Ending Development Making the Connections Change in the world as we know it

Sale of CANDUs to China questioned

MONTREAL (CUP) — Despite the possible creation of 8,000 jobs sign. We are just lucky that we have in Quebec alone, critics oppose the sale of the CANDU nuclear reactors to China because of the unseen costs that may accompany



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to persuade China to buy the reactors, the federal government agreed to loan China the money to pay for

applauded the sale. "Some people don't like nuclear energy, but for me, I like it," he said. "In Canada, we have never had an accident. It's effective. It's not polluting.

have expressed outrage over the Canadian Government's continu-

"It is the most expensive and most dangerous form of electricity," said Steve Shallhorn, campaign director for Greenpeace Canada.

Shallhorn said the use of tating nuclear meltdowns at the dents Chernobyl and Three Mile Island

"They are the same reactors — nic sentiment," said Channer. there isn't any particular new deyet to have a serious accident in Canada," Shallhorn said.

However, she makes it clear that

Amnesty International does not

take a position regarding interna-

tional trade boycotts. "We are not

opposed to trade with China," ex-

plained Channer. "(Amnesty's con-

Atomic Energy of Canada Lim-

ited (AECL), the Crown Corporation

that manufactures the CANDU re-

actors, refutes the claim that their

actor has an international reputa

tion as one of the world's best and

safest reactors," states the AECL's

Internet site. The company says

that, "International experts consist-

ently rank CANDU 6 reactors in the

world's top 10 for annual and life-

little credibility because they have

"a history of bribery and corrup-

tion." He points out that in 1994

an agent of the AECL was "arrested

Recently, a blow was struck

against the CANDUs reputation for

safety. In New Brunswick, a

CANDU reactor recently sprung a

leak. And the Globe and Mail re-

ported earlier this month that a

legislator "says there's new evi-

dence of more serious problems

that could shut down the plant for

But for Martin, the AECL has

time performance and safety."

"The world-class CANDU 6 re-

reactors are unsafe

He added that he worries the sale of nuclear reactors to China will aid China's ability to produce cern) is of human rights nuclear weapons. Nuclear reactors produce plutonium, which is the bring a re- main component of nuclear weap-

> "China is the world's fourth largest holder of weapons," said

> Dave Martin, research director for the Nuclear Awareness program, echoed Shallhorn's concerns over the viability of nuclear energy.

"Fundamentally, nuclear power is a flawed technology. It is polluting and expensive." Martin said.

He also said that a main problem with the CANDU reactors is they are often sold to "countries with severe human rights viola-

Human rights issues are a main concern of Canada's dealings with and jailed for paying bribes to South China. "The human rights situation [in China] is not improving," said Carole Channer of Amnesty

She said Amnesty International documented 1,000 executions in China within a three month period CANDU reactors involves the same in 1996. China is also known to safety risks that caused the devas- actively persecute political dissi-

"There is repression of any [dis- good."

International Development Week 1997

Calendar of Events:

All Week — Educational displays on Dalhousie's International Development Projects and Local Development Nongovernmental Organizations in the Dal SUB Lobby.

- Music, 12-1 p.m. in the SUB lobby.
- Cuisine from India available in the Union Market
- Nova Scotia Cuba Association Video The Gringo in Mananaland, 7:30 p.m., Room 234 of the A&A Building. Excerpts from classic Hollywood films let viewers make their own connections between media images, cultural perceptions of Latin America, and US foreign policy. Discussion to follow

- Mexican Music by Saudiel Ramirez, 12-1 p.m. in the
- Cuisine from Mexico in the Union Market of the SUB. Brown Bag Lunch Talk — Community Participation and the Nicaraguan Election with Meghan Smillie,
- 12:30 p.m., Room 224 of the SUB Panel Discussion — Universities and International **Development Cooperation:** Student Perspectives, 4 p.m. in the Seminar Room, Lester Pearson International, 1321 Edward Street. Join the Master of Development
- Economics class for this panel discussion NSPIRG video — Manufacturing Consent, 6:30 p.m., MachMechan Auditorium, Killam Library. Noam Chomsky explores the connections between media, advertising and the global economy.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- Music: African, Cuban, Haitian derived World Beat, 12-1 p.m. in the SUB lobby.
- Cuisine from China in the Union Market of the SUB. International Opportunities Day — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Green Room, SUB. Full schedule on this page.
- Centre for Foreign Policy Studies Seminar Connecting with the World: Priorities for Canadian Internationalism in the 21st Century, 12:30 p.m., Room 319 of the A&A. With Ian Smillie — a development consultant and writer — and Dr. Robert Fournier, Dalhousie associate vp (Research and International
- Affairs). Talk — Relief Development and Peacekeeping: Perspectives on the International Red Cross with lan McAllister, 5:30 p.m in the Seminar Room, Lester Pearson International, 1321 Edward Street. Join the Masters of Development Economics Class for talk and discussion.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- International Folk Music by Tania Trepanier and Angela Failler, 12-1:30 p.m in the SUB lobby.
- Cuisine from Jamaica in the Union Market of the SUB.
- Paint Crawl paint your picture or prose depicting international development issues, sponsored by the International Development Association, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Paint supplied — bring your ideas and creativity!
- International Development Studies Seminar **Development as Practice:** The Nuts and Bolts of Development Consulting. With local consultants at 4:30 p.m. in the Multidisciplinary Centre, 1444 Seymour Street.



Last Friday I filled out an application for an internship in one of a number of "fast developing coun-Content at my new-found possibility for employment, I later

BY JIM DELANEY

dropped by the Grad House for a beer. When I asked why the place was so crowded (I had to wait five minutes at the bar), I was reminded that there was an East Timor benefit that night. I had forgotten about the event, but was glad that I could be there for a few minutes; Indonesia's horrific human rights abuses in East Timor have become a matter of growing

When I finally sat down with my beer, I glanced back at my application: "Check box 1 for Indonesia." Fast developing indeed.

The idea of development has not

always had the same power that it velopment of indifference." Develdoes today. There was once a time when it was a simple word, a term used to denote evolution, growth and change. Today, development is one of the overruling concepts of our world. It defines relations between countries, and the policies of whole regions. Indeed, development dominates the lives of most

The modern meaning of the term development originated soon after the Second World War. US President Truman's oft-quoted speech helped to popularize the use

"We must embark on a bold new program for making the benefits of our scientific advances and industrial progress available for the improvement and growth of underdeveloped areas.

This idea was unprecedented in the political world that preceded the War; what followed was a time of great hope for the world. Modernization was the fashion of the day, and people looked forward to the time when traditional societies would join the modern world in a market economy. The measurement of development was almost solely restricted to the growth in the monetary wealth of countries, and it was assumed that as traditional societies grew in

As times changed, so did development. The 1960s and 70s saw increased spending from many donor countries, and the creation of the basic needs approach to development. Development then became a matter of securing basic health, education, and safety for people so that progress could proceed. While this was a small divergence from the original path, the idea of development remained.

wealth they would shed much of

their supposedly backward

Reaganomics and trickle-down economics in the 1980s led to what is now referred to as the lost decade of development. The reality of debt hit many countries hard, and the adjustment programs imposed by many international institutions forced countries to scale back on social spending: much of the underdeveloped South began to slip backwards. By the end of the 80s, underdeveloped countries were only contributing 15 per cent of the world's economy. Development had clearly failed in much of the

The failure of development, along with mounting environmental problems, has created an atmosphere of antagonism to the very bar, or the bank machine. idea of progress. Today's favourite claim is that development is Western-centric and the end result of alism — a form of neocolonialism.

This assertion does hold a lot of weight. It is undeniable that development has been obnoxious in its approach to the many cultures of the world. It must be asked, however, whether this is the fault of Solidarity perhaps? Or maybe simdevelopment or a problem stem- ply change and evolution. Change ming from how development has

is to make an attempt at a concrete mony. meaning. Try to have some fun

opment lends itself to whatever interpretations are thrust upon it. These interpretations are all too would see development as a linear progression or a tangible thing. Hence, development is most often outlined by those who think that they are developed. This simple fact has not changed since the day that Truman bastardized the word and changed the world in the process. Development has, however,

evolved to deal with the challenges that it has encountered. Ideas such as human development, gender and development, sustainable de velopment, and appropriate technology have attempted to make development more user-friendly. Development is attempting to break from its linear past. The examples of Indonesia,

China, and many of the other fast developing countries, however, shows an awful truth: development does not necessarily create harmony. Even when states achieve development's primary goal - economic growth — they do not necessarily achieve justice, peace, or any of the factors of life that peo-

Development has become, more than ever, a process of quantifying and categorizing the world. Development imposes numbers where there should be ideas, and only uses ideas when there should be emotions. There are very few poets working for the World Bank.

Those who pursue and promote development often avoid the question that lies at the heart of their cause: "What is development?" Or. put more simply, "What does it mean to be developed?" I do not claim to have an answer to this question. The confusion of four years spent studying development a virtual non-thing — has led me to believe that it does not exist. Defining the term is the most feared task of most students and practitioners of development. Inevitably one is forced to wonder how you can pursue or advocate that which

It was once argued to me — albeit over a few beers — that the idea of development is merely a heads from the need for meaning in our own societies or lives, or in the world as a whole. The current crisis in the supposedly developed world — which includes Canada that happiness can only come with another visit to the boutique, the

If development is to come to an end — as well it should — then it must be replaced with something. is not always forward, and progress is not inevitable, but change must There are few ways to truly de- remain the focus of those who are fine development, especially if one interested in social justice and har-

That, of course, leads to yet an-

Making the connections **Explaining International Development Week**

Every year since 1986, the Canadian International Development Agency has declared the first week of February International Development Week. Development organizations have urged Canadians over the last decade to take this opportunity to become informed about and involved in issues of national and global development

International Development Week 1997 (to be celebrated next week on campus from February 3 to 6) will mark the sixth year this event has been held at Dalhousie. Before a plethora of informative and cultural events arrive on campus, it is worth reflecting on why universities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), student groups and cultural centres across the country plan activities for In-

ternational Development Week. We hear frequently that we are living in a global village, one in which information flows around the world quicker than anyone can imagine. Yet these advances in communications have not im-

ing Canada are unique to our country. Citizens of both the industrialized and less-industrialized world are struggling with the same Brazil, France and Nova Scotia are wondering how to maintain and improve the health care system in munities in Atlantic Canada, the Philippines and Iceland are debat-

City face bankruptcies when multinational corporations and their subsidiaries come to town. Wherever we are on the planet we are threatened by the policies and practices that put profits and unlimited growth ahead of indi vidual, community and planetary health and wellbeing.

lenged: wherever people and communities are threatened, individuals, communities and NGOs have mobilized themselves to protect their environment and their livelihoods. These social movements might involve a few parents trying to keep a rural school open or thousands of Nicaraguans protesting election fraud. Such community development groups may be financially independent, or may have used Atlantic Canada Partnership funds or money and supplies donated by Canadian development agencies. These organizations might be working alone or be closely linked to national or international solidarity movements and networks.

with the people in our neighbour- in development are united in their Wednesday, International Opporhoods, let alone with our neigh- concerns about poverty, the enviturities Day, when speakers bours around the globe. These ronment and injustice. These is- from various Dalhousie departfailures of communication and sues are increasingly relevant ments and local NGOs will discuss understanding are tragic because nationally as the gap between the their programs in the Green Room they preclude our ever being able rich and poor continues to widen of the SUB. to learn from the experiences of in this country. It is in this con-Learning from each other is concerns that International Devel-remain an isolated event that hapcritical: none of the problems fac- opment Week exists to provide an pens only once a year, the Interopportunity for reflection and dialogue about local and global development. issues. Concerned individuals in International Development Week

are designed to inform and stimulate discussion around development issues. A week-long display a period of budget cutbacks. Com- in the SUB will highlight Dalhousie's involvement in international development partnerships while ing how best to manage the dwin- local NGOs will also be on hand dling fish stocks on which their to present their development inisurvival depends. Small businesses tiatives. These displays in the SUB in Halifax. Munich and Mexico form the backdrop for many other International Development Week. | "developing poverty", or the "de-anyway?"

activities designed to get people thinking and talking about Canada's role in international development cooperation and to identify opportunities for individuals to become involved. The links between media, cul

tural perception and foreign policy are explored by the video Gringo These patterns of greed and in Mananaland on Monday destruction do not go unchalevening, while the role of universities in international development cooperation is discussed by students of the Masters in Development Economics Program on Tuesday afternoon. Canada's in ternational priorities for the 21st century will be discussed by Ian Smillie and Robert Fournier in a Wednesday presentation entitled Connecting with the World. International communication and understanding can also

and aspirations and those shared by people around the globe.

Ultimately, making these connections is the reason why we have

be improved by learning from other people's international experiences. To further this goal Meghan Smillie will share her experiences as an unofficial observer of the Nicaraguan election process in a talk on Tuesday. Student opportunities for interna-Whatever the size and origin of tional learning through travel and proved our ability to communicate their organization, those involved exchange will also be stressed on

> Lest discussion and participatext of global solidarity and shared tion around development issues national Development Association is presenting a Paint Crawl on, Thursday afternoon to provoke The events and displays during exchange and year-round involvement in local and global development. This participatory activity, along with others offered throughout the week, will give Canadians an opportunity to make tangible connections between their fears

It is easy to create wealth, as can be seen in Indonesia and the fast developing countries of the world. over five hundred years of coloni- It is much more difficult to develop peace, justice, and meaning, especially in a world which values little but development and growth.

with the word: "developing hatred", other question: "What is change

Dalhousie and King's Students

Want to go overseas to study, work or volunteer? Don't Miss...International Opportunities Day

Wednesday, February 5 – 10 a.m to 4 p.m – Green Room, SUB

Agenda:

10:00 a.m. Project Accompaniment (PA) 10:30 a.m. Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) 11:00 a.m. Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP)

11:30 a.m. Youth Challenge International Canada World Youth (CWY) 12:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Nancy Hayter, Lester Pearson International — Study/Work International Fund (SWIF) (Financial assistance for overseas study, work and volunteer programs) and Commonwealth Universities Study Abroad Consortium (CUSAC)

1:00 p.m. Dr. Cynthia Neville, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Dr. Judy Guernsey, Faculty of Medicine 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Charlene Milner, Faculty of Management 2:30 p.m. Melissa Ferguson, Registrar's Office

3;00 p.m. World University Service of Canada (WUSC) 3:30 p.m. Service Civil Canada

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