

## Nationalism debated

To the editors,  
Glad to see some patriotic tinges in *the Gazette*. The issue of defending national sovereignty is one of the major problems of the day, one related to other questions like peace and social emancipation of the working class.

The "free trade" scheme of the bourgeoisie under Mulroney is another insult to the Canadian people. It would bargain away the resources and the labour of Canadians, and further integrate the Canadian economy into the economy of the United States. Hence the economic basis for having a sovereign country would disappear.

Mulroney's treachery to Canada is seen here, just as it was seen earlier in the summit of betrayal with Reagan where everything the Americans wanted in terms of military domination of Canada and US war preparations (continued membership in NATO and NORAD, etc.) was given to them. Then there was that US ice-breaker incident, and so on.

My problem with the content of your paper is that it serves to

line the Canadian people up behind one faction of the big bourgeoisie, a social class which has always stood for sell-out and betrayal. The quarrel which Hurlig Publishing Inc. and other "Canadian" monopolies and multinationals have with BCNIA and Mulroney is merely on the terms of the sell-out. They don't want it to hurt their profits. With different terms they would be as continentalist as any of them.

It is not the only "nationalist" organization in Canada. Patriotic organizations include the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), the People's Front and Canadian Student Movement. These are independent organizations of the working class and, therefore, the most reliable defenders of national sovereignty.

Charles Spurr

## French grammar mistakes abominable

To the editors,

As a francophone and someone who was educated in French-language schools in New Brunswick, I was appalled to read the movie reviews written in french on page 18 of the Nov. 18 issue of *the Gazette*. The reviews,

written by pseudo-francophone Jean J. LeBlanc, were so full of spelling and grammatical errors that I could not bear to finish the article. Indeed, the writing was so horrible I could not believe my eyes. Anyone who knows even a little bit of the language would know the text was chock full of mistakes.

The next time the *Gazette* tries to be innovative and print articles in French, please, oh please get a professor from the French department to edit it first! Lord knows your tabloid can barely handle English let alone our other national language.

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*Typesetter's Note: Please don't put all the blame on Jean — the french-language type disc has letters in funny places due to the accents and at least 75% of the spelling errors can probably be attributed to me. However, that issue aside, I thought it was commendable of the Gazette to at least make the effort to recognize that there existed in the potential audience people other than anglophones. I guess the bottom line is, you're damned if you do and you're damned if you don't...*

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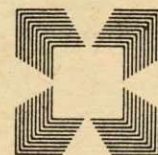
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