

# Marxist-Leninist made the most sense Debate loses track of topic

by Shelly Galliah

What was intended as a debate on women and free trade turned into a rehashing of the parties' platforms on almost every other issue.

Although six candidates attended the November 1 forum at the YWCA, an all-candidate debate was rejected. The floor was left to the Progressive Conservative, New Democratic and Liberal parties. The three remaining alternate candidates were allotted three minutes each to make a statement.

On the matter of women and free trade, the Liberal and NDP candidates expressed their viewpoints, but the Tory incumbent neglected the issue entirely.

Liberal candidate Mary Clancy affirmed the vulnerability of women due to possible elimination of jobs in the manufacturing, clerical, and food processing sectors. She demanded the security of women's jobs and the continuing fight for gender equality.

NDP candidate Ray Larkin used statistics to support his stand that women, especially those in the Maritimes, would be the big losers. In Nova Scotia alone, he claimed that the employees of its three major manufacturing plants — Stanfields, Windsorware, and Domin-

ion Textiles — are almost guaranteed to lose their jobs. In Halifax's service sector, 94 per cent of the positions are held by women. These occupations are also threatened. Larkin disclosed that in the tense competition with the US, big businesses won't have the time or money to deal with concerns of women's equality such as pay equity, maternity leave, and affirmative action.

PC candidate Stewart McInnes totally ignored the topic of free trade and women, a risky move in an audience composed almost entirely of that gender.

Unfortunately, this topic was only briefly discussed, and the candidates returned to their party platforms. McInnes maintained that free trade, which he called a commercial rather than historical agreement, is supported by every single national association. He reiterated the Tory platform which promises 1.3 million jobs and that 29 out of 36 industries are expected to benefit.

Larkin's pro-Maritime perspective centred around Nova Scotia, which he claimed had been "written off by the Tories." Clancy declared that free trade is a threat to "the essence of what it is to be Canadian," and spoke of the impossibility of competing with America. Instead, she said the Liberals are devoted to a policy of

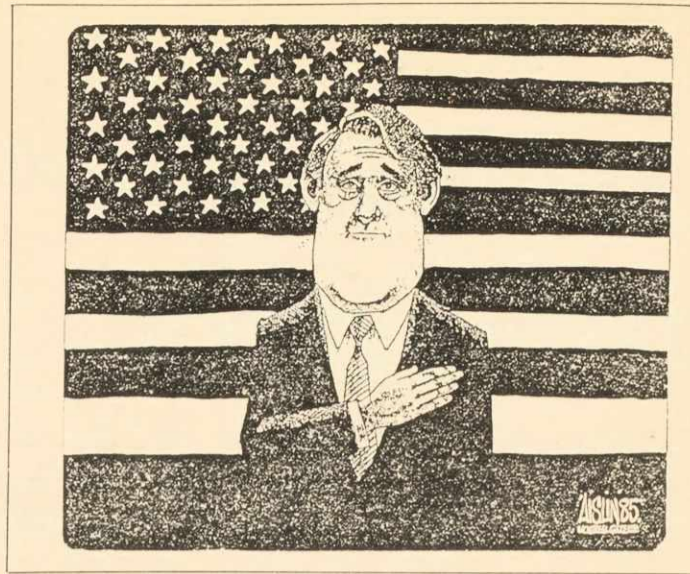
"world peace, security, and cleaning up the environment."

Notwithstanding that the main topic was avoided, the debate was a spectacle, with an animated Stewart McInnes skirting the issues of the Maritimes and women, the prosaic speeches of a perhaps too confident Mary Clancy, and a serious Ray Larkin citing facts and figures.

Considering the threat to Maritime employment, Clancy alleged the loss of unionized jobs to low paying ones in the service sector, while McInnes countered by saying the jobs lost would be in the low paying textile industry. Although the PC and NDP speakers accused the Liberal Party of being "squarely divided" on the free trade issue, Clancy flatly denied this.

Speaking for the Communist Party was Miguel Figueroa, who stressed that free trade would "Balkanize Canada and assimilate it into the USA." Libertarian Howard J. MacKinnon, closely following his prepared speech, asserted that "communism has no place in this country." Tony Seed, representing the Marxist-Leninist Party, alleged that the elections were "unfair" and that it was "difficult to tell where the parties end and the media begins."

It might have been worthwhile



to hear more from Tony Seed, as 27 of the 67 candidates in his party are women. He said that women are "politically disenfranchised" and often a pawn in the political process. At any rate

women, with their tremendous voting power, should look past the pretty words to get to the meat of the matter — whether they will emerge as winners or losers in the free trade deal.

## Quebec student strike Riot police engage in 'normal work'

by Heide Modro  
and Chris Lawson

MONTREAL (CUP) — The day after Quebec's student coalition called for an indefinite boycott of classes, 30 anti-strike students crashed through picket lines at l'Universite du Quebec a Montreal.

And for the second day in a row, Montreal police in full riot gear arrived to clear pickets from buildings.

UQAM administration was granted a Quebec superior court injunction making it illegal for students to block entrances or to "intimidate, threaten or harass" anyone wishing to enter the university's nine buildings.

The UQAM arts and social science students walked out November 2 as the Association nationale des etudiantes et etudiants du Quebec (ANEEQ) was **continued on page 13**



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## D'mouth to Dal, direct

by Scott Randall

Good news for Dal students from Dartmouth: bus routes for the MacDonald Bridge (11) and Spring Garden (1) will be combined as of November 24.

But while this change should make the number 1 bus more frequent, other changes to the bus schedule will have buses in Halifax coming less frequently. The Robie/Gottingen buses (routes 3 & 7), the Quinpool bus (route 5), the Young/Bayers (route 12), and the Sackville bus (route 80) will be circulating less frequently. The Windsor bus (route 8) will be discontinued

after 6 pm with the Herring Cove bus (route 20) picking up its passengers after that. The Bay Road/Quinpool bus will also be discontinued after 6 pm.

A major review of the bus system in Dartmouth is now underway but it will be a while before the results of this are put into place. Even then, there will be a three year implementation period.

Some of the changes being investigated would involve the addition of new bus terminals to the system. Dal arts student Susan Russel adds that the bus terminals, especially at the Dartmouth ferry terminal, should be rebuilt.



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