

Roche on foreign aid

by Ernie Miciak

Canada must realize a distinction between foreign aid and human development, according to Edmonton-Strathcona Progressive Conservative MP Doug Roche.

"We need to develop a policy of enlightened nationalism," Roche said in a speech to the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs Monday. He explained Canada's foreign aid is given with mixed motives — humanitarian concern and a desire to increase relations.

Canada's third largest aid spending agency, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), whose budget surpassed the \$1 billion last year, has become the subject of much controversy in Canada.

Formerly under Department of External Affairs Administration, the direction of CIDA has recently been transferred to the Leader Allan MacEachen. He should remedy what he called "lack of ministerial control."

After a recently completed week study tour of Asia where he concentrated on operations of CIDA in Indonesia and Bangladesh, two of the top recipients of Canadian aid, he concluded that foreign aid is not reaching the people at the community level.

"Big Ticket" capitalist projects, like power dams and bridges, serving the cities which have only about six per-cent of the population of these countries are given priority by foreign donors and the countries' own rulers, over such easily controlled problems as dysentery and diseases in children.

"I have experienced culture shock only once," said Roche. "I went into a village in Bangladesh and saw how people live in mud with no water or electricity. They used cow dung for fuel and little food. The next day I was on a tour of the Earth Satellite Station, an \$8 million



Doug Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona)

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Canadian investment for receiving TV signals."

Three weeks of Roche's tour were spent in China where, he said, there is no need for foreign aid. China has an evenness of economic and social development, Roche said, with no shortage of food, shelter, health care, education, or jobs. He added that agricultural production and mechanization, population control, central planning, social conditions, and widespread integration of women into the labor force are the factors for China's speculation of becoming the world's major industrial power by the year 2000.

Roche went on to say that while China, with its Maoist ideology had egalitarian administration, is progressing rapidly. Indonesia and Bangladesh are under elitist motivation "where the people running these countries have

mentalities as colonial as those of their former political oppressors."

But the cost of China's prosperity is high. Roche cited severe restrictions on personal mobility, education, culture and the media as reasons against using China as a model.

Confident that most CIDA projects are 'ok,' Roche feels that its budget must be restructured to place more emphasis on human development which he defines as the ability of a person to reach out for self-fulfillment. He added this begins with economics.

"We must take steps to get developing countries helping themselves," he said. "If we really want to help we should cut the CIDA budget and allow more imports from these countries."

"Now that the problems are identified, there is much hope," Roche said.

GFC vacancies open to students

Student Vacancies on Committees of General Faculties Council

On March 31, 1977 the term of office for student members of the standing committees of General Faculties Council will expire. Replacements for student members are being sought by the G.F.C. Nominating Committee and suggested nominations would be welcomed. Vacancies on the committees will be as follows.

Committee	Undergraduate	Graduate
Executive (Must be a member of GFC)	2	1
Academic Appeal	2	1
	2*	1*
Academic Development	2	1
Admissions & Transfers	2 students (one of whom must have transferred from an Alberta college)	
Campus Development	2	1
Computer Facilities & Policy	1	1
Conference Funds	1	1
Disciplinary Impanelling Board	10	2
Equal Opportunities	1	1
Housing & Food Services	4	2
Library	1	1
Parking Appeals	1	1
	1*	1*
Radio and Television	2	1
Research	-	1
Student Affairs Council	3 full-time members of the student body, one of whom shall be a woman, and none of whom shall be members of the Students Council, Council of GSA or UAB	
Committee to Investigate teaching	2	2
Undergraduate Scholarship	2	
University Collections	-	1
University Planning	2	1

*Numerals marked with an asterisk indicate alternate member vacancies.

All graduate and undergraduate students of the University are eligible for election to these committees and membership is not restricted to members of General Faculties Council, except for membership to the GFC Executive Committee. The terms of office for student members will commence on April 1, 1977, and will end on March 31, 1978. Members are eligible for re-election to serve a subsequent term of office if they expect to be registering at the University the following year.

The Nominating Committee will be pleased to hear from students who have suggestions for nominations or who would be interested in serving on the committees of General Faculties Council. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary of the Nominating Committee, 1-15 University Hall. Telephone 432-4715.

Student fees pay for dates

DON (CUP) — In what appears to be a throwback to the days of blue chiffon and the big date, the University of Western Ontario student council has set up a computerized dating service.

The service started Jan. 10 after a November council meeting narrowly approved the proposal 14-12.

"Of all my six years on campus, I have never seen such a mess of crap," student board of censors representative Rob MacEachern told that meeting.

Applicants for the service are asked to fill out a form containing 50 questions.

The responses will be transferred to punch cards and fed into a computer. The cards are then matched and the applicant gets the name and number of the computer-chosen date.

Students must pay a one-time application fee which is used for as many as ten dates according to council executive officer Haskell. The entire \$450 project is slated to run on a pay-per-even basis.

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