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## At Dalhousie SCAN Editor here

The Secretary of the Young Communist League of Canada, recently returned from North Vietnam, will visit Dalhousie Wednesday, Feb. 2.

## Scrap Young Canadians, say Grits

FREDERICKTON (CUP) — The Maritime University Liberal Federation recently passed a resolution calling for the abolition of the Company of Young Canadians.

The federation said at its annual convention here the company cannot function independently of government, and would only duplicate many volunteer organizations already in the field.

In Ottawa, Tony Pearson president of the Canadian university Liberal group said there is "quite a bit of dissatisfaction with the Company among young people," and said a similar resolution should come up at the Canada-wide meeting Feb. 11-13.

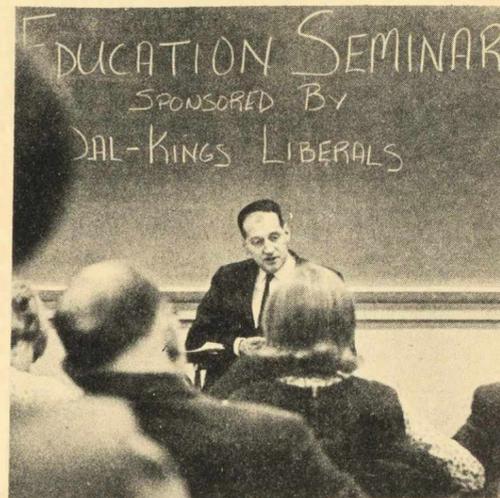
Rae Murphy, who is also editor of Scan magazine, will speak in Room 234 of the Arts and Administration building at 7:30 p.m. In addition to his 15-day visit to North Vietnam he also stayed briefly in Peking and Moscow. January 10, immediately after his return Murphy said in an interview that in his view the Chinese would be content to let the Vietnamese fight to the last man.

He added that it is impossible to distinguish between North and South Vietnam.

But while he considers the whole of Vietnam was one country, he said that considerable differences of composition exist between the North Vietnamese government and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam. He said the NLF was more broadly based than the North Vietnamese government, containing important non-Communist groupings.

Murphy said that in his talks with many North Vietnamese, including president Ho Chi Minh, he had observed a hatred for American imperialism but little hostility to the people of the United States.

## High school-university gap is widening: Regan



GERALD REGAN

By BILL KERR  
Gazette Staff

"Nova Scotia is at the bottom of the list as far as education is concerned. Our province is presently doing less than any other Canadian province in this most vital field."

The speaker was Gerald Regan, Nova Scotia Liberal Leader and the occasion was the second in a series of seminars sponsored by the Dal-Kings Liberal Club.

Before answering general spectator questions, Regan made a brief statement outlining some of his views on education in Nova Scotia. His underlying theme was the need for maintenance of academic independence and that "in no way should the government have any say in University Curriculum," he emphasized.

Mr. Regan pointed out to the

students present that one of the most serious problems in education is the distinct and widening gap between high school and University standards.

He said he was especially wary of people of high ability, who enter university and, failing to make the grade the first time, become discouraged and leave "one of the greatest things that life holds in store for them." This result explained the Liberal leader, from one of two reasons; either total inadequacy of the Nova Scotia high school system in University preparation or the stiffness of first year higher education. "I feel confident the fault definitely lies with the former."

Regan feels the only way to improve the high school standard is to have much higher salaries for high school teachers. "This has been proven to be the only way to entice people into the field," he laughed.

He felt one of the chief reasons for the lack of education initiative is "The fact that Premier Stanfield and the government treat education as an afterthought", and also that the Education Department has no full time Minister in this province, is seriously hindering any great leap forward that could be accomplished.

Answering questions from two Liberal panel members, Regan said that he felt standardized curriculum in Canadian high schools would be of great merit not only to encourage better cooperation and exchange of ideas between provinces but would also be of great benefit to the endless number of families who suffer due to being transferred from one province to another.

Regan emphasized that regardless of the financial status, or ability the greatest influence was a home background.

Amid numerous suggestions as to what his party would do to alleviate education pressures in Nova Scotia, Regan pointed out that the only way to get education on the road is to clear up the Department here in Nova Scotia. "We have a minister who is not a minister."

Regan closed his Seminar by saying that regardless of party or political involvement, the Universities are as great as they are today because of the very fact that they have grown on their own.

"Without immediate action by the proper authorities Nova Scotia's position in Canada, although already poorest would soon become much more serious", and we might indeed end up as the cultural background of North America," he said.

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