

# Free Trade and the Future

A two-day conference titled "Free Trade and the Future of Canada" will be held at St. Thomas University, Fredericton, N.B., March 3-4, 1988. Designed for a general au-

dience, the conference will explore the origins of the Mulroney-Reagan free trade deal, and the probable effects of its implementation in Canada.

The conference will consist of a series of plenary sessions, question periods, and small group discussions. The sessions will focus on the major issues in the free trade debate:

What is the Mulroney-Reagan Free Trade Deal? Is it really an international trade agreement or something quite different? Who proposed it? Who supports it? Who opposes it? Why? Will the real advantages for the deal's sponsoring corporations be found in exporting from Canada or in producing within the United States? Will there be a price for closer economic integration with the United States? If so, what is it? Who will foot the bill?

Keynote speakers at the conference will include regional and national figures who through various forums are playing a prominent role in the free trade debate. At the conference, students and members of the general public will be brought together with political economists,

historians, sociologists and representatives of special interest groups including Canadian manufacturers, the Canadian Labour Congress, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. No registration fee is charged and participation is invited from interested persons and organizations in the community. A special invitation is extended to the press.

The conference is sponsored by the University's New Brunswick Research and Resource Centre (NBRRC). Established in 1977, the NBRRC provides research and resource facilities to the community-at-large and as part of its mandate sponsors an annual conference on a topic of current concern.

## Keynote speakers

**John Ralston Saul:**

Economist and author of various widely publicized articles on Free Trade. His submission to the Parliamentary Committee on International Trade was the subject of debate in the House of Commons.

**Dick Martin:**

Vice President, Canadian Labour Congress

**Duncan Cameron:**

A political economist at the University of Ottawa and President of the Pro-Canada Network. He is the editor of THE FREE TRADE PAPERS, a collection of articles representing both sides of the free trade debate as well as of THE OTHER MACDONALD REPORT, a counter report to the MacDonald Report on the Economic Prospects of Canada.

**Michael Clow:**

Political economist at St. Thomas University and a specialist in the economic and social development of Canada. His views on free trade have received national attention. He is the author of various articles on free trade which have been published in national and regional newspapers and was one of four participants in the free trade debate titled "Richer or Poorer?" which aired Tuesday, February 16 on CBC TV's THE JOURNAL.

**Sidney Pobihushchy:**

Political scientist at the University of New Brunswick and a Director of CO-OP Atlantic. He was the author of a brief submitted to the Parliamentary Committee on International Trade.

**Janice Harvey:**

Executive director of the Conservation Council of New Brunswick and author of the Council's brief to the Premier of New Brunswick on the environmental consequences of free trade.

**Tim McCarthy:**

President of the New Brunswick Federation of Labour.

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## Job futures released

VANCOUVER - Youth Minister Jean Charest today released the 1988-89 edition of Job Futures, a two-volume publication that traces prospects of more than 200 occupations during the next five years and the labour market experience of recent graduates in over 180 fields of study.

Minister Charest announced the publication to his audience at a conference on "Youth, Schools and the World of Work," held in Vancouver.

He said, "The future labour market cannot and need not, be unpredictable. Together with international trends and technological advancement, our economic, industrial and trade policies give us a pretty good idea of what

kind of workers will be in demand in the next decade."

Job Futures describes the present experience of recent graduates and projects a view of future labour market conditions in various occupational areas. Volume I establishes an important link between educational choices and career paths, stating which jobs were held by graduates of 187 fields of study. Volume II contains an in-depth look at some 200 occupations. The two-volume set sells for \$9.95.

Job Futures is one of the most valuable reference tools available for young people pondering their careers and for adults who work with youth in planning the future. Mr. Charest said he considers the

publication so important that a condensed version is also being prepared and will be distributed widely to young people across Canada.

"Young people in every part of Canada have told me that they need more information, prepared in easily-understood terms, on which to base their decisions about their future. I have undertaken a publishing program designed to fill that vacuum. Job Futures, and the soon-to-be-released Job Futures Handbook, are part of the program. Another is the HOT-100, a publication of all federal programs and services, which was so popular in its first year that two reprints were necessary," Mr. Charest added.

## Ken the gerbil wins election



If Ken can do it, so can I.

It's official.

Ken, a gerbil, beat his nearest competitor by 194 votes to become Student Union President at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England.

The gerbil, campaigning on a platform of free beer and soft

toilet paper, beat five other candidates by polling over a third of the 1500 votes.

Reportedly, Ken celebrated his victory with sunflower seeds and vodka.

The only question remaining is where he'll spend his 94 dollars a week salary.



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A platform of free beer and soft toilet paper.