

Last June, in response to pressures from Alliance Quebec and the network of social service institutions of the English-speaking community, the Minister called a moratorium on the implementation of "partage" in the Montreal region, pending further consultation. He also stated that he would instruct Regional Councils throughout the province to submit plans which would indicate how services to the English-speaking populations in their respective regions would be assured.

In his press statement, Alliance Quebec President Michael Goldbloom pointed out that little or no such consultation has taken place, despite repeated attempts by the Alliance to initiate discussions. As Mr. Goldbloom pointed out: "The CLSCs have to this date refused to meet with Alliance Quebec to make concrete proposals on how they intend to ensure service to the English-speaking community."

The Minister had established an August 21 deadline for submission of recommendations based on such consultations, but did not designate Ministry representatives for this purpose until August 15.

Despite the Minister's assurances last January that the rights of the English-speaking population to receive services in their own language would be respected, Mr. Goldbloom pointed out that: "...no in-depth or comprehensive study has been undertaken by the Ministry or the CRSSSM analyzing the effects of social service reorganization on access to English-language services."

In his concluding statements, Mr. Goldbloom states: "Alliance Quebec firmly believes that it would be irresponsible for the government to act in the absence of sufficient research and analysis on which to base its decision. We believe that, given proper study and consultation, an effective solution can be found which would secure an improved social affairs system for all Quebecers."

Public opinion clearly supports the Alliance Quebec position in this matter. In a 1985 Sorecom poll, 90% of all respondents, French-speaking and English-speaking, stated that English-speaking Quebecers should have the right to receive social services in their language. 72% of respondents believed that the English-speaking community should be allowed to manage its own social service institutions. 80% of respondents stated that the Government of Quebec should facilitate such access and control.

The failure of the Minister to present any concrete or adequate solution to the needs of the English-speaking community and the institutions which serve our community, contradicts official Parti Québécois policy which upholds the right of English-speaking Quebecers to maintain their social service institutions.

The Alliance does not object to the proposed reorganization of the social affairs system per se, but cannot accept a system of "partage" which does not provide legislative guarantees which recognize the existing network of social service institutions serving the English-speaking community, and which assure access to quality services to all members of the community, wherever they may live in the province.

It is the Alliance's contention that the provincial government must take an approach to "partage" which is consistent with its own policy, with the needs of the English-speaking taxpayer and with the growing consensus in Quebec society around the issue.

Robert Bourassa has, in campaign speeches, given the unequivocal support of the Liberal Party for the Alliance Quebec position in this issue.

Alliance Quebec continues to meet with representatives of the network of English-language social service institutions to explore ways and means of responding to the Government's intention to go ahead with "partage".

O.C.O.L. HOLDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

On October 17, 18 and 19, the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages (O.C.O.L.) will hold a national conference in Ottawa on the theme, "The Minorities: Time for Solutions". The meeting will bring together some 100 participants, including representatives from Alliance Quebec, French-speaking organizations outside Quebec, universities, national organizations interested in linguistic matters, federal, provincial and municipal levels of government, the private sector and the media.

The conference will serve as a forum for exchanging views and strategies, and for proposing joint initiatives, around the issue of language reform, in the context of rights and services for official language minority communities across the country.

The conference will hold workshops exploring a number of approaches to language reform, including: federal programs and concerted action at the interdepartment level; judicial guarantees; and joint action between the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government and the private sector to develop institutions and services for minority language communities. The conference will also illustrate specific case studies which will highlight approaches and strategies to secure rights and services for minority language communities at the regional and national levels.

The conference will begin with presentations by the President of Alliance Quebec, and the President of the Fédération des francophones hors Québec, (the umbrella organization for French-speaking lobby groups across the country) who will outline the main problems facing official minority language communities, in a national and regional perspective, and who will propose strategies to achieve the legitimate aspirations of both communities.

The Alliance has always stressed the need to ensure that English and French-speaking Canadians should feel at home in their language wherever they may live in this country. Consequently, the Alliance will stress in its presentation the need for a common denominator of fundamental language rights including access to justice, education, health and social services, government services and communications, and the need for fair representation of both official minority language communities at all levels of government.

ALLIANCE QUEBEC PRESENT AT BROADCAST HEARINGS

Federal Communications Minister Marcel Masse set up a Task Force on Broadcasting Policy this summer to make recommendations on the future of public and private broadcasting in Canada. The Task Force has been travelling across the country, receiving briefs and hearing presentations from concerned groups. Their report will be ready in mid-January 1986.

The Task Force held public hearings in Montreal on September 5 and heard representations from a number of English-speaking groups, including Alliance Quebec, the Townshippers' Association, the Quebec Farmers' Association and the Quebec Region Religious Advisory Council. These groups stressed the importance of preserving and enhancing regional programming to serve the needs of the English-speaking community of Quebec, the largest minority language community in the country.

In his presentation, Alliance Quebec President Michael Goldbloom underlined the responsibility of the Task Force "to give real and tangible meaning to the constitutional vision of a country with two official and equal languages."

He said the challenge for policy makers "is to find innovative approaches to increasing the number of Canadian productions in a way that enhances the cultural richness of the regions and the linguistic duality of the country."

He pointed to the need for increased investment in regional programming in the areas of drama, variety and documentary production, as a means of ensuring that the English-speaking community of Quebec maintains a viable base of technical expertise and manpower in the cultural field.

Mr. Goldbloom said the mandate of public broadcasting to provide service to Canadians in rural areas and to minority language communities must be preserved and enhanced.

Della Goodsell of the Townshippers' Association told the Task Force that government regulations should be more flexible to allow radio stations to provide programming in both English and French.

She called for improvements in the broadcasting transmission system to ensure services to the entire Townships region and for more emphasis by the CBC on coverage of local events and issues. She pointed out that the CBC stereo radio service is not available outside Montreal.

Ms. Goodsell said, "Increased broadcasting services to minority language communities would provide a much needed link between the members of a community and would reduce the sense of cultural, linguistic and economic isolation."

Father Barry Jones of the Quebec Region Religious Advisory Council called for a national broadcasting system which originates at the regional level. He maintained that "people will not be drawn to programming in which they do not see themselves, their interests, their communities reflected."

The Council called for a policy to promote Canadian content and to provide learning opportunities for Canadians in all phases of the broadcasting industry.

Finally, the Council emphasized the need for public and private broadcasting services to reflect the spiritual and moral values which are central to the lives of the viewers but "which are seldom reflected in broadcast programming."

Warren Grapes of The Quebec Farmers' Association told the Task Force that public broadcasting services have a long history and an on-going importance to people living in rural areas.

He urged the Task Force to recognize and enhance such services. He called for alternatives to American or French-language programming in rural areas. He stressed the need for increased access to Cable TV as well as to the regional service of the CBC.

Mr. Grapes pointed out that, since rural communities are widely dispersed throughout the province, public broadcasting services provide an invaluable link, joining them together and to the rest of the province. Such services also serve as a cohesive force, enabling the community "to function as a cultural group in this province."

The Association called on the Government to maintain and strengthen the role of regional public broadcasting in Canada as a means of reflecting rural communities to themselves and to Canadians beyond regions and provincial borders.

CHAPTER AND ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Saguenay/Lac St-Jean Chapter has been carrying out a special local history project this summer, collecting documents and photographs and tracing the roots of the original English-speaking settlers in the area. A translator, René Lanteigne, and three students, Myriam Vezina, Alan Corber and Gordon Pittman, have been working on this project for the past three months with Margaret McDougall, Chairperson of the chapter's History and Culture Programme.

This study is the first of its kind to be conducted in the area and involves surveying some 200 families in the chapter area. Once the results of the survey have been tabulated, it is hoped that they will be published in book form.

The Laval/North Shore Chapter congratulates Gail Young on her appointment September 20 to the Table de concertation of La Cité de la santé, the local governing body for health and social services in the Laval area. This appointment represents another success in the Alliance's campaign, at the local level, to ensure English-speaking representation on the boards of health and social service institutions.

In other news, the chapter has been successful in lobbying the City of Fabreville to provide an English-language book section in the new Gabrielle Roy Library, which opened this summer. The section will contain some 2,000 volumes. The chapter has also received a letter from Fabreville City Councillor and Executive Committee member André Boileau, informing the community that research has been undertaken which demonstrates the feasibility of opening an English-language library in the Laval area and indicating the desire of local government officials to increase services to the English-speaking population of the area.

The Townshippers' Association is pleased to announce Della Goodsell as its new President. Della was elected to this post at the Annual General Meeting of the Association which took place Saturday, September 21 in the auditorium of the Sherbrooke Elementary School. Motions of thanks were expressed to Marjorie Goodfellow, out-going President, who is currently serving as Off-Island Vice-President of Alliance Quebec. The Annual General Meeting was attended by community representatives, staff members from the Alliance Quebec offices in Montreal, chapter/association representatives, and local MNAs and government officials.

The meeting was part of the annual Townshippers' Day festivities which took place at the school and on the grounds of Howardene Park. Under the able chairmanship of Clarence Blake, and with the theme, "The Place to Be/Ici on s'amuse", Townshippers' Day offered something for everyone. Special events included performances by the Blackwatch Regimental Pipe Band, a display of vintage cars and tours of the museum and greenhouses on the site. Townshippers' Day also served as a showcase for local talent, with a multitude of musicians, artisans and dancers from all corners of the Townships on hand to display their talents and crafts. As well, community and government representatives were present at some 65 information booths set up on the park grounds.

The St. Maurice Valley Chapter has just completed translation and printing of 400 copies of a walking tour guide (and background document) detailing historical sites in the Trois-Rivières area. Copies of the guide will be distributed on a yearly basis to English schools in the region and will be used for field trips. The aim of the project is to increase awareness, amongst area youth, of local history.

The chapter held its first public meeting on September 24. Russell Williams, newly appointed Chief-of-staff at the Alliance Provincial Office, spoke on Alliance Quebec programme activities. Marylee Kelley, Alliance Quebec Board member, and Chairperson of the Health and Social Services Provincial Programme Committee, gave an update on the campaign to ensure quality health and social services to the English-speaking communities off the Island of Montreal.

Monthly Report

In terms of chapter activities, the focus this year will be on youth recruitment and participation. As a first step in this direction, the chapter intends to hold a Workshop on Job Search Techniques for chapter youth.

In other news, the chapter was pleased to note the announcement over the summer of the new afternoon (3-6 p.m.) show on CBC-FM radio on the Quebec community network, beginning this fall. This initiative represents another step in increasing broadcast services to English-speaking communities off the Island of Montreal.

The Lower Laurentians Chapter Board of Directors met August 28 with Bertin Legault, Co-ordinator-General of the Long Sault CLSC; Guy Robinson, Assistant Director-General of the CRSSS Laurentides-Lanaudière; and a staff member of the CLSC to discuss board representation as well as availability and access to services for members of the English-speaking community. The chapter will distribute to chapter members a questionnaire, prepared by the CLSC, to monitor the needs of English-speaking residents of the Lower Laurentians.

In other news, the chapter held its "3RD ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY", Saturday, September 21, at the Mille Isles Community Hall in Mille Isles, Quebec. This event, attended by some 250 people, featured displays of antiques and local crafts, as well as a presentation by the local chapter of the Boy Scouts of Canada who gave a history of Camp Tamaracouta. Local MNA Claude Ryan and MP Lise Bourgault were honoured guest speakers.

The chapter has a new phone number: (514) 431-0793.

C.V.E.S.P.A. held its fall planning conference on September 7 and 8 in St-Anicet. The conference, held jointly with the Châteauguay Valley Adult Education Division, featured a Saturday morning workshop on volunteerism lead by Dr. Irene Devine, Professor of Management at Concordia University. The afternoon was set aside for the Standing Committees of C.V.E.S.P.A., each of which presented a detailed report of their activities and plans. On Saturday evening, the group entertained guests from many areas of the Valley. The Dinner Speaker was Alliance Quebec President Michael Goldbloom. René Brisebois, Mayor of St-Anicet, was a special guest.

C.V.E.S.P.A.'s International Youth Year Project, "Youth and their Community", continues with a Youth Council meeting planned for November. Other Youth Year projects slated for the fall include college visits, field trips and colloquia. The goal of these events is to inform youth about government programs, ways to find jobs, the advantages of going back to school and, generally, to serve as a forum for youth concerns. C.V.E.S.P.A. is pleased to acknowledge support for these activities from such federal and provincial agencies as Canada Manpower and Immigration, the Public Service Commission, Communications Québec, "Click Youth", as well as CLSCs, CEGEPs, and local school boards.

In other news, C.V.E.S.P.A. is studying the feasibility of opening a local English non-profit radio station. This proposal is in response to a growing need for improved communications within the English-speaking community in South-Western Quebec - as an essential element in maintaining the identity and vitality of a widely-spread

population. Such a station would serve as an outlet for every kind of community news, ranging from farm reports, local events and activities, school news, local weather reports and warnings; and would serve to promote local talent and culture, provide new career opportunities, and facilitate the exchange of ideas. A questionnaire, designed by professional consultants, will be distributed to area residents as a means of assessing the feasibility of the proposed radio station.

The N.D.G./Montreal West Chapter is concentrating its efforts this fall on two newly established work groups focussing on Community Economic Development and Community Profiles.

Chapter Animator Fred Anderson has conducted a walking tour survey of area merchants with a view to making an inventory of chapter area businesses and to gauging the interest of local businessmen in participating in career days/nights. Information obtained through the inventory will be useful to the efforts of the Community Economic Development Work Group.

The Community Profile Work Group is currently developing a questionnaire to make a detailed demographic profile of the area, including statistics on language, age, income and ethnicity. The Committee plans to hold workshops to explore issues of concern identified in the survey.

The chapter held its first board meeting of the year on September 16 in chapter offices.

The T.M.R./Outremont/Côte-des-Neiges/Snowdon East Chapter has successfully lobbied municipal officials in their campaign for bilingual safety signs at metro construction sites. The campaign was spearheaded by David Saltzman, Signs Committee chairman. The Committee is also undertaking a survey of membership to gauge concerns in such areas as unilingual signs and advertising.

The chapter has sent out letters to guidance counsellors in area high schools soliciting their participation in the organization of career days/nights to be held throughout the year.

The chapter manned a membership information booth in late July at the Côte-des-Neiges Street Festival which was organized under the auspices of Project Genesis. A number of new members were signed up. The chapter is also continuing its outreach to local cultural communities.

The chapter Animator has visited local merchants to inform them of their right to post bilingual signs and has also embarked on a walking tour of organizations within the chapter area, distributing chapter newsletters and arranging for drop-off points for chapter and Alliance Quebec publications.

In other news, the chapter extends special thanks to Lily Katofsky for her work over the previous year as Chairman of the Health and Social Services Committee. In 1984-85, the chapter was successful in promoting candidates to the pre-advisory boards of three area CLSCs: Lily Katofsky, in Côte St. Luc; Maria Wickers, as President of the Snowdon CLSC Pre-advisory board; and Donna Salvati, for TMR/Outremont. Lily Katofsky continues to serve on the chapter committee. Catherine Scofield is the incoming committee chairperson.

The Committee for Anglophone Social Action (Gaspé) held its annual meeting on Saturday, September 28 at New Carlisle High School. The event was attended by Alliance Quebec President Michael Goldbloom and Off-Island Vice-President Royal Orr. Also participating were 75 members of the Gaspé CEGEP youth wing. A special youth workshop, a first for the association, was featured at the annual meeting.

This summer, C.A.S.A. received four grants under the federal government's Challenge '85 programme to provide jobs for area students. As an extension of this program, a volunteer centre set up in Barachois, through Canada Works funding, will be continued this fall. Applications for additional funding for student projects under this category will be made in the near future.

C.A.S.A. will hold an Economic Information Seminar on November 2 in Chandler. The purpose of the seminar is to lay the groundwork for a local businessmen's association.

In other news, C.A.S.A. will participate in the upcoming conference of the Commissioner of Official Languages, entitled, "The Minorities: Time for Solutions", to be held October 17, 18 and 19, in Ottawa.

The St. Laurent Chapter's summer student research project under the federal government's Challenge '85 programme has been successfully completed. Three chapter residents, Bradley Tabac, Mistu Jukerji and Russell Yuen have spent the summer documenting the history of English-language street names in St. Laurent. The results are being compiled and will be made available, hopefully in published form.

The chapter will hold its first public meeting of the year on Tuesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's-Norwood United Church. John Parisella, Quebec representative of the Commissioner of Official Languages, will speak on federal government services for English-speaking citizens of Quebec.

In other news, the chapter is happy to welcome Deegan Stubbs as its new Animator. Deegan worked this summer as Co-ordinator for Convention '85, the most successful Alliance Quebec convention yet held.

The South Shore Chapter manned a membership information booth at the Highland Games held in St. Lambert on August 4. Some 300 people dropped by and picked up membership forms and general information about Alliance Quebec. The last edition of The Bridge, the chapter newsletter, was published in time for distribution at the Games.

Chapter Chairperson Margaret McKeown attended the recent fund-raising dinner of Chinese Family Services. Chapter representation at this event served as a means of increasing outreach to the cultural communities and broadening the base of contact with other community organizations.

In response to priorities identified at the Provincial Office, and to specific concerns expressed by local residents about the need for increased government services in English, the chapter has recently set up a Government Services Committee. The Committee will begin by monitoring the availability of English-language services provided by South Shore municipalities.

Outaouais Alliance Board members held a think tank on September 21 at the country club in Aylmer. This event served as a forum for discussing management and organizational concerns, and for reviewing the on-going role of the association.

The association's Economic Development Committee has prepared a brief which will be presented to the Provincial Economic Summit to be held at Mont Ste-Marie in mid-November. Preparation of this brief was made possible by a Canada Works grant.

Former Outaouais Alliance board member Susan Taylor has been hired to co-ordinate the association's campaign to ensure the autonomy of the Heritage Campus of the CEGEP de l'Outaouais, the English section of the CEGEP. More on this in future issues.

The association is sad to announce the death, on August 7, of Richard (Dick) Henderson, Treasurer of Outaouais Alliance. Dick was a tremendously active member of the English-speaking community in West Quebec. Most notably, as Chairman of the Heritage Campus Board of Governors, he was a key figure in the quest for autonomy by this English-language institution. He was also a regular contributor to the weekly West Quebec Post over the past two years. His death is a great loss to the community.

On October 1, the association will be moving to larger headquarters at 18 Caron Street in Hull, J8Y 1Y7 (just off St. Joseph Blvd.). The telephone number is still (819) 777-0177.

Members of the Montreal Centre Chapter Executive for 1985-86 are Zonia Keywan, President; Marilyn Hellinger, Vice-President; John Wood, Treasurer; and Vicky Stikeman, Secretary.

In May, Rosanne Carswell, a member of the Health and Social Services Committee, was elected as a user representative to the Guy Metro CLSC. The chapter also supported two members of the Chinese community, Cynthia Lam and Winnie Thom, who were elected to the board of the CLSC Centre-Ville in May. A lengthy letter by Marilyn Hellinger, chapter Health and Social Services Committee chairperson, calling for legislative guarantees, was published in its entirety in The Gazette this past spring.

The chapter held its first board meeting of the year on September 10 at which committees were struck in Health and Social Services, Employment/Business/Economic Development, and Communications. The chapter will soon publish its first newsletter for the 1985-86 year.

The chapter would like to acknowledge the important contributions made by some departing members. Kevin O'Donnell, who has moved out of the chapter area to Hudson, was an active board member and was involved in the chapter's local history project. Nancy Cameron and Gail Deutsch, both of whom have moved to Toronto, had served as active board members.

The chapter would like to take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to its out-going Animator, Adriana Fedoryak, who is now devoting herself to full-time studies at Concordia University's School of Communications Studies and to broadcasting work at the C.B.C. Adriana's organizational skills and cheerful disposition will be sorely missed.

The chapter has a new address: 1396 Ste. Catherine Street West, Suite 416, Montreal, H3G 1P9. Tel: 871-1374.

The South West Chapter held a public meeting on August 7 around the issue of youth recruitment, involvement and methods of participation for area youth. Townshippers' Association youth representatives Kevan Durrell and Richard Hogemeyer were on hand to share views and experiences.

The chapter is embarking on two special projects. an Odd-Job Bank for chapter youth and an Oral History Project. More on these in upcoming issues.

In other news, chapter representatives have begun meeting with mayoralty candidates in the area to make know the concerns of the English-speaking community.

The chapter has just published the latest issue of its newsletter, The Sou'wester. The chapter is also in the process of computerizing its office.

The chapter extends warm congratulations to Animator Linton Garner who will be married this fall.

The West Island Chapter recently distributed 6,000 copies of The Quebecer, Alliance Quebec's quarterly publication, as a promotional tool for its fall membership campaign. The West Island Chronicle, the local weekly newspaper, included The Quebecer

in its distribution system. The Chronicle delivered The Quebecker as an insert in specified areas. The Chronicle has a circulation of 28,000 in an area ranging from Lachine West to the Ontario border.

On August 4, three members of the Côte St. Luc/Hampstead/Snowdon West Chapter spoke at the South West Chapter public meeting on youth involvement and participation in Alliance Quebec. They were: Rosemary Mavrokefalos, Chapter Chairperson; Jonathan Herman, Vice-Chairperson and Youth Sub-Committee Chairperson; and Patsy Vlahos.

The chapter bids a fond farewell to Animator Marlene Baran who is pursuing a Master's degree in Psychology at the University of Plattsburg.

The Voice of English Quebec (V.E.Q.) is pleased to announce that David Cannon was proclaimed President on June 8. Mr. Cannon is a Quebec City lawyer and publisher of the Quebec Chronicle Telegraph. He takes over from Glen O'Farrell.

Richard Walling, former Programme Director for Health and Social Services at V.E.Q., has been named Executive Director. Mr. Walling replaces Kevin Saville who is now Liaison Officer with the Commissioner of Official Languages in Montreal.

V.E.Q. has opened three nursery school programmes for children in the Quebec City area entering the English school system. Total enrollment is 40, between the ages of three and five.

Fall Festival '85, under the theme, "Family and Friends at Fall Fest '85", will take place October 13 on the grounds of St. Patrick High School.

ALLIANCE QUEBEC STAFF REORGANIZATION

In response to the changing needs of our community and also to priorities identified by the Executive Committee, the staff structure of Alliance Quebec has been reorganized over the summer. The new configuration came into effect on the first of September.

Executive Director Vaughan Dowie adds Director of Community Development to his portfolio. Former Health and Social Services Programme Director Russell Williams has been appointed to the newly-created position of Chief-of-Staff.

There will be two Senior Programme Directors under the new model: Sheila Moore is Senior Programme Director with responsibility for Communications and Fund-Raising. Laurent Marcoux returns to the Alliance after one year's absence as Senior Programme Director in Legal Affairs and Research.

Directors have also been named in a number of key programme areas. Montreal lawyer Kathleen Weil is Director of Legal Affairs and Business/Employment. Allan Berezny, Director of the Alliance Research and Education Institute, is also Director of Fund-Raising. Executive Assistant Fiona Macleod becomes Director of Administration and Personnel. In January, the position of Director of Research will be filled by Marie Murphy (presently with the Quebec Human Rights Commission).

Dianne Allison has been named Associate director of Community Development. Maureen Carey is Associate Director of Government Services, and Jeff Polenz is Associate Director of Education and Economic Development.

Former Alliance Quebec staff member Frank Vetere returns to become Communications Programme Assistant. Brian McInnis, fresh from a contract with the Prime Minister's Office in Ottawa, joins the staff as Community Development Programme Assistant. Deborah Roytenberg is Community Development Assistant - Off-Island.

Office support staff include: Sonia Vosgueritchian, Receptionist; Karna Trentman, Librarian/Archivist; Suzanne Korf, Secretary to the Executive Director; Nancy Erickson, Secretary to the Chief-of-Staff and to the Health and Social Services Programme; Cindy Clemenza, Education and Economic Development Programme Secretary; Claire Vines, Community Development Programme Secretary; and Brenda Major, Secretary to the Alliance Research and Education Institute. Secretaries have yet to be hired for Legal Affairs and Research and for Communications and Government Services.

The following Animators co-ordinate liaison with the various chapters/associations: Bernice Patterson - Lower Laurentians; Ludmila Pergat - Laval/North Shore; Linton Garner - Montreal South West; Fred Anderson - NDG/Montreal West and T.M.R./Outremont/Côte-des-Neiges/Snowdon East; Deegan Stubbs - St. Laurent; Pat Pearman - South Shore; Sheila Laursen - West Island. New Animators will soon be hired for the following chapters: Côte St. Luc/Hampstead/Snowdon West, Upper Laurentians, Montreal Centre and Montreal East Island.

Should you have any questions about the new staff structure and responsibilities, please give the office a call at (514) 849-9181.

AQ IN BRIEF

Staff and volunteers join together to bid a fond farewell this month to Doug McCall, Education Programme Director at Alliance Quebec since 1982.

As a former President of the Lakeshore Teachers' Association, Doug has brought considerable expertise and talent to bear on his position at Alliance Quebec.

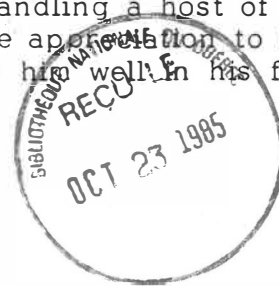
As Education Programme Director, Doug has taken a leading role in coordinating community response at public hearings around such issues as school reform (Bill 40, Bill 3) and access to English schools (Bill 101).

At the national level, Doug was closely involved in preparations for the Canada Clause case in the Supreme Court of Canada which ruled in favour of the right of access to schooling in English, in Quebec, for Canadians from other provinces. He was also involved in the Ontario Court of Appeals case, in which Alliance Quebec intervened, which established the right of Franco-Ontarians, as a minority language community, to control and manage their own school boards.

Doug has been instrumental in setting up and overseeing an impressive array of committees and work groups in such areas as: local history, rural education, adult education, manpower training, access to English schools, and French Second-Language training. At the same time, he has been responsible for developing and maintaining a network of provincial education and community organizations, including 21 local education committees across the province.

Doug leaves the Alliance this month to assume his new responsibilities as Director of Government and Community Liaison with the B.C. School Trustees' Association. Doug's extensive organizational skills, his ability to analyze complex issues and his keen understanding of the diverse needs of our community are qualities which will be sorely missed, both within the organization and amongst colleagues across the province. Doug's co-workers, friends and colleagues join together in wishing him all the best in his new endeavours. We will all miss Doug's friendship and dedication.

In other staff news, Alliance Quebec also bids farewell to Communications Programme Assistant Frank Rackow who is pursuing his career as a freelance journalist. Frank joined the Alliance in September 1984, and has since been responsible for editing The Monthly Report and The Quebecer, in addition to handling a host of other media related responsibilities. The Alliance extends its sincere appreciation to Frank for the excellent services which he has provided and wishes him well in his future endeavours.



NEWS BULLETIN

The Alliance has just been informed that Ken Ward, Executive Director of C.A.S.A., has resigned his position to join the Adult Education Division of the Regional School Board of Gaspesia.

The Alliance is sad to learn of his departure, but is heartened to know that he continues to be involved in the community in issues of concern for the English-speaking population of his region.

The Alliance wishes Ken all the best in his new position, and looks forward to hearing from him in the near future.
