

Conservative-Liberal majority not the only option

Dear Editor:

Your correspondent Kevin (SIC) Tennant ("Majority Government in Voters Duty") seems to suggest that only a Conservative or Liberal majority would protect us from the vultures south of the border. This could be considered a humorous statement if, it were not for the tragic reality that exists in Canada today.

We need not remind Mr. Tennant that Liberals presided over the sell out of the store and the Conservatives attempted to sell the building.

The oil industry is a good case in point. This industry is 90 per cent foreign controlled. No other area of the world tolerates such a condition. Not in Mexico, not in Venezuela, not in the Middle East, not in Europe, nor in Japan will one find such a sell out of industry as the Liberals have permitted in their years of power.

What did Joe Clark do? He attempted and probably will, if re-elected, get rid of our strong presence in the oil industry: Petro Canada. The Conservatives also imposed a price like and excise tax on petroleum. Very little of the extra burden of oil price increases will flow to the use of Canadians. These funds for the most part, will be put in the hands of the multi-nationals. These funds will flow south of the border in the

form of tax dividends to American shareholders. Even if they stay in Canada there is no guarantee without a strong government presence, such as Petro Canada that the funds will be used for oil production. Many of the multi-nationals are using their profits to expand into other ventures like real estate, as Imperial Esso is doing.

They Liberals in a grasp for voters are now saying they will expand the role of Petro-Canada. A voter could be excused for being a little bit confused.

Was it not the Liberals who voted against an N.D.P. motion of non-confidence last fall that called for the expansion of Petro Canada?

Mr. Tennant's remarks on this great new society based on devalued currency conjures of visions of Social Credit funny money. Kevin gives us a very simplistic and naive assessment of the Canadian economy. Does this writer not realize that devaluation will solve very little in our "branch plant economy". Ours is an economy so dependent on foreign capital goods that any devaluation, in the absence of more direct measures, usually proves to be very ineffectual in long term job creation. Devaluation also fees inflation which affects you and I, my friend.

The privatization process higher

interest rates, and higher unemployment were all policies that the Liberals began and the Conservatives continued a vote for either is a vote for the same, there is not difference.

Tommy Douglas, once likened the state of Canadian politics to mice electing cats. One year the mice elect black cats, the next year they elect white cats and occasionally they elect spotted cats but they never consider the possibility of electing themselves for that would be subversive.

We realize that there are many problems with the Canadian economy. We have a tremendous deficit (billions of dollars which could be cut by plugging the loopholes in the Income Tax Act) unemployment and inflation. These are problems that surely merit our concern but the Conservative/Liberal direction of higher inflation and higher unemployment with a little cut in the deficit is, we are sure, repugnant unacceptable and will be rejected by the majority of Canadians on

February 18th.

We do need strong measures to improve our economy. We need a tough government to stand up to the Americans and we need a strong government to stand up to the multi-nationals. We need Canadian control of our resources and Canadian control of our destiny. We need Ed Broadbent and the NDP.

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Profs: try to attend your classes

Dear Editor:

In the past years of high school I was always told that University was a whole new ball game. I now tend to agree that we must pay for our education and attendance is left solely to the student. In the Arts program we are given a wide field of studies to select our courses from. Some courses indeed may be considered "bird courses" while with others this is not so. I have decided to take one of those "bird courses" purely as an extra credit and for my own personal enjoyment. The first few classes were very stimulating and great

fun, then classes began to be cancelled, usually on a Monday or Friday - He was flying down to Mexico for the long weekend. For a time I enjoyed having a class cancelled but where do you put an end to this? It has now been almost two months since our last class-this includes the Christmas break.

Although a one year course in language is not apt to leave you bilingual is this reason enough for a professor to consider it unimportant? I think not, as we the students are paying for his services. I do not appreciate notes on the door of the classroom inform-

ing us of what we should have completed by Monday morning. Especially when-in all probability it will not be taught-and in a language this is a very important aspect. I hope that with the New Year-1980-our prof will make a resolution - to try - as we the students try-to attend class. I hope the New Year is more of a learning experience than the past three months have been. I No es Verdad?

If I am using the wrong terminology it is probably because it hasn't been taught!

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