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Liberalism and Internationalism

by Peter ROBERTS

The basis of Canadian Liberalism in relation to external affairs is found in the two watchwords: security and freedom. The Liberal faces the new problems of a new age able to adopt new methods and devices, but in so doing he is guided by a tested philosophy: he finds freedom only in security and security only in freedom.

Freedom and security are the essential elements of peace. If people are free to live as they wish, within the normal restraints of society of course, and if they are secure in the knowledge that freedom is ensured, then peace will be the concomitant of freedom and security.

Freedom is best promoted by institutions which extend beyond and over national boundaries. Similarly, security is best assured by multi-national organizations. Therefore Canadian international relations should be conducted in such manner so that the agencies of international government are not contravened. The peace making endeavours of organizations such as NATO will be in accordance with Liberal philosophy. The Liberal should shape his belief so that these organizations are strengthened and that they conduct their operations in the interest of world peace.

The nation state is a fading concept. Tomorrow will be the age of the region state. The nation state has outlived its usefulness; now it means only war. In the region state the participants in the strife are diminished in number, perhaps to two, but correspondingly increased in strength and the capacity of war making.

Unrestricted warfare in this age is the antithesis of the peaceful principles of Liberal philosophy. Therefore, to control the large regional states of the world, Liberalism demands that there be world government by one multi-national, inter-regional institution. The United Nations is the means by which peace is to be attained and security guaranteed.

As well as the promotion of peace Liberalism should foster the cultural development of man in the global community. The institutions created by the United Nations (UNESCO etc.) are capable of unifying mankind. Liberalism believes that in world unity man will find both security and freedom and consequently peace.

Security and freedom constitute peace. Security and freedom are best promoted through the incipient region state. World government by one multi-national institution which has jurisdiction over the regional state is necessary to restrain the ambitious new nations and the expanding region state. Finally, global cooperation in the cultural development of the human community is the approach to the unification of mankind.

CULF CONVENTION PROGRAM

FRIDAY, February 21st

- 1:00 p.m. Committee meetings — Executive, Constitution, policy, Convention, etc.
- 4:00 p.m. REGISTRATION BEGINS
- 6:00 p.m. Presentation to the Prime Minister followed by informal Coffee Break
- 7:00 p.m. Minister of Labour, Hon. Allan J. MacEachen, will address the delegates
- 8:00 p.m. ORATORICAL CONTEST — Semi-finals and finals held
- 9:00 p.m. Regional caucuses
- 10:00 p.m. Registration closes for the evening

SATURDAY, February 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. Registration for delegates continues
- 9:30 a.m. Meeting in Rooms 306, 307 & 308, West Block
WELCOME: Lloyd Francis, M.P. and Guy Rouleau, M.P.
Report of the President and Treasurer
Coffee with the M.P.'s and Ministers
Re-convene in the Chateau Laurier for address on keynote topics of the Convention (Dr. M. MacGuigan)
- 10:45 a.m. Regional Caucuses
- 12:00 noon Presidents' Luncheon — Address by the Honourable Arthur Laing, M.P., Minister of Northern Affairs
- 12:30 p.m. Division into four sub-committees to discuss convention topic in sub-categories, and formulate resolutions for plenary session
- 2:00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 4:45 p.m. Constitution Committee reports — plenary session on constitutional amendments
- 5:00 p.m. C.U.L.F. Annual Dinner — Presentation of Best Club Award, Oratorical and C.U.L.F. Merits Awards
GUEST SPEAKER:
The Honourable Guy Favreau, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Justice

SUNDAY, February 23rd

- 12:00 noon — Honourable Mitchell Sharp, P.C., M.P. — Minister of Trade and Commerce
- 2:00 p.m. Plenary Sessions to discuss the resolutions formed at the four sub-committees
- 4:45 p.m. Coffee Break
- 5:00 p.m. Plenary Session for the election of C.U.L.F. National Executive

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Research Assistant Aid To M.P.'s

1. WHAT —

This project which has been under study and approved by the CULF Executive is now ready to be implemented. Under this project university students are invited to take a vital and active role in their Government, in the most effective way they can — by using their brain power. Those who volunteer to work on this project will be given research to do in specific areas assigned to them by the Members of Parliament. University students have been chosen to do this work for two reasons: 1) because they are a reservoir of intellectual talent; 2) because research facilities are available.

By entering this project, university students will, in no small measure, upgrade the calibre of debates of the Liberal Members in the House of Commons and as a consequence force the other parties to "up" their standards. In addition, YOU will gain a knowledge of the job of an M.P., you will be given an opportunity to learn some of the mechanics of the "Hill", you will be equipping yourself with some sound knowledge and lastly it is our hope that eventually each Member of Parlia-

ment will choose from among the participants his own research assistant. When this above stage has been reached, that is, when students are assigned to an individual M.P., his job will then carry some remuneration and yet allow him to continue his education.

2. — HOW —

The Liaison Officer of the Liberal Caucus, Mr. Guy Hogue, will be given your name, address and specialty. He will, upon the member's request, ask you to fulfill the request. In all cases, the assignment will be specific with a deadline attached.

3. TIME REQUIREMENT —

The Members of Parliament know you're a student with limited time for extra curricular activity. They also realize that exam time is "dead time" as far as they are concerned — so rest assured the demands made upon your time will not be unreasonable. But at the same time we must admit in all honesty that any and all research takes time. Do not fill in an application form unless you are prepared to take this time. Deadlines will usually be set for two weeks. Individual projects should not require more than a few hours of your time.

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instead grants for specific objectives to universities with proper facilities should be increased.

4—A major campaign to keep graduate students in this country by making government employment in research worthwhile and lucrative, until private enterprise can attain the government's level here.

5—A study into the feasibility of a government foundation to aid individual private effort, thus freeing all immediate funds for pre-determined projects.

It must be realized that the aim is not so much to increase

government spending in this field, but rather to stimulate the other sectors, and to draw up a central scheme for the expenditures.

Something must be done, and this something must be more than just adequate. We have to catch up, and because of our limited volume and wasted years, we have to surpass the efforts of the other advanced nations. Our future as a dynamic, developing, independent nation depends on it. If there is no effort today, there need be no effort tomorrow, for we will not be here. We will have been overshadowed and swallowed by those nations who knew that knowledge was power in this age.