### NDP elects provincial officers

By GERRY LASKEY

The New Democratic Party of New Brunswick held its annual convention in Saint John over the weekend of October 15-17. The conference was for the purpose of selecting a new leader to replace the former party chief, J. Albert Richardson, as well as the normal business formulating policy resolutions and election of officers.

The convention of over 100 people, sixty of whom were voting delegates, was welcomed by local party and labour leaders.

Keynote speakers were Lofty MacMillan, national secretary of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC); retiring leader Albert Richardson; and Saskatchewan MP Lorne Nystrom.

MacMillan stressed the need for labour to rally behind the NDP as work. the only party that is dedicated to ordinary Canadians.

Nystrom related an experience of travelling hundreds of miles to Murphy, were elected to this body. a northern Manitoba meeting to optimistic hard work for the party and to work for a similar one for in New Brunswick.

on Sunday, October 17, and since the immediate cessation of wage all declined the leader was ing cutbacks in areas such as acclaimed. He is a Rexton teacher, health care and education. John LaBassiere.

strong grass roots efforts to shape spray programme, due to its lack the party's future. He dedicated of success and possible harmful himself to listening to the effects to children and animals, membership in order to represent and completion of studies of the them. He said that the New problems. Democrats must redefine their dedicate his efforts full-time to \$35 million per year. organising the NDP.

NDP president, also has taken a year's sabbatical from his teaching

Also elected were 17 members creating a more just society for of the governing Provincial Council. Two students from the government has this right. campus, Chris Wills and Lawrence

be greeted by a crowd of four. He ten pages of varied policy said this was just eight years resolutions, Saturday and Sunday. before the NDP achieved the The NDP committed itself to greatest electoral majority in implementation of a "freedom of

Manitoba history. He urged information" act in New Brunswick

The elections were held The party passed a motion for nominations from the floor were and price controls and condemn-

The convention called for LaBassiere stressed the need for halting of the spruce budworm

The party resolved to radically aims as socialists and the type of change political party financing socialist policies they want to and fight patronage cases in the persue. LaBassiere is taking a courts when elected. Patronage, year's sabbatical from teaching to they estimate, costs N.B. residents

A conflict of interest resolution Fredericton resident Jim Aucoin was adopted that would require who was re-elected provincial full disclosure of corporation financial records.

The party resolved to change job to dedicate more time to party the N.B. elections act to give citizens the right to have important matters on a ballot referendum. At present only the

The NDP committed itself to revamping student aid, especially The Convention dealt with over increasing the ratio of bursaries or

The party resolved to work for expanded medical care including pharmaceutical, optical, and den-

The convention reasserted the NDP desire for a moratorium on

nuclear reactor construction and N.B. New Democratic Party will sale to other countries. The party meet next at Fredericton, in the also urged cooperation with Monseigneur Boyd Family Centre Prince Edward Island in utilizing at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, alternate energy sources.

The NDP recommitted itself to a public operated no-fault compulsory auto insurance plan. It also passed a resolution calling for automobile parts to cost no more in total than the car.

The party called for a major reforestation programme and pollution remedial project, the cost of both to be borne by the offending companies.

grants being given to outside have not changed. corporations.

The party convention referred proposals for land-banking and high taxation of unused agricultural land to the Provincial Council for further study.

The NDP committed itself to provincial government financial operation of public transit.

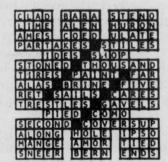
The NDP convention passed resolutions to control New Brunswick resources by the people of N.B. It called for a royalty tax on resource development, processed out of the province, establishment of secondary processing industries and in some cases to effect public take-overs of resource operations.

The Provincial Council of the

#### Graduate Studies moved

The School of Graduate Studies offices and the Research Grants Office have been relocated to the second floor of the Old Arts The NDP called for a freeze to Building from Carleton Hall. the massive industrial incentive However, telephone numbers

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