazy clothes and perhaps a white three-piece suit worn with lots of gold chains draped around the neck and a short blow-dried haircut. How about the recent country craze? Everybody sure jumped on that bandwagon pretty quick. Every hick in Halifax now has a cowboy hat and boots, but doesn't know one end of a horse from the other. People who wear cowboy hats should be forced to ride one of those mechanical bulls at full speed.

It's too bad that people can't see others dressed differently, because of their musical tastes or whatever, without making a big deal out of it. I never say a word when I see a heavy metal moron on the street with Van Halen or AC/DC scrawled on the back of his/her faded denim jacket with black magic marker. People are strange. Accept it and look forward to the next "New" wave.

An indifferent,
David Potter (NSCAD)

NASTY, BRUTISH, AND SHORT.... BY TOMOZERE

