* Upgrade and improve the established home for senior citizens (Infirmary), and provide recreational facilities for them.

* Introduce a special programme to help the disabled and handicapped get gainful employment.

* Remove any legal or other discrimination between legitimate and illegitimate children.

* Construct and equip multi-purpose community centres in villages for youth, cultural, recreational, educational and other community activities, like getting birth certificates, titles and deeds, etc.

* Reconstruct and refurnish the Leper Home at Tarou.



Riviere, Green and Esprit three highly educated and experienced DLM-Alliance leaders.

EDUCATION, YOUTH SPORTS AND WOMEN POLICY

EDUCATION

In Dominica, our Education system has in the main produced a society that is dependent and lacks self-reliance. This of course has its roots in more than 200 years of colonialism, that plundered, not only our ressources, but our minds and spirit as well.

For the Dominican, therefore, education must mean the preparation of todays citizens to understand and take part in the entire development process of our country.

It must be continuous, life long and committed to serve the individual, community and society. Its commitment to the building of strong national pride, social cooperation and the general upliftment of every citizen of our country is a major philosophical objective.

Education then, must enable people to come to grips with the reality of their condition to think beyond the immediate situation to other possibilities, and to work out ways to become active participants in their future.

Thus,

Education must eradicate all forms of colonial dependency in our society.

Education must be in the vanguard for both economic development and social change.

Peoples need for education merely because they are selfish, want power, prestige and influence must be transformed into their need for education because they genuinely want to develop Dominica.

The demand for schooling must be kept in line with the pace of economic development, consequently, the economy must be made to absorb those young people whom we train and school.

Therefore, the new DLM-Alliance Government will ensure that for the first time, education in Dominica will be a planned process and not a haphazard and disorganised phenomenon as now exists.

We will therefore, undertake the following :

* A complete restructuring of the Ministry of Education and of the Education System in order to meet all the Administration, Planning, Research, Development and Training needs of students, teachers, administrators and every one affected by or affecting education in this country.

* Building of additional schools (pre-school, primary, secondary and vocational) and facilities to relieve the shortage of space problem which has now reached critical dimensions.

* Immediately set up a Dominica Movement for Advancement of Literacy to completely eradicate illiteracy by 1984.

* A comprehensive Adult Education Policy to prepare the adults and workers of this country to participate totally in full development of this country. This policy will consider their need for literacy, health and child care, culture, recreation and nutrition.

* A comprehensive Pre-School Education Policy to meet the needs of our youngest and most vulnerable people, the pillars or our future. This policy will replace the present psychologically and socially harzardous and haphazard system of Pre-Schooling which now exists in Dominica.

* Training of all existing untrained and unqualified teachers by 1985. Retraining of already trained teachers, bringing them up to date with recent developments, methods and ideas in education.

* The use of the media especially the Radio Station to supplement the efforts or teachers and to give diversity to teaching and learning facilities.

* Free education to every student who is of age and has ability to study at all levels fo learning. Education is a investment and the DLM-Alliance views this type of investment through the «eyes of our grand-children».

* School Feeding Programmes to provide free and proper nutrition to children, especially from families who are in need of such nutrition. This Free Food Programme will provide hot and cold lunches and will use foods produced by the students themselves as far as possible.

* The amalgamation of all post secondary institutions into the College of Dominica which will be responsible for the production of skills for the development of Dominica. This process will maximise the use of all existing human and other resources.

* The production of local textbooks and materials is a priority for us in our schools.

