New economic order

by Valerie Mansour

Three Federal politicians, are making a ten day tour to nine Canadian centres, recently spoke to a capacity filled room at a public meeting at the Nova Scotia School of Architecture. Irene Pelletier, Liberal, from Sherbrooke, Quebec, Andrew Brewin, N.D.P., representing Toronto-Greenwood, and Douglas Roche, the P.C. member for Edmonton-Strathecona, each stressed the necessity for Canadians to increase their aid to the world's poor. The new International Economic Order is to be enacted so that developing countries can benefit economically.

Dr. Pelletier's speech centered upon the fact that we in the Western World waste far too much, and no international development is possible until this is stopped. He informed the gathering that each individual throws out one pound of food each day. Dr. Pelletier mentioned that fifteen years ago it was estimated that industrialized countries could eliminate poverty in twenty-five years, but instead, the gap between the rich and poor is widening.

Andrew Brewin remarked that public attention is drawn to the deprivation and malnutrition of many people, only when a disaster occurs. He feels we need a global strategy affecting the whole of human society in order to deal with our problems. Self-reliant development is required to rid the world of poverty. Mr. Brewin says there is genuine hope, and that political will and social imagination working through the new economic order should help.

Douglas Roche commented that since three members of parliament, each from a different party, are travelling together for the same cause, a unity is shared in their views of international troubles and that Canada will play a major role. He finds that the maldistribution of



I. Pelletier speaks

the world's wealth is a moral problem and people's consciousness must be raised.

A brief question and answer period followed the talks where again this new economic order was stressed to be a good solution to the poverty problem. The conversation at this point in the meeting was rather hard to understand, but a publication handed out at the beginning was helpful in understanding exactly what this economic order is about. The order hopes to enact free world trade along with some regulated economic action. Countries will be cocentrating on producing only those products it is best suited to produce, and the concept of self-reliance in trade and technology will be emphasized.

The three speakers were sponsored by the Canadian Council for International Co-operation which serves global development. "Ten Days For World Development" was also mentioned as an important

organization doing a great deal of work in this area. The speakers urged the audience to get more involved in what is happening around them and to become aware of the poverty that exists in the world.

The politicians' speeches, although sometimes vague, were quite interesting and certainly assisted in informing people of the

problems for which a solution must be found. On a sign hung on the wall behind the guest speakers was the following quotation by Don Heldor Camara: "We shall always have rich and poor because that is human nature. But a poverty so degrading and a wealth so irresponsible are in blatant contrast to all the precepts of the scriptures."

New library lending policy

Interlibrary loan is a lending and borrowing arrangement made between libraries in order to make research material available to the scholarly community. Now an international network of participating libraries, growing in magnitude and complexity, Interlibrary Loan is a service whose success depends upon the mutual good will and cooperation between Dalhousie and the many libraries on whom we rely. Most libraries provide the necessary staff and absorb the mailing cost of the ILLO operation without passing on these charges to the patron. (Exceptions to this are costs of photoduplication and loan char-

ges for books recently instituted by a growing number of universities.)

All faculty, students, and staff registered at Dalhousie and engaged in research are eligible to make use of the Interlibrary Loan service; undergraduates are restricted to borrowing material from Canadian libraries only. Forms for monographic and periodical requests are available at the Information Desks in the Killam and Macdonald Science Libraries. Requests from patrons in the Social Sciences and Humanities faculties are processed in the Killam Library, those from the Science faculty in the Macdonald.

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though there is not yet an agreement between Novà Scotia and Ottawa, one will be completed within a few weeks, it will govern universities and their employees, and it is expected to provide that anti-inflation measures are applicable from last fall.

We have asked the Provincial Government to give exemption or specific consideration to our collective agreement, as may be done for some others. Getting necessary approval to implement our agreement fully is taking longer than could have been anticipated. Until the situation is resolved, the University should not be expected to break the law, even if the machinery to implement the law is still uncertain. Inis creates an awkward situation for Dalhousie. It also creates serious problems for members of the Local.

The University remains ready to pay an interim adjustment in wages of 12%, retroactive to last September, in partial fulfillment of the terms of the collective agreement, if your Union agrees. That portion of any increase would be clearly within announced federal guidelines in this case. As soon as approval can be obtained for payments in excess of the announced federal guidelines, payment would be made, again retroactive to last September, as the new collective agreement provides.

W.A. MacKay

Bucket Cont'd from pg. 6 cheap milk, cheap everything if they didn't have to pay the Labour involved. So there.

Confidential to the cretin who was responsible for pulling the pin setting off the automatic fire extinquishing equipment: Thank you. Because of your fearless actions, a fault in the system was detected and has now been repaired. You may have saved the building from disaster.





