

Metro unemployed re-organize

by Scott Vaughan

A meeting Monday night, attended by over 200 employed and unemployed persons, laid plans for the establishment of the Union of Unemployed. The meeting, organized by the Metro Coalition of Support for the Unemployed, decided that an executive of the union be established in a month's time.

J.K. Bell, Secretary-Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, stated that the most

Many of those attending the meeting voiced dismay with the policies enacted by the Trudeau government. "Trudeau has continued to implement policies which directly discriminate against the workers of this country," said one member in attendance. "The Wage Controls have held down the wages of the workers in the face of increasing costs, and have, to some extent, contributed to the number of unemployed. As the number of

in the perspective that we should, and must, be viewed. We must start, and continue to pressure the government into changing its policies towards the workers of this country. We don't want an unemployment cheque," said one worker, "we want a paycheque: it is our basic right."

The Coalition has been in existence for over six months, and a number of persons in attendance expressed criticism concerning the organization's inaction to date. It was pointed out that many of the Coalition's demands were vague, and that the cause of unemployment was not solely the result of a particular company or

political party. The criticisms were forwarded by IN STRUGGLE, a Marxist-Lennist group, who withdrew from the Metro Coalition in October.

IN STRUGGLE withdrew from the Coalition after a motion was passed disallowing public criticism of the organization from internal members. A member of the coalition noted that at present, the organization has failed to formulate a clear analysis concerning the causes of unemployment and the best means of attack.

A meeting of the Metro Coalition will be held Monday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 410, Dalhousie Student Union Building.



Over 200 people attended Monday night's meeting sponsored by the Metro Coalition of Support for the unemployed. There was a call for organization and solidarity of the unemployed.

important directive of the unemployed is to organize and maintain solidarity. "The million unemployed people in Canada becomes a nation in itself," Bell said, "and it is the crises of the unemployed which will become the subject of the nation's biggest confrontation if the government continues to discriminate against the workers of this country."

Sharon Reilly, chairperson of the Metro Coalition, told the meeting that unions such as the one being formed in Halifax are springing up all across the country. "We are not without allies," Reilly said. "Unions of the Unemployed have been established in Sydney, St. John's, and in the western provinces. We should as much as possible work closely with these groups in order to fight the critical situation of the unemployed."

unemployed increases, Trudeau is initiating new programs which make it more difficult for those out of work to receive unemployment insurance cheques. He is now attempting to use the phony issue of national unity to mask the real issue in this country, which is the growing number of unemployed," the worker continued.

"Trudeau is using the Canadian flag as a carpet to sweep under the demanding issue of the growing number of persons who are without work," another person in attendance who are employed must join forces with those who are not working, because we who have jobs today don't know if tomorrow we too will be forced to stand in line for unemployment cheques," said one trade union member.

"What is needed is organization so that the government can see us

Human rights?

Dalhousie supports business investments

"There is a limit to how much you can advance social and moral issues through business investments," Henry Hicks, Dalhousie University President, told the *Gazette* Tuesday.

Hicks was commenting on the university's investments in such companies as Noranda Mines Ltd., which has bolstered the military dictatorship in Chile with \$400 million in investments, and Alcan, which has investments in apartheid South Africa.

Hicks said that Dalhousie invests in companies as long as they are within the law. The university has not taken a stand to persuade companies to change their policies of making loans to countries which violate human rights.

Hicks added that the Dalhousie board of governors' investment committee looked into the matter of reconsidering its investments and

decided that it would restrict their portfolio if they were "as pure as all that."

The University of Winnipeg's board of regents unanimously endorsed an investment policy January 9 which calls for the sale of its stocks in corporations found to be "socially injurious." U of W investment in these corporations was first questioned by the campus newspaper, the *Uniter*, early in the fall.

The new investment policy is aimed at companies "which violate, or frustrate the enforcement of rules of domestic or international law intended to protect individuals against deprivation of health, safety, or basic freedoms."

The investment policy deals mainly with the endowment, scholarship and bursary funds of the university.

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Rapes rumoured on Dal campus

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There have been at least three rapes on the Dalhousie campus in the last two weeks according to official *Gazette* sources.

The rapes, which have been kept quiet, occurred late at night in the A&A area of campus.

Dean of Women, Christine Irvine, told the *Gazette* that she does not know of any rapes on campus this year or last. "If I was to find out I imagine it would be through campus security. However, I think the situation has improved since the lighting on campus is better now."

Dave Ness, director of campus security, said that the force is unaware of any rapes on campus recently. "There weren't any last year either and only one alleged rape in recent history." Asked if security had any policy on handling rape cases he said that with the consent of the victim the city police would be immediately called in. Steve Kay of campus security said that better lighting on campus would not solve the rape problem. "Young women should not walk alone after dark", he said.



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