

Liberals prepare for October 15,16

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managers, the candidate has never lost an election.

Doyle feels that the voters wish for a change brought about by the downfall of the Robichaud Government in the last election. Mr. Higgins, he continued, can offer a change in leadership, away from the Robichaud image and that this could be enough to reinstate the party in the next election.

Robert Theriault, on the other hand, does not give the impression of being a glossy, Higgins-like politician. His campaign headquarters, consisting of a claustrophobic, windowless room, are located in the basement of the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. The confidence revealed at the Higgins Headquarters was all but lacking and the campaign seemed to be proceeding in a state of semi-chaos. These conditions could probably be attributed to either

a pre-arranged, low-key publicity campaign or else a lack of financial support. Professor P. Fitzpatrick, UNB Political Science department and Mr. Theriault's campaign manager, referred to this austerity as a "nickels and dimes campaign" and stated that the candidate was more concerned in relating to the so-called "grass root" members of the party than of creating a colorful image.

Robert Theriault is married and has ten children. Self-educated, the forty-nine year old candidate joined the Liberal Party in 1960. Under Louis Robichaud, he served as Minister of Municipal Affairs as well as acting in a similar capacity with the department of Health and Welfare. Perhaps his greatest contribution to the people of New Brunswick occurred when he gave strong support to the initiation of the Program of Equal Rights in the early sixties.

Mr. Theriault's major objectives as far as reinstating his Party is to reunite the higher levels of the hierarchy with the "grass roots" members. His emphasis is on participation and he has put this into practice by sending questionnaires out to the delegates in hopes of generating a sense of togetherness, something which was lacking within the ranks at the last election.

The third major candidate is John Bryden. Unlike the other campaign headquarters, Mr. Bryden's refused to give any information concerning their campaign. The candidate later explained that his policies were along the lines of personal report and that this secrecy was to prevent any conflicting statements from being issued from his campaign managers and himself.

Like Mr. Theriault, John Bryden is a "grass roots" cam-

paigner and claims to have visited over fifteen hundred delegates within the last four months. He looked forward to opening up the party in order to bring in fresh ideas and new people.

Mr. Bryden is thirty four years old, is married and has three children. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mount Allison University in 1959 and studied law at UNB where he graduated in 1968. Later that year, he joined the Department of Justice and was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick.

On June of 1970, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Justice for the province.

John Bryden considers himself a young and fresh alternative to the other candidates and it is with these qualities

that he hopes to get the delegates' support.

The results of Leadership Conventions can never be predicted with any amount of certainty and, at the time of publication, there does not seem to be one candidate with any clear-cut edge over the others. The UNB-STU Student Liberals according to President Dave Kelsey, plan on waiting until after the debate before they openly support one candidate.

They are looking for young and fresh ideas and expect to unite all the youth-oriented delegates at the Convention behind one candidate. There are ten delegates among their ranks at the present time.

The convention is to be held on October 15, 16, 1971 at the Coliseum at the Fredericton exhibition grounds and in the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

NATO conference discusses St. John river

BY CHRIS J. ALLEN

Fredericton was the host city this week to a NATO-sponsored symposium on Inland Water Pollution. Member countries of NATO's Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society met in the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel from Sept. 27 to Oct. 1. Participants were from Canada, United States, Belgium and France, with West Germany and Portugal sending observers.

The symposium was for the representatives to discuss the theory and practice of cleaning up a complex river basin, using the Saint John River Basin as a basis for the study.

In 1967 the Federal Government offered to pay for comprehensive studies of water basins but it was not until 1969 that the provinces agreed to it. Dr. Ray Tinney, director general of policy planning and research services with the Federal Department of the Environment explained why the government picked the Saint John River as the pilot project in Canada. What was desired was a system with international as well as inter-provincial jurisdictions, involving salmon fishing and navigation. He further stated that during this decade the Canadian Government hoped to plan about 40 other comprehensive schemes.

The session began with the NB delegation giving a slide show and talk to inform the members of the historical, geographical and resource-use patterns of the Saint John River. Later on the Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission (NMRPC) gave a similar film presentation dealing with their area of the basin.

Both the Saint John River Basin Board and the NMRPC stressed the fact that public participation in such a program is mandatory. Mr. Bradley, a

director of the Board stated that they want a program for pollution control implemented for the river and they want realistic suggestions from the public.

It was stated that on similar international projects the countries involved would have to agree on the major objectives ahead of time. In the pilot case, the similarities between NB and Maine makes this easier. Both countries are presently approaching the objective through their own planning and

facilities. A question was raised as to whether the International Joint Committee should coordinate everything or if a new body should be set up. A member of the Canadian delegation said that this option is open however, the two bodies involved should meet soon to coordinate their efforts.

The Saint John River Basin Board is only a planning body, with no regulatory powers. However, we do have laws (Canadian Water Act) that can

be used to execute its' findings.

Both groups mentioned that the majority of the pollution comes from domestic and industrial wastes; food processing and the pulp and paper industries being the worst.

In Maine a fairly detailed study has been prepared by an independent engineering firm. Their report includes methods and recommendations for implementing pollution abatement procedures.

The meeting on Tuesday

dealt mainly with the familiarization of the Basin and the overall problem. No specific cases or solutions were mentioned. On Wednesday the delegates were taken on a bus and plane tour of the basin to aid them in getting an overall picture of the size and complexity of the river system. Thursday was composed of workshop sessions that were closed to the press. The conference ends today with the summary report and a press conference.

CUPE booklet recognizes status

OTTAWA (CUP) - In a major policy statement to be presented to the Union's national conference in Edmonton this week, the Canadian Union of Public Employees has recognized that labor unions have a major role in improving the status of working women.

The statement, in the form of

a 35-page booklet endorsed by executive members including CUPE president Stanley Little, documents the trend in most union organizations when it noted that, although one-third of the CUPE membership is composed of women, they are at the bottom of the union heap when it comes to leader-

ship roles.

Women are vastly in the minority on national and local executives, in conference delegations and among field and

educational representatives.

The document calls for proportionate representation of women in the union hierarchy, but sets no quotas.

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