

Editorial

The time has come to halt or seriously restrict the take-over of our economic, political, cultural, and natural resources by outside forces, most notably American, over which we have little or no control.

Our sovereignty is not compatible with branch plant status; the greater the degree of foreign ownership and control of Canadian industry, the narrower the freedom of choice in economic as well as political matters, and the wider the influence on our culture and control of natural resources.

If we do nothing about the problem now, by the time the next decade has arrived, foreign domination will be almost complete. We are not the only country faced with this problem. By the 1980's some economists have estimated that conglomerates will control 33 per cent of the non-communist world's production. Americans will control 75 per cent of this. They will also tighten their control on advancing technology and this further centralize their strangle-hold.

We must do something about it now. We cannot afford to buy back Canada, as Walter Gordon proposed, but we can restrict and inhibit corporate mergers and acquisitions, except where it is clearly in Canada's interest. The government should set up a review board to look into and examine all take-overs. Through the board the government could bar any take-over of a Canadian company and set the limits of foreign control. It should also activate a review of our economy to make sure that the provisions of the Anti-Combines Act have not been violated and to take action where necessary. The government should also proceed with the Canada Development Corporation, and they should cut any preferential treatment extended to foreign companies where it does not benefit Canadians.



Immediately, we must identify what are the valuable parts of our economy are over which Canadian control is important. Over the years we have already established priority in certain areas where Canadian control is deemed necessary. Areas of banking, broadcasting, transportation, and uranium have been kept under Canadian control and development. These are only a few areas. Many sectors will be decided upon in the next decade as to their importance and necessity of being developed by Canadians. It is very obvious that guidelines concerning developing of our country be set by ourselves. Some areas where it is important to make deci-

sion now are the publishing, steel, and pipeline industries.

We must be sure that a policy of restricting foreign ownership doesn't seriously inhibit Canadian growth, particularly in areas of slow-growth. Foreign domination of our economy is now and has been very clear for the past decade. As early as 1913 important sectors of our economy were already in foreign hands. Branch plant economy, branch central banking, legal imperialism, and the foreign ownership of our land are only a few of the points of contention that have to be resolved in the next decade.

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Dear Sir:

This is in reference to that letter you printed in last week's Brunswickan from "Arts 70". In fact, this really is directed towards her - in rebuttal or in response.

You will note that I said 'her', Oh yes, Arts '70, my dear, it was so very obvious that you are female. And chickie, I'm not sure if you are aware of it, but it showed through so well that you were not only female, but also that you had

gone through a similar crisis (if that is the correct word to use) in your own life. I assume the reason for the "Arts 70" signature was this. And realizing this, I cannot understand why you are so anti Doris. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, and their own reaction in any given situation. Obviously your reaction in that situation was different from Doris'. Are you willing to play God and tell us that your decision was THE ONLY decision to be made. Perhaps you are

misinterpreting the point of the interview. Doris was presenting her case - no one else's, just her case. I, for one of many, did not feel the urge to run to Confessional, nor to burst into sympathetic flood of tears.

Perhaps you should read more carefully. Doris said that the event took place four years ago. And did you ever take into consideration the fact that Doris may not have had the necessary connections (which money can buy) to have an abortion performed here in Can-

ada. Obviously your case was dealt with here in Canada. I also assume that you gave your child up for adoption. I admire your courage. Cannot believe that it is easy to give a child created in your own body away. Cannot say that you were wrong to do what you did, but then again I cannot say Doris was wrong. Her justification was the she did not think she did not think she could give the child away after carrying it for nine months. What was your justification? Can you say that it is absolutely wrong to abort a child that was unwanted from the moment of conception? It would appear to me that there is too much unwantedness in this world, not enough love.

"A fellow Arts woman"

Dear Sir:

On Feb 10 23 per cent of the students who voted at this university cast their ballots in favour of revolutionary socialism. An event strangely overlooked in the election coverage provided by the Brunswickan. The victors, Mr. Fenety and Mr. Poore, accredited their success to the more realistic nature of their program in comparison to that of their socialist opponents. What might we ask is realistic about ignoring the fact that about 2,000 women die annually from butchered abortions or

that our waterways and air are being polluted with industrial waste from privately owned industry? Perhaps by realism our opponents mean an acceptance of things the way they are without any effort being made to being real change to UNB. Certainly this is not realistic for the mass of students on this campus because we suffer rather than benefit from butchered abortions, pollution and war. Only the bourgeoisie benefits from this sort of 'realism' by maintaining the status quo without endangering their profit-margin. This is what more and more students on this and every other campus are beginning to realize and this is what is significant about the 23 per cent of the votes gained by the revolutionary socialist candidates.

The Bruns of the 12th does mention in passing the unusually high turnout for an SRC election however it very conveniently avoids presenting any analysis of this 'remarkable' phenomenon. No where do we find, or even suspect, a reference to the controversy and heightened discussion caused by the fact that socialist candidates were contesting the two highest position open on the SRC. For the very time in a presidential election students at UNB were given the opportunity to express their opinions on more

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