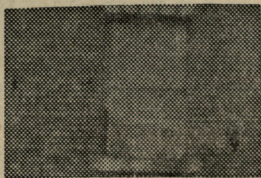


# Poor Organize To Combat Poverty

by dave macleod

"Only the poor themselves can combat poverty effectively," says Alex Burke, leader of a group of Charlottetown



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slum dwellers who have organized to improve poverty conditions in Prince Edward Island.

Burke, himself an under-privileged citizen, says that the group is already receiving public support, particularly from some elements of the business community.

Thursday evening, November 27, the committee held

an open citizens meeting at Basilica Recreation Centre in an attempt to find out how the poor can combat poverty effectively. At press time it was not known how effective the meeting was, but Burke was confident that there would be a large turnout.

The committee's plan is that the poor would set up their own housing and rent

system with government assistance; the property being owned and run by the poor themselves. All rent money would be placed in a special fund administered by the committee, and would be used to purchase more property and to heat and maintain the dwellings.

Burke says that rent in a co-operative of this type

would be less than \$50 at most, and would break the rent squeeze that is presently keeping low-income families in poverty.



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# Education Fund Under Fire

It looked like it would be a long meeting, and it was. The council meeting of No-

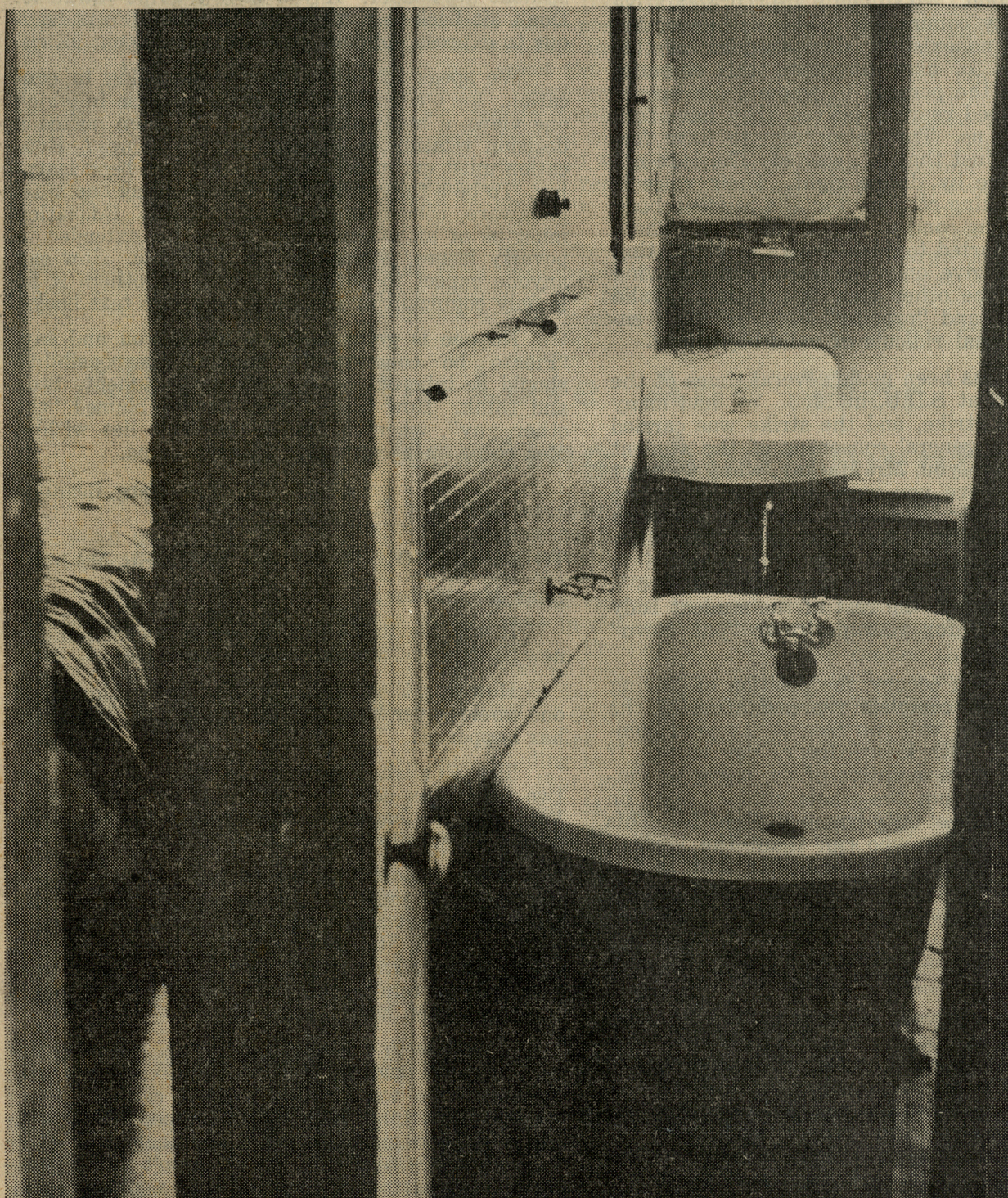
vember 20 got off to a slow start with the discussion of the budget of the photo club

and cheerleaders. The next budget which was to be discussed was the W.U.S., but

it was felt by the council that this method of reviewing the budgets would be too long. Keaveny also felt that the students were most concerned with the Education budget and that they should move to this discussion. Reg Phalen, Interim-chairman of the Education Committee, was asked to explain the budget requests and the program. Two parts of the program were discussed and passed. There were the programs for the Tenants Association and the Farmers Union. There was a great deal of discussion centering around whether or not these programs would be duplicating programs planned by the development plan. Dennis MacKay pointed out that the Education Committee had already contacted informally a member of the Department of Development about the Tenants Association and found support although not financial support.

The meeting continued on with much time consumed with discussion over whether

or not the rest of the recommendations and budget should be tabled until next week. It was decided to table further discussion of the programs and go on to discuss the possibility of hiring a full time consultant for the Education Committee. The person recommended by the committee was Jock MacKay—former student at Dalhousie. There was some concern expressed by some students that this person would only be available to only one committee. Keaveny then made a motion which read "one full time research person be hired by the student union and that he would be at the discussion of all sub-committees. John Day, Treasurer of the Union, raised the point that he wasn't sure whether or not that the union could afford a full time consultant. Keaveny then stated that his motion would mean that the Union would be agreeing in principle "pending a cost analysis of the budget totals." This motion was carried and the council went on to discuss other budgets.



The Cadre recently investigated conditions in this apartment. There was water in the basement which one of the tenants stated was not unusual at any time of the year. The occupant said that the building was infested with bed-bugs and cockroaches. Plaster was falling off the walls, and as this picture shows, living space was cramped and dangerous, with the bathroom door continually blocking access to other parts of the apartment. Fire escapes were non-existent. The tenant stated that rent for this particular accommodation was \$75 per month. A poverty committee led by Alex Burke and others hope to improve conditions such as the one shown above.

## "U. P. E. I. Leftist?" Students Ask

First it was the student involvement with the Senate Committee on Poverty hearings. Next it was rumours that the Association of University Teachers considered the University of Prince Edward Island to be "left" in political leanings.

Some students are worried about these events, all which have occurred in the last two weeks. The apparent feeling by some is that students are going too far and too fast in their approach to education, at least for Prince Edward Island.

The real problem is that

the students who feel that the university is going "leftist" have never defined their terms, and many students feel confused as to what the various labels mean when attached to certain events or individuals.

Among the events that have stirred up feeling among students in the past several weeks are student Reg Phalen's resignation from the University Senate, the appearance on campus of a prominent European member of the Students for a Democratic Society, and student involvement in community affairs.