

Regan Says Labour Laws Antiquated

By JOYCE MARCHAND

Nova Scotia's labor laws are antiquated thus creating a lot of unnecessary strikes Gerald Regan, leader of Nova Scotia's liberal party, told Mount Saint Vincent University students at a meeting held Tuesday, September 29, in the common lounge. A lot of diplomacy, he said, is needed as well as skilled mediation in order to promote better labor relations between workers and management. With Mr. Regan, who is running in the Halifax Needham constituency, was Mr. Leonard Pace the Liberal candidate in the Mount constituency.

In presenting his views to the audience, Mr. Regan stated that the main issue of the Liberal platform was the economy of the province. Creating new jobs, better housing and recreation, basically a higher standard of living are the things Mr. Regan saw for Nova Scotia under his leadership.

When asked his views on the growing possibility of a union of the Atlantic provinces, Mr. Regan answered that he was the possibilities of such a union as an integration of services rather than a destruction of political identities. Then faced with the question of the heavy water plant Mr. Regan firstly evaded the question by elaborating on his role as opposition leader in the House for seven years. When he did get to the point he claimed that the opposition was never really given the facts about the plant thus disabling them from making any kind of policy at the moment. He did say though that he felt outside examination was needed looking into the possibility of salvaging the money which has already been put in it, and a public report should be made. Mr. Pace at this point added that the

Liberals did not have a magic wand they could wave to solve everything if they did get to form a government.

On the question of foreign ownership, Mr. Pace stated that he was not totally in favor of restrictions because of the employment caused by these foreign land-owners. In regards to recreational lands though, he felt that some legislation was needed to restrict ownership. These, however, were two crucial points that needed careful balancing. Mr. Regan added that he was concerned with the problem and that he felt the province should be prepared to buy some of this land and put it in a land bank so that Nova Scotians would have a chance to purchase it.

Pollution was another problem, which was brought up. Mr. Regan said the problem was indeed big and that assistance from the federal government would be needed to clean it. He suggested that an Anti-pollution advisory board be set up to screen new industries.

In regards to summer employment for students, Mr. Regan remarked that an upgrading of our economy would do much for this problem. He suggested that the work of the Youth agency be extended to promote the hiring of students in the summer.

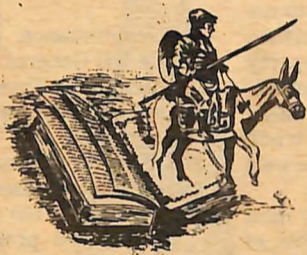
When reminded that Indian Affairs might soon be under the jurisdiction of provincial governments and asked what his policies on this subject were, Mr. Regan said that no consideration had been given to this since presently it is a Federal Affair.

Though Mr. Regan perhaps revealed his talents as an orator at the meeting, he showed a definite lack in committing himself or his party to any definite cause. Whether this pleased the people present at the meeting and in a wider scale, the voters of Nova Scotia, remains to be seen.



OPPOSITION LEADER GERALD REGAN

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Platforms Stress Economic Concerns

The P.C.'s have established a platform which will extend into all facets of society.

Housing

A policy has been set forth enabling more Nova Scotians to finance and purchase their own homes. A second mortgage up to 1/2 downpayment required by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, or other such conventional lending institutions, will be established at a rate of interest not exceeding that paid by the government. There is a plan to purchase land suitable for housing lots to ensure that land will be available for Nova Scotians at reasonable prices. There will be an intensified search into ways of lower house construction. Subsidies will be made available to those with incomes as low as \$3,000 a year to purchase and own their own homes. Mortgage funds will be made available for the preservation and restoration of many older class homes.

Labour

The Trade Union Act and other acts will be revised to encourage and achieve stable labour management relations. Thus providing effective mechanism for the rapid solution of jurisdictional disputes for reducing the incidence of illegal work stoppage and for dealing with them if they occur.

There will be provisions to strengthen and streamline the operations of the Labour Relations Board. The Department of Labour will be given the authority and personnel to engage in activities designed to anticipate problems and if possible to dispose of them before they can have harmful effect.

If Supreme Court decides that the province has jurisdiction in the matter of labour management relations in the fisheries, legislation will be enacted to provide for effective collective bargaining.

A Provincial Minimum Wage will be set at \$1.50 for both men and women.

Social Assistance

Benefits will be increased by the Province through its various social assistance programs. Also attention will be directed towards the provision of facilities for the adult retarded.

Education

Efforts will be continued to complete implementation of a comprehensive system of education throughout the Province. The system of streaming and labelling students will be discontinued. Courses will be chosen in accordance with a designated pattern.

Greater involvement between teacher and school board.

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Economic issues are the focal point in the Liberal party's campaign program for the upcoming provincial election. The party is stressing "a new direction" in keeping with the Liberal philosophy and belief that "economic development is a science... not a lottery." The creation of more jobs, the improvement of wages across the province, and a better standard of living are prime concerns.

The Liberal government plans to pull together industrial development agencies to establish a new single department and avoid duplication. This department will be responsible for all industrial promotion. It will determine the kind of industry suited to a particular location. An industrial profile, including an inventory of strengths, resources, labour force and standard of services will be compiled.

These economic profiles would provide information as to which industries could be profitably introduced into the province. They would also determine formulas and priorities for upgrading municipal services and proper technical training, so that all the provincial strengths will be directed toward creating more jobs

and permanent employment.

An industrial consultative council will provide assistance to any Nova Scotia businessman who wishes advice.

There will be a single budget for all industrial development. Municipalities will be assisted in planning and financing new housing, streets and other services necessary to both industry and the people. A proposition to the federal government will outline the need for increased special area grants.

Home construction will be encouraged as part of the development program and will also provide many more jobs. Home improvement loans will be available at reasonable rates and more flexible building codes will enable homes to be built more cheaply. Central Mortgage and Housing will be urged to relax their codes to make it easier to obtain mortgages.

Natural resource-based industry will be encouraged to play an even greater economic role. Emphasis will be placed on fisheries development, forest management and conservation programs, agriculture

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Predictions Indicate P.C.'s To Lose Seats

On October 13, Nova Scotians will go to the polls to elect their governmental representatives. The Liberals, Conservatives and New Democrats are throwing their campaigns into high gear in last minute efforts to secure the hesitant elector. The two major parties, P.C.'s and Liberals, are running a full slate of candidates while the N.D.P.'s, though increasing their scope, haven't got representatives in all 46 constituencies.

Newspapers, commentators and the general public are busy speculating numerical results. It seems evident that Smith's party will once more form the government giving up a few seats to Regan's Liberals. It is doubtful though that the N.D.P.'s will secure more than two seats.

The last session of the Provincial Assembly paroured on April 24, 1970 with the Conservatives holding 40 seats, the Liberals 6, and the N.D.P. 0.

The September 5 election announcement shocked no one. The media and opposition spent spring and summer predicting likely dates. Thus, campaigning within the Liberal and N.D.P. ranks was well underway. As most of the incumbent P.C.'s are re-offering, premature preparations were not necessary.

On the personality scene, the Tories are a cohesive faction behind their leader G.I. Smith. Smith who took over from Robert Stanfield, when the latter entered federal politics (1967), is staging his first campaign as party leader. He is standing firmly on his three year record as premier and previous experience as M.L.A. and Cabinet Minister of various departments. He is once more seeking his mandate in the dual riding of Colchester.

The Liberals again are going with their leader Gerald Regan. Since 1963 he has held the seat of Halifax North-Needham and previously he was a representative in the Federal House. Campaigning vigorously throughout the Province he can be assured of picking up seats.

The New Democrats, under Jeremy Akerman, have nothing to lose but a lot to gain. So far he has been unable to attain a seat for himself and is once more opposing P.C. incumbent and former Minister N. Layton Fergusson, (Cape Breton East). His party has been without a seat in the House since 1963 when former leader Michael MacDonald was defeated after 17 years as representative for Cape Breton Center.

But anything can happen in an election. It is up to the people to decide who will form the next government.

ABSOLUTES

by Carl Dexter

In Defence of Property Rights

For those of you who sneer at Communist Russia or perhaps shiver at the thought of living in total subjection to a Communist state, feeling safe with the thought that it could never happen here in the western world, I would say that you would do well to take another look around you. By virtue of the apathy and passive indifference of the populace, the governments of both Canada and the United States pose more of a potential threat to the individual property rights of this country than any Fascist or Statist dictatorship could ever hope to achieve. One may be correct in assessing our advancement and social statis as far superior to most any country on the earth, but what has happened to that constitution and moral fiber that made it all possible?

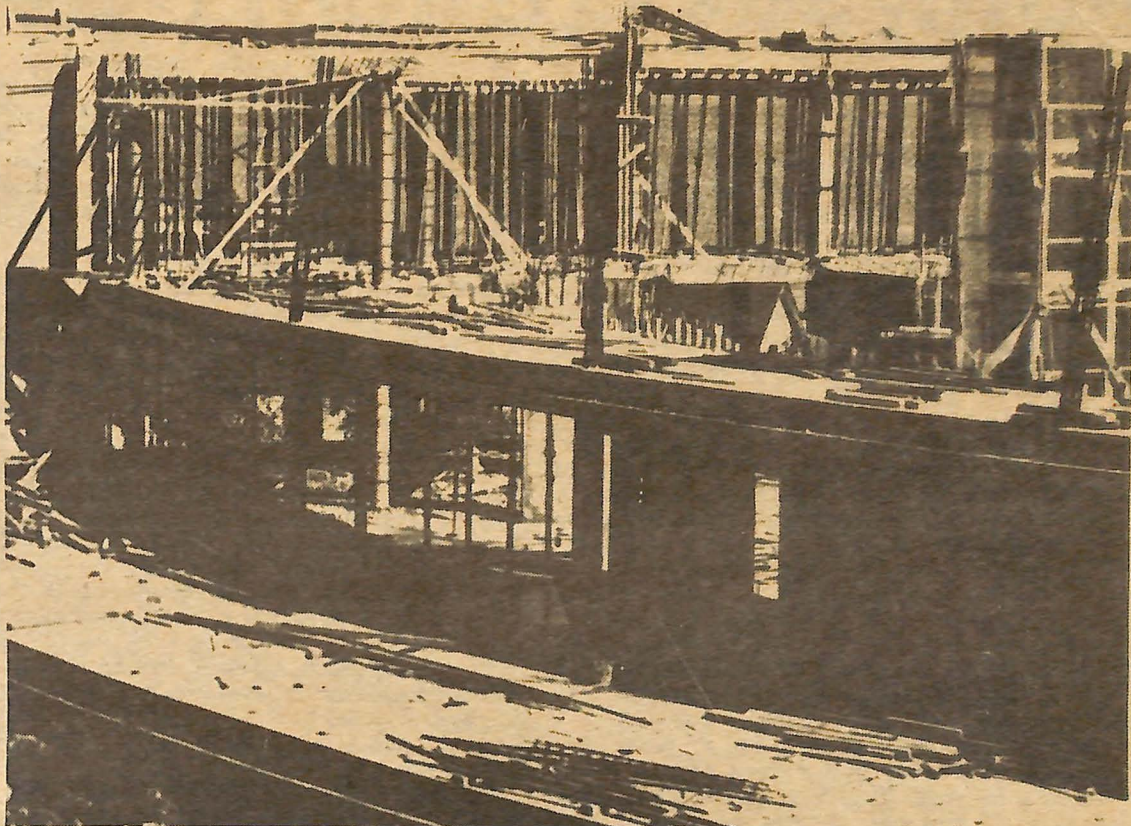
The Constitution of the United States was designed, in effect, to establish a code whereby men might look forward to an existence of moral and physical freedom in a country where it was possible to "create" or "build" one's own fortune by initiative, determination, and ability, free of the exploitative systems that plagued most of the world at that time. After a revolution was fought to acquire those ideals that were so precious to our forefathers a government was formed to maintain and protect them. These men seemed to believe that if an ideal was worth dying for it was certainly worth keeping. The fact is, however, no longer free of speculation or debate today.

The Bill of Rights permits people freedom of religion, freedom of speech and a number of other things but, somehow, freedom of the right to keep what you earn was quickly and conveniently ignored. According to the government and those that attempt to sell its philosophy it enjoys the unquestionable right to take from you just whatever it may need at the time to keep in good favor with the tramps, parasites, and promoters of some vague crusade entitled the "Just Society," whereby if you are an honest producer you are considered only in relation to the amount of taxable goods you may have on hand. If you do not see things quite their way you are left to decide whether it is preferable to move to another country (which will probably use you in the same manner) or stay right here in the "land of the free" and go to jail.

It all boils down to the fact that as soon as you have earned your own basic sustenance you begin working for the city tramps and the starving peoples of any backward country that your government finds need to impress at the time while you are left wondering how to put your son or daughter through university so that they may carry on the noble tradition, when the rising cost of living is no more than the ever increasing pace to keep one step ahead of the taxman, the bill-collector, and bankruptcy itself.

Once born, rational man, does everything in his power to sustain his life. Everything that is beneficial becomes the GOOD to him and everything that threatens his existence becomes the EVIL. If a man grows apples for his own sustenance the "fruits" of his labours are his. He produced them. No other man has a rightful claim to the first man's efforts unless that man chooses to give the apples away VOLUNTARILY or chooses to trade them for something he may need. The only other way that the second man may obtain those apples is through employment of coercive forceful methods at the expense of the producer.

This is a threat to the first man's existence. The user



Construction on the new Academic Building at the Mount is running behind schedule due to labour disputes over the summer. Originally, this building, which is to have lecture halls, faculty offices and an auditorium, was to be completed in the late fall.

of force does not recognize the first man's right to his life because he uses force to take away the sustenance of that life. He has committed a violation of property rights and therefore, men who produce band together, living in peaceful co-existence under a term called society. Under this system man is free to trade knowledge and goods in any voluntary manner he sees fit.

But in order to live together peacefully each man must recognize and respect the individual rights of every other member of that community. The right to life is yours; the right to property is yours; the right to robbery is not. By refusing to recognize the rights of another, a man automatically negates his own rights and can be henceforth reprimanded in any way that the man violated or the community sees as just to all involved. If a man is unable to live and trade on a completely voluntary basis, free from the threats of other men, then the system of anarchy which so many of the younger generation propose as the ideal, becomes a reality.

A government has one purpose and one purpose only which is to provide protection for the people who desire such a service - protection from any belligerent countries or undesirable social elements commonly called "thugs". Even this service must be financed voluntarily by those who wish to receive its benefits. Although this might seem to be the ideal state one must remember that there are those that, by virtue of a physical or mental handicap, are unable to maintain themselves properly. The unforeseen, perhaps an accident, which temporarily puts a man out of work must also be considered. But it is not of these that I speak. The ones to which I am referring are those leeches that cling to the producer when they are perfectly capable of caring for themselves.

There are those who are concerned, for example, with the position of the poor. That is their choice. But their code of ethics does not give them the right, by any stretch of the imagination, to force others to join their campaign.

Man is an end in himself; not a means to the ends of others.

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Discontinuance of Provincial Examinations for Grade XII General and in the following year for Grade XII Academic Course.

The Canadian content of our school curriculum will be increased.

A Provincial Loan Plan will be established whereby supplementary assistance up to \$400 will supplement the present \$1,600 maximum per student.

Budget and programs of the Nova Scotia Youth agency will be increased.

The legal majority age will be reduced from 21 to 19, thus extending to all of that group full rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Municipalities

Work on Union of Municipalities will begin with respect to the report of the provincial Municipal Fact Finding Committee. From this the poll tax will be abolished.

The province will accept all responsibility for all roads designated as provincial roads, whether in a city, town, or rural municipalities.

Medical and Health Services

Grants in aid of hospital construction will be raised to the amount of \$10,000 per bed.

Mass inoculation of children with the new and highly successful German measles vaccine will be carried out.

An increased program of assistance to those hospitals which have special difficulty in financing the annual carrying costs of their capital debt.

When the federal authority agrees to the proposal to share in the provision of extended Medicare coverage to optometrical services it will be implemented.

All matters concerning water, land, and air pollution will be concentrated under a single Minister.

Editorial :

Voting is a Responsibility

In this issue the Picaro staff have tried to present you with a little-though not much- information on the approaching provincial election. We have tried to be as objective as personal political biases will allow, and have not taken an editorial stand on either a party or any individual candidate.

However, there is one stand we do take-responsibility to ourselves as citizens and to the electorate to examine all sides and all issues and then to vote. The government of our city, province, county, or whatever is only as good as we, the citizen wants it to be. We indicate what we want through elections.

The provincial voting age was lowered last spring from twenty-one to nineteen years. The October 13 election will be the first opportunity for most undergraduate students to exercise this right. Students have been literally screaming for their rights for years. The fact that we have been given the privilege

to vote indicates that the government respects our integrity and has been listening. Now we must prove it.

Once a citizen has been given this right, it becomes his responsibility to make this right a duty in many ways. It becomes his duty to himself to get what he would most like to have for a government. It becomes his duty to inform his government leaders as to which tactic he feels is best. Finally it becomes his duty to his fellow citizens to do his part to further the progress of their government.

Last week Gerald Regan, Provincial Opposition Leader, and John Buchanam, Minister of Fisheries and Public Works, spoke to the students on this campus. If the attendance given these men, particularly the latter is any indication of the disinterest of the new voting segment, then we may not be as ready for the privilege as we thought.

Show some concern. Get out and vote.



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We Get Letters . . .

Dear Editor,
Last year freshmen at Seton became extremely close friends and still abided by the rules and regulations of their new life at university.

Since their return to their educational habitat this year, the former Seton girls are finding rules and life at the Mount worse instead of 50% better.

Being separated from their former friends was one thing but then being subjected to rules as enforced by Evaristus 4th floor is

utterly ridiculous.

- 1) No phone calls after 11,
- 2) Beds made by 12,
- 3) In rooms by 11,
- 4) Proctors sitting in halls from 7:30 to 11.

IS THIS A BOARDING SCHOOL OR A UNIVERSITY?

We are not children, but young women in a world which is rapidly changing. This is 1970 not 1914. There is no need for "a mother away from home" who bugs you worse than a warden.

Again I ask,
IS THIS A BOARDING SCHOOL OR A UNIVERSITY?

Should sophmores of Seton and the university as a whole, unite and protest some of the unreal rules or sit tight and live a miserable year, which leads to continual nights of depression and doesn't help one's academic life???

BOARDING SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY- WE WONDER!!!
Marsha Jones

Four Member Council Operates Student Union

By LINDA DEAN

Elections to representative positions on Student Council will be held this week. Thanks to some last minute nominations, there should be enough candidates to cover the posts available. But not enough students are running to make it an exciting campaign week. Positions are available for 4 Arts representatives, 2 in Home Economics, 1 in Science, 1 in Nursing, 1 in education, a resident rep, a day-hop and a new student's rep. Also open is the executive position of Internal Affairs Vice-President.

The executive members of council were elected last spring that they might plan the year's activities. They include the President - Mary Martin, the Executive Vice-President - Cathy Selby, the Academic V.P. - Nancy Baglote, and the External Affairs V.P. - Su Sainsbury. Louise Comeau was elected Internal Affairs V.P. She had successfully served in this position the year previous. Unfortunately, she did not return to the Mount this year and her position is therefore to be filled.

Council ran into a snag when planning the elections. Last year they formed a new constitution. It reconstructed council, increasing the number of representatives

from the different faculties and reorganizing the executive. This new constitution is still awaiting inspection by the Students' Affairs Committee and subsequent approval by the Senate. However, elections were held last spring for executive positions according to the restructuring in the new constitution. The representative positions that will be filled this week, though, are still structured according to the old constitution. However, council could not go on any longer with only four members and work piling up.

Some of the positions open for appointment have been filled. The Chief Returns Officer is Betty Sadaway with Maryann Horris and Lynn Mackenzie as Deputy Returns Officers. Liz MacKinnon is the new business manager of the Picaro, and Marsha Henneberry will be taking care of Internal Publicity. Appointments still to be filled are the C.U.S.O. Chairman, a Communications Officer to supervise publicity for Student Council, a Senior Class Representative, and a Parliamentarian for Council. These posts do not involve an election. Anyone interested makes application to Council and is subsequently notified of appointment.

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Final figures issued by Mount Saint Vincent University show a total enrolment of 1,227 students for 1970, an increase of more than 30 per cent over last year. The student body comprises 955 full-time and 272 part-time students.

Of the total student body, 29 are men - 16 in Education and the remainder in the Arts and Science programs.

Eighty per cent of the students come from Nova Scotia and of the remainder, 62 are from New Brunswick, 50 from Newfoundland, 19 from Prince Edward Island, 19 from Quebec and 10 from Ontario.

Eighteen students come from

countries of the Caribbean and Central America.

The five major universities and colleges in Halifax report a combined total student enrollment in excess of 10,000 for the academic year. Attendance at Dalhousie runs close to 7,000 full-time and part-time students; St. Mary's has a record 2,370 students; Nova Scotia Tech between 500-550 students and Kings College, 292 full-time students. All but Nova Scotia Tech reported sharply increased enrollment over last year.

Even with this increase, Dalhousie had the only major problem with student accommodation.

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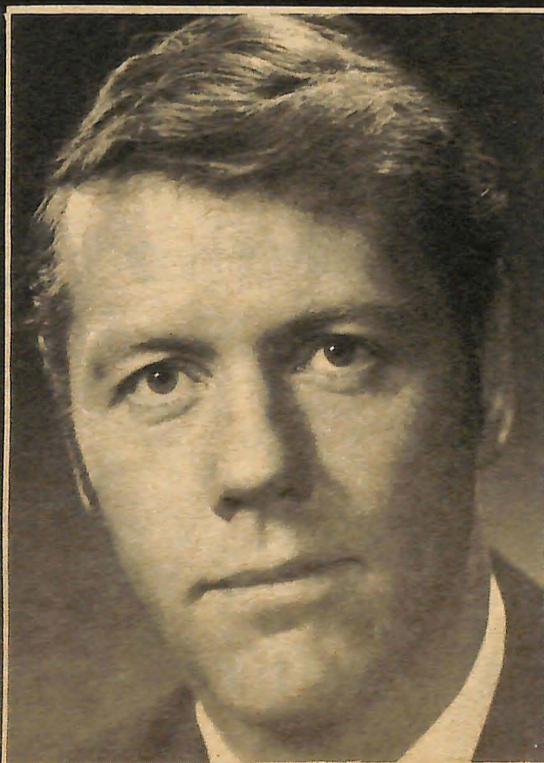
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and oil and natural gas development. Tourist industry and facilities will receive financial assistance to aid in development or modernization.

A referee system will be implemented in every collective agreement, having the power to settle grievances arising at the site within 24 hours, with stilled mediation assistance at early stages in labour disputes.

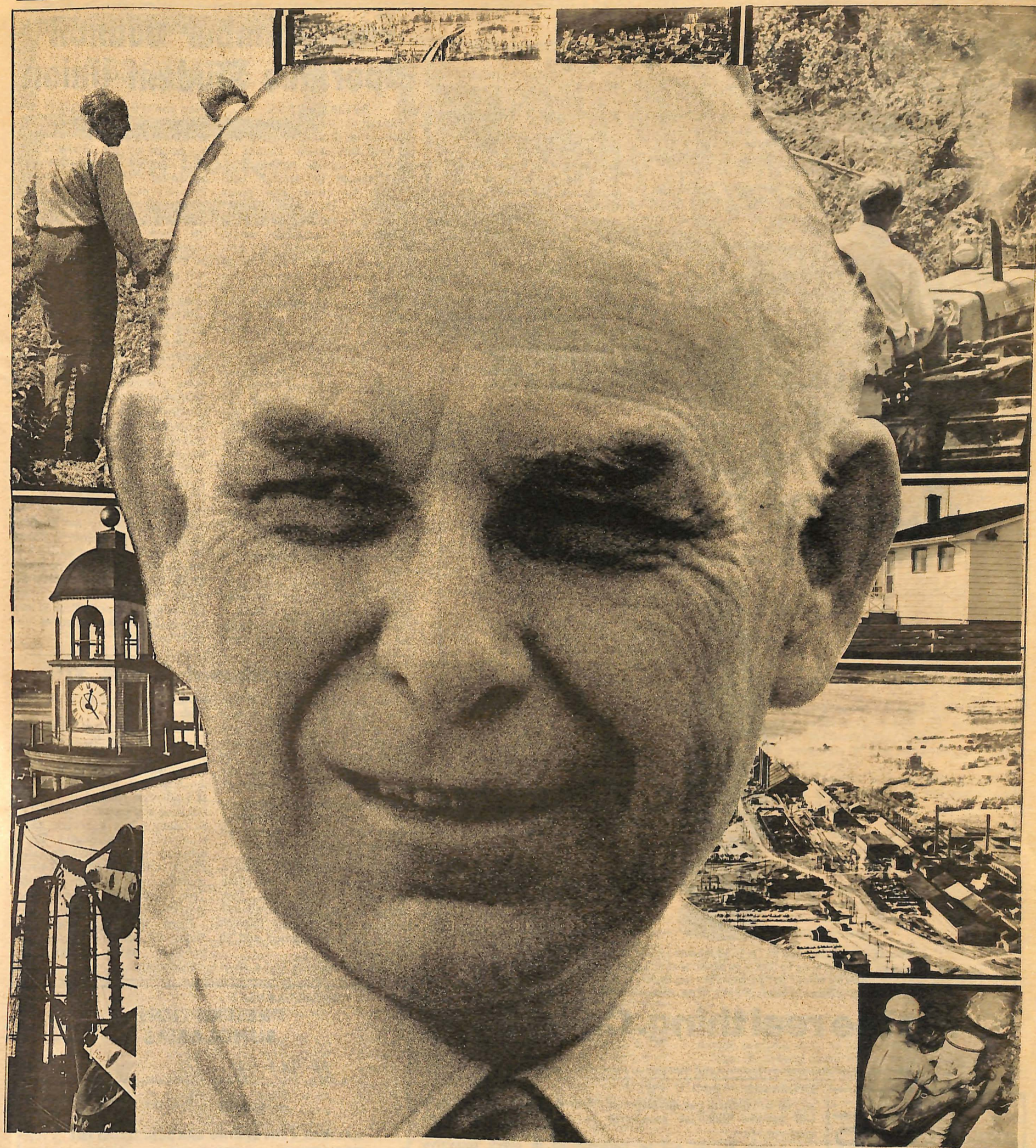


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