

Broadbent says

# Unemployment is Canada's main problem

by Scott Vaughan

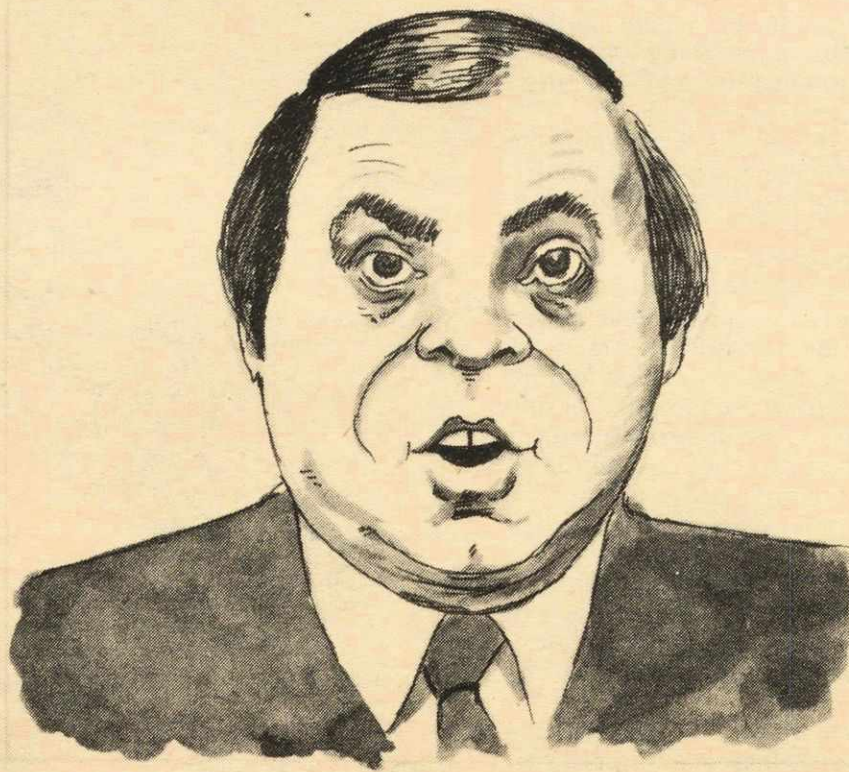
"Trudeau's inactive response to the alarming number of unemployed is cause for real concern for every Canadian," Ed Broadbent, National Leader of the New Democratic Party, said last week during the taping of a local television program in Halifax. The N.D.P. leader said that instead of short term make work projects, the federal government should initiate long term industrial development.

Cape Breton is a prime example of the need for capital investment on the federal level to stimulate that region's economy, Broadbent said.

"In Cape Breton there is a large skilled labour force, but not enough jobs in the primary industries to provide enough employment. Private enterprise will not be the initiators of industrial development in Canada," he continues, "and it is thus up to the federal government to stimulate potential and existing industrial areas with large capital expenditures."

Broadbent said that DREE had failed to capitalize on existing industries in the Maritimes, citing the Steel Industry of Cape Breton and the fishery and ship building industries of the province as being long ignored areas of the federal government.

Broadbent said that there was a need for greater union participation in Canada in order to influence the policies of the federal government and ensure the protection of the



wage-earner. "The most advanced industrial nations in Western Europe are those with large and effective labour organizations."

Broadbent is in favour of voluntary wage and price controls, similar to those found in West Germany and Scandinavia, to replace the AIB, which he described as "unfair, unjust and totally

unsuccessful in its attempt to control inflation, while holding down the wages of the workman in the attempt."

The federal party leader stated that there is a "fundamental need in Canada for extensive industrial planning on a national level, and thus the need for the implementation of an effective centralized

scheme which would be capable of zeroing in on potential areas of industrial growth across the nation."

The real problem facing Canada today, Broadbent said, is not separation in itself, but unemployment. "In Quebec there is a huge number of people under the age of thirty who are unable to find work. It is this age group from which the Parti Quebecois draws most of its support. If the Prime Minister would move towards concrete action to create jobs and stimulate the Quebec economy, the threat of separation would not be so acute," Broadbent continued. "Trudeau has in effect forced the Quebec issue by presenting to the francophone population an option of either being Quebecois or Canadian, when of course they can be both."

Broadbent also stated that Ed Schreyer's loss in last week's Manitoba provincial election was no indication of a loss of support on the national level. "There is almost no relationship between provincial and federal election results in terms of party support, for if this was the case, the liberals in Ottawa would be trounced in the next federal election as they were in Manitoba last week."

Broadbent is encouraged with growing NDP support in the Maritimes, and concluded that "the social democratic movement is the strongest movement in Canada today."

## Complex needs more funds

by Valerie Mansour

Dalhousie President Henry Hicks has announced the beginning of "Dalplex," a scheme to raise \$3.3 million for the new Dalhousie Sports Complex.

To a reception of Halifax business people who collectively might own the required amount, Hicks said that the complex will benefit

both the university and community.

The only increase in sports facilities here in the last 40 years has been the rink. It was built in 1951 when the population of Dalhousie was 1,500 students. Enrolment at the university is now almost 9,000 and sports facilities have not been increased.

The complex will provide Dal-

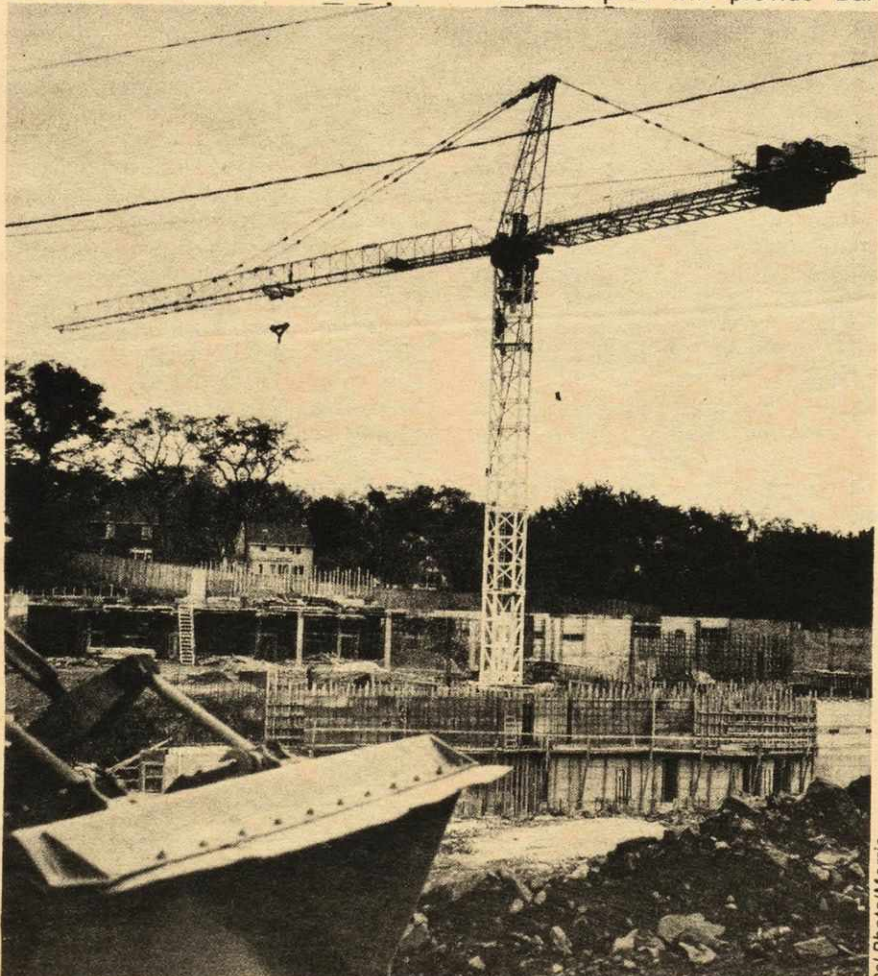
housie with 20 different activity areas, including an olympic size swimming pool. The centre will be a combined teaching and research area, and a facility for various sports and recreation, with emphasis on participation. The three level building can accommodate 600 participants at one time.

The construction was originally to cost \$5,500,000, but due to delays since 1973 costs have increased to \$10,500,000. The Provincial Government is providing \$6,925,000, while the federal government's contribution is \$200,000. The Windsor Foundation, a Canadian philanthropic organization, has already contributed significantly

to the project, leaving the "Dalplex" committee with approximately \$2,750,000 to raise from private sources.

The complex is under construction at present, and is expected to be finished in late 1978 or early 1979. The construction encountered prolonged delays when the city of Halifax objected to the chosen site on South Street and took Dalhousie as far as the Supreme Court in an unsuccessful effort to stop the project. Last year, residents in the complex area complained of damages to their homes from blasts at the construction site.

Asked if the increased facilities would result in higher union fees for Dal students, student council treasurer, Gail Rudderham, informed the *Gazette* that an increase is not yet anticipated.



Concrete evidence of progress on the Dalhousie Sports Complex. Expected finishing date is late 1978 or early 1979. Dalplex, a campaign to raise funds for the building, has begun with the Dalhousie administration hoping to raise the needed \$3.3 million.

## Newfoundland jobless organize

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—Government inaction on the unemployment problem in Newfoundland forced the public to take action last week with the formation of the Newfoundland Association For Full Employment.

Over 200 people met at a public meeting Oct. 13 and decided to start organizing the over 70,000 unemployed workers in the province into a union.

An action committee of about 50 people met again on Friday, Oct. 14 and formed an interim executive and three sub committees that will report back to the association at another public meeting scheduled for next week.

Jim Payne, interim president of the association, said the executive will try to set up communication with other areas of the province and draw up an action plan for the consideration of the membership at

the next meeting.

The Oct. 13 meeting was called by an ad hoc committee that was formed late this summer by a group of concerned individuals in St. John's.

Payne said sentiment ran strong at the meeting and many people were frustrated and angry, especially those with individual employment problems. He added most people seemed to recognize the need for concrete action to combat unemployment.

Payne said the association is relying on donations and \$1.00 membership fees for funds but there may be some financial support from the Newfoundland Federation of Labor.

Newfoundland has the highest unemployment rate in Canada, officially reported at 15 per cent but more realistically estimated at between 30 and 40 per cent.