

CIC problems

by Susan Johnson

The Committee for an Independent Canada (CIC) formalized communication links with their Quebec counterpart the Conseil Quebecois de Developpement Economique et Culturel (CQDEC) at their 6th annual general meeting held recently in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

The CQDEC was established last spring by the CIC when they recognized that they were having little success recruiting in French Canada. The CIC hopes that a separate structure in Quebec will attract French Canadian nationalists to their cause.

The aims of the CQDEC are, not surprisingly, quite similar to those of the CIC. Their unique interests are recognized in one of the resolutions passed at recent Lunenburg conference: they are to pursue "national economic independence in keeping with the needs and concerns of Quebec society".

However, it is clear within the same resolution that this autonomy for Quebec is quite limited. The CQDEC's moves towards independence must "be complementary to and convergent with the aims and objectives of the CIC".

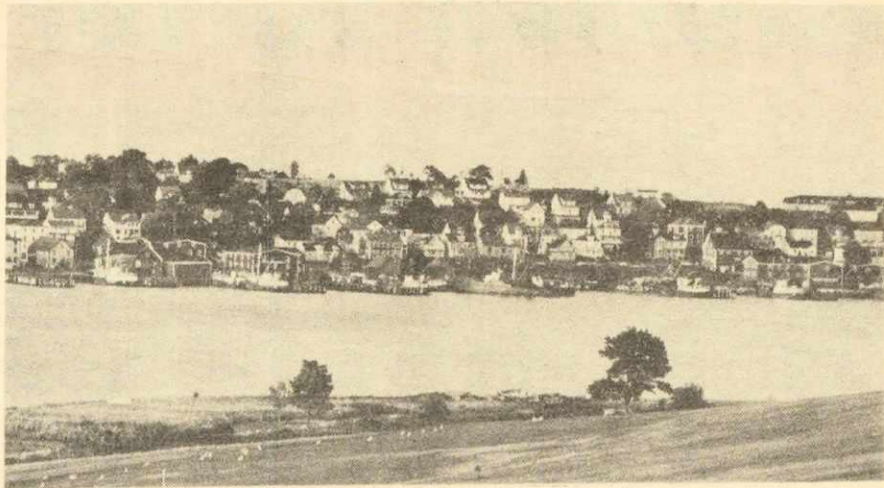
As part of their new relationship with French Canada, future annual meetings of the CIC will be conducted in both Canadian languages.

This weekend meeting was locally organized by the Lunenburg chapter of the CIC, marking the first time in the organization's short history that the annual meeting was held in the Atlantic region.

It was poorly attended, attracting only fifty delegates. None of the well known Canadian nationalists such as Flora MacDonald, Peter C. Newman, Pauline Jewett or Walter Gordon managed to attend the meeting, the most well known guest being MP David MacDonald from Prince Edward Island. He gave a keynote address on regional development.

For the upcoming year, Albertaborn engineer Brian Willson was elected to the position of chairperson of the CIC. Presently, he is associated with several large companies in Canada including the Engineering Institute of Canada, the American Gas Association and the Canadian Nuclear Association. As well, he is a member of a few of the proper country clubs including the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Willson's address to the conven-



When the Committee for the Independent Canada met in Lunenburg earlier this month none of the founders were present.

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tion delegates was dominated by references to the American control of the economy and notably lacking any references to the cultural and educational aspects of American imperialism.

A major problem at the annual meeting was the lack of information about past decisions and resolutions of other annual conferences. Apparently, there were no records

available of policies adopted even one year ago.

As a result, most business from this meeting was tabled for fear of contradicting an already existing but unknown policy.

Plans have been made to rectify this situation for the future so that by next year's conference they will be able to act on some of the waiting resolutions.

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Which, finally, brings me to you Zdunich. The responsibility is yours as it is only since you have been editor that the existing situation has blown (no pun intended)-up, and so much attention has been given to the gay movement in **the Gazette**. I personally suggest that you resign your post to someone with no religious, political, ethical, moral or sexual biases (I wonder if such a person exists). Otherwise you will receive more letters from myself and others about people who:

- 1) pick their nose 23.2%
- 2) fart in the bathtub 18.9%
- 3) eat shit 12.4%
- 4) sleep with a teddy bear . 15.7%
- 5) all four of the above 11.2%

All of these categories of people are in more of a majority than are gays, and yet do they receive any publicity? No!!

I am not trying to satirize this issue I am merely trying to make my point, and I think you got it.

Sincerely yours,
Barry Goldman

Your point? No, I don't think I did get it.

You invoke statistics (false one's, I might add) as a reason for discounting the validity of the gay issue. Did you object to the **Dalhousie International Supplement** on these same grounds? Are you saying that we should not address issues that concern minorities of students: like football games, theatrical productions, or guest lectures?

The **Dalhousie Gazette's** concern for the rights of Canadian citizens is not limited to those that are white, male and middle class. We believe that we must concern ourselves with the plight of minority both in Canadians university and outside it. It is this concern that brings us to discussions of students aid, international affairs and gay rights. It is this same concern that spur more discussion in the future.

If these discussions disturb you, that's too bad. We think they are important.

In fact, we think that is our job.
Editor's note.

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