* Sponsor local village and district competitions, leading to competitions for national honours in major sports, cricket, athletics, football, basketball, netball and rounders, both at school level and community level.

* Tap international agencies and governments to provide coaches and training for coaches in major sports, and see to it that Dominica takes part in regional meetings and international events, (such as Olympics) in team sports, like cricket, football, basketball, athletics, and table tennis, dominoes, rounders, etc.

CULTURE

DLM-Alliance Government shall consolidate and develop the progressive traditions of our people in dance, song, folklore, sculpture, literature, art and the development of a genuine democratic society towards a new Caribbean man.

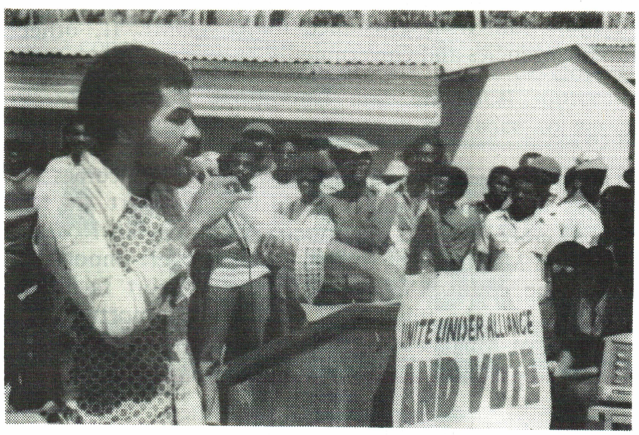
Make our culture, knowledge and science accessible to the whole people through the development of literature, a printing and publishing institution, cinema, theatre, radio and TV, training schools for the various arts and the music industry and cultural exchange programmes with the regional and international community ; preserve old buildings, monuments, places of historical, social and cultural significances and establish new ones.

To that end, a DLM-Alliance Government will :

* Support the artists, writers, musicians, steelbandmén, etc., and their respective institutions, e.g. CASOD, DAMPA, through financing, security and copyright, competitions, sales, shows, festivals (Carnival and National Days included), and the development of tourism and entertainment.

* Develop cultural programmes at schools, workplaces and at community and national levels to raise the cultural levels of our people and ensure their maximum participation in the cultural life of the country.

* Accelerate the development of recreation and national parks (e.g. negres maroon trails), as well as, community centres and facilities for indoor and outdoor sports in all communities, thus, enabling our people to satisfy their cultural needs and pursuits in their leisure time.



Greg Rabess, poet, musician, cultural organizer, aggressive roots struggler for the Carib people.

* Develop a museum, the archive, libraries and centres for reseach into our history, culture, patois, etc., and provide protection against the plunder of our offshore artifacts, and also develop our national historical monuments like Fort Shirley, the Cabrits, Fort Young, the Dawbiney Market, etc.

* Alliance cognisant of the success of Dominican Bands and Cadence music, despite the numerous problems that have confronted musicians, will endeavour to build a strong, viable music industry in conjunction with musicians associations, through the establishment of recording and pressing facilities, providing loan and credit facilities, manufacturing of musical instuments, local and otherwise.

In addition it will assist in providing security for our musicians and other artists, particularly in the area of copyright, including the updating of existing copyright laws, assist the associations of musicians (DAMPA) and artists in realizing their objectives.

* Alliance will actively encourage the development of the arts and craft industries, and afford them all possible assistance.

* Immediate steps to restore the Botanical Gardens back to its pre-Hurricane status by replanting the destroyed plants and fixing structures.

WOMEN

Women have long been kept back by two burdens – one, poverty, and two, male domination, both from the same root cause.

Through we in Dominica are independent today the structures which maintain us (women and men) in poverty and slavelike conditions remain. Although the woman is the main backbone of family building and, indeed survival, she is often unappreciated, abused and doubly exploited.

In order for Dominica to succeed in the struggle for liberation and progress our women must be in the forefront side by side with the man, moreover more than half our population cannot remain undeveloped, stagnant and therefore wasted.

The DLM-Alliance Government will therefore :

* Terminate discrimination against women in all its forms and manifestations particularly in matters of pay, so as to ensure their full participation in all aspects of national life.

* Strongly support womens groups, and strive towards the creation of a genuinely democratic national womens organization.

* Greatly increase training opportunities for women in all fields – locally, regionally and internationally.

* Maintain and strengthen the new Women's Desk towards increasing its potential to service womens groups and support economic ventures.

* Set up Day Care centers especially in neglected rural areas focusing on nutritional and clinical needs.

* Increase the allowable tax deduction for children.

