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press time) Canada produced over 700 million dollars of copper, most of which was exported, while importing only 55 million dollars worth of it from other countries.

Third, it may be true that we are all indirectly involved in supporting repressive regimes in Chile and South Africa, but some parties are much more involved than others. We have singled out several Canadian banks, who have a long history of loans to these countries, as having major involvements there.

Fourth, there is something illogical about Dr. Huber's argument that because everyone is indirectly tied up in repressive regimes, the banks' and the Board of Governor's involvement is therefore alright. Widespread practice or participation does not make something right. Anyone wishing to be a moral individual will seek to rid himself of these involvements whenever possible.

Fifth, he apparently wants to equate the repression and racism in South Africa and Chile to that occurring in Canada. While these things have happened all too often in Canada's history, one cannot seriously compare Canada today with South Africa and Chile.

Finally, Dr. Huber is right to point out that there is a beneficial side to the Bank of Nova Scotia, as there of course is to the Board of Governors. Maybe we should have stressed this more strongly, but our criticism still stands: neither the Board nor Scotia-bank agrees to take human rights criteria into consideration when making business decisions. It is very regretful that Dr. Huber, a member of the Board's investment committee, failed to appreciate the most significant point of our article.

Headline misleading

Dear Gazette,

On March 20th, the **Dalhousie Gazette** published an article on David Livingston's talk at the law school along with a short article on the local committee which is working to support Quebec's right to self-determination.

Our newly formed committee was pleased to receive

the publicity which the **Gazette** accorded this issue but we were dismayed to read the headline that accompanied the article. Unfortunately, it seems that the person who composed the headline did not read the article, or understand the fundamental principle of our committee's existence.

The Halifax/Dartmouth Committee to Defend Quebec's Right to Self-determination does not "push for Quebec's independence". We do believe that the people of Quebec have **the right to make the choice** about their future as a nation. We recognize that as a nation, Quebec must be allowed full political independence if that is the choice of the majority of citizens. We are not advocating anything other than that simple, and fundamental, democratic principle.

Thank you for your cooperation in printing this letter in order to clarify our position and clear up the misrepresentation which occurred when the original article was printed.

Sincerely,
Susan Johnson

M.L.'s not circulating petition

To the Gazette:

The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), which in federal elections runs under the registered name of Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada, is not circulating the "petition" which has aroused Mockinson to write to you last week's letter-to-editor. Those circulating the petition include, amongst others, a group calling itself "M-L Organisation of Canada IN STRUGGLE!"

These frauds reflect the all-sided crisis plaguing Canada in which the rich are shifting the burdens of debt, inflation and unemployment onto our backs. The only solution is for the working class and people to Make the Rich Pay for the Crisis!

The Marxist-Leninist position is that **all** of Canada needs liberation from US domination. CPC(M-L) further recognises the right of Quebec to self-determination in any event, up to and including secession, if that is

the wish of the ordinary people of Quebec. The characters whom Mackinson is calling "Marxist-Leninist", openly deny in their program that Canada is under US domination. Mr. Mockinson does not clarify which statements of these so-called "Marxist-Leninists" he considers to be false, and the reader is left to infer that he is up-set with the idea of "self-determination" in principle. He should not allow his own predispositions on the referendum issue, whatever these may be, "cloud the issue" to the point that everything "Marxist-Leninist", whether genuine or sham, is tarred with the same brush. We are confident that if Mr. Mockinson or others look into who is behind this petition they will see for themselves how "genuine" these "petitioners" are on the issue of genuine independence.

Charles Spurr

Mediation free of charge

Dear Editor;

I would like to mention a few corrections to your article on Dharamadhatu, the new Buddhist meditation and study centre in Halifax.

Your article stated that meditation instruction is available at a low cost; in fact, meditation instruction is offered free of charge. This distinction is important since Dharamadhatu was not established to earn money or to expand in any evangelistic sense.

Essentially the idea of meditation is very simple. It is noticing your own mind. Noticing mind allows us to separate out our confusion from what is actually going on in the world; it allows us to appreciate who we are. This appreciation can extend to others, developing a sense of interest and concern for our neighbours and our society.

For practitioners, meditation feels like a worthwhile thing to do. As such, it seems natural to make it available to others. It's the kind of thing you don't ask money for.

Dharamadhatu is a place where members come to practice and study, and provide space for interested people to come and ask questions.

Yours truly,
Cheryl Sacamano

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