* In the short term, the DLM-Alliance Government would provide subsidized transportation either by purchasing buses or by direct subsidy to school children, including high school children who must travel long distances to attend classes. The cost of transportation at this present point in time is beyond the reach of most parents, since in some cases bus fares have increased by more than 50 % in the last two months.

* The establishment of a section in the Ministry of Education to deal with education in cooperatives as a tool for economic development.

* The introduction of the concept of work and study in the Education System so as to provide secondary education to all those of school age and to encourage the development of new attitudes to work and to society, which are relevant to the development of the country.

* Locate sources of University Education and promote discussion with University of West Indies to determine facilities for expanding higher education in the country, in particularly for expanding the role played by the Extra-Mural Department of U.W.I.

YOUTH

The youth which forms about 60 % of the population and on whom we greatly pin our hopes and our future, must receive the benefit of every possible opportunity to develop themselves, their creative talents and to play a most constructive and active role in building a new Dominica.

Our youth have suffered the worst under this present system through unemployment, idleness, alienation, leading to anti-social activity, repressive laws, such as the Dread Act and Preadial Larceny Act, hopelessness and frustration at every turn. There is absolutely no future for them under this present system. Their creative talents have been stunted and/or stifled through lack of opportunities and assistance. The youth form the majority of the unemployeds of this country.

Our Party, understanding that our future and that of our country lies in our youth, will therefore invest to a large extent, in the youth and youth development programmes, so that our youth can realize their ambitions, unleash their energies and talents, and be allowed to shoulder their responsibilities in building our country and a new society.

To this end a D.L.M. Alliance Goverment will:

*Enhance the Ministry of Youth to make it better able to carry out youth development programmes.

* Provision of facilities for the cultural, and recreational pursuits of the youth especially in rural communities.

* Give assistance to the National Youth Council and similar umbrella youth organisations to enable them to carry on their work and programmes more effectively, and therefore, develop leadership qualities.

* Establish a National Youth Centre to serve as headquarters of the National Youth Council and coordination center for the implementation of youth development programmes, especially in the area of work and study.

* Provide increased scholarships and training for our youth in areas of education and technology, culture, sports, management and industry.

* Developing youth task forces to carry out programmes and tasks in national reconstruction and service in areas of agriculture, housing, education, sports, literacy, public health and sanitation, and community development, among others.

* Making available, credits, land, equiptment and other material inputs to the youth, youth cooperatives, young entrepreneurs, artisians, craftsmen, musicians, and youth engaged in various other self-employment activities so as to create employment and improve their standard of life.

* Abolishing of unconstitutional and other repressive laws directed at the youth.

* Consistent with DLM-Alliance's policy of reorganizing the economy to meet the needs of all sections of the population, the establishment of a National Youth Employment Programme within the National Employment Bureau, designed, specifically as a job placement agency for youth.

SPORTS

A healthy mind in a healthy body must be a reality for, at least, our new generation of youth. Sports provide an outlet and an opportunity not only to build this health but develop discipline and human relations skills in a positive way.

The present system of sports organization rest totally on the various Associations without coordination, management and any meaningful support. The rural communities suffer most. Much of our talent is wasted ; many of our youth have grown to adulthood in the last two decades without meaningful participation in sports. Our national teams have been unable to exhibit their skill regionally and internationally.

Towards a new sense of sports for the people and national pride a DLM-Alliance Government proposes to take the following action :

* The findings of the committee for a reorganised National Sports Council (July 1979) will be reviewed with a view to implementation. The main thrust will be to build a truly democratic NSC, involving all major and minor sports associations and district sports association, particularly from all rural areas.

* The National Sports Council will, together with all other voluntary organisations, develop a comprehensive plan for sports development throughout the country.

* The NSC will work closely with Village Councils, Local Government and Community Development, Self-help and Youth Groups to provide sports ground and equipments in every major community or district. A major taks in this context of facility development is the completion of Canefield Stadium, the upgrading of Windsor Park, and the development of Benjamins Park, Londonderry and Castle Bruce sports parks.

* Make physical education in schools (primary and secondary) a reality as a base for development of major and minor sports skills. This will include local patois, games and dance.