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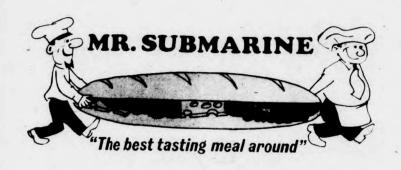
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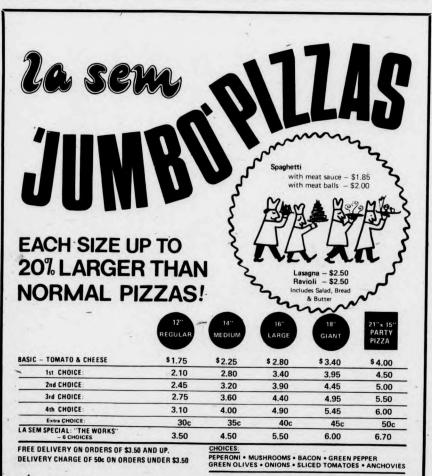
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Levesque at Glendon

NDP is 'only decent party'

By J. W. BELTRAME

Parti Quèbecois leader, René Levesque, who lost his seat in the provincial legislature during the recent Quebec elections spoke to a capacity student and faculty crowd at the Glendon campus, March 5.

After telling the audience the Quebec and federal governments are on their way out, Levesque said the Quebec independence problem would be solved by the end of this decade or at the latest, the early 80's.

"We first started in the early 60's and people thought we were a joke.

Greek regime will not last —Papandreou

By GARFIELD M. PAYNE

The present Greek military regime will not last very long, said Andreas Papandreou in a recent lecture on US imperialism in Greece.

Papandreou, a York economics professor and leader of the Par-Hellenic Liberation Movement, based his prediction on Greece's economic deterioration, army fractionalization, and growing support for Greek independence among students, peasants and the middle-class.

Speaking in Curtis E to 200 people, he cited the exodus of over 400,000 Greek workers to low-paying, menial jobs in France and Germany.

Greece, which must now import even basic agricultural commodities, has a 30 per cent rate of inflation, Papandreou said.

He said the democratization supposed to accompany the introduction of a new constitution was imaginary, since the president controls national defence, public order and foreign policy, and the military is an autonomous level of government.

Papandreou said the reluctance of Papadopolous, the former Greek premier, to show the world what a farce these reforms were, prevented him from crushing the student disturbances of November 1973 quickly.

Papandreou said the US would find it increasingly difficult to convince Greek army officers to enforce rigid sanctions and cited the use of special police to quell the student disturbances.

He said the time would come when the US would have only two options in Greece: turn it into another Vietnam or pull out entirely.

Dark horse loses now broken man

SPECIAL TO EXCALIBUR

The dark horse candidate of the CYSF election left the political arena the same way he had entered: a broken man.

S. J. Gumby, candidate for the Silly Party (Sudo-Intellectual's Literary Luncheon and Yawn), felt his planned reforms, including supporting virginity, raising fees and converting Osgoode Hall into a topless body rub parlour, went over the heads of the York students.

"If elected, I planned to use CYSF funds to help run the school more efficiently," he said, "by personally studying the Bermuda school system."

According to his campaign literature, Gumby was born on Ellesmere Island in 1951, in a tiny igloo which he helped his father build. His mother, the simple moccasin chewer Hooplarinkydink (which is Eskimo for simple moccasin chewer) died two years before Gumby's birth, due to a mysterious disease and a harpoon through the neck.

Gumby, who can be reached daily at the HMS Haida, where he is a piece of rope, is the brother of the late Ambrose Gumby, who was tried and hanged for riding cows for reasons other than his health.

"Rosebud is not the answer," Gumby said as he prepared next year's campaign literature. "Next year, the people_will vote Silly."

They started taking us seriously in the middle 60's and we became a full fledged party with elected representatives in 1970. Now we're the official opposition, and people are getting used to seeing us around." Levesque said.

In the event that his party were to win a decisive election, Levesque said he would be looking to "negotiate, rather than making a unilateral declaration of independence." But he warned that he would not sit still while negotiations went on for years without reaching an agreement.

Turning to the problems facing Canada and his province, Levesque saw the "do nothing" attitude of these governments as the most encouraging sign for a Parti Quèbecois victory.

"We are the most tied up country in the developed world," he stated. "We are an ungoverned satilite, where gouging by big business (especially oil companies) is not only tolerated but encouraged.

"We have the highest prices in the world, yet we're in no hurry to do anything about it. At least in the US and Europe they tinker with their economy to see if anything can be done. Here we are given Mrs. (Beryl) Plumtree," he added.

Returning to the policies of the Parti Quèbecois, Levesque pointed to the fact that the party is maintained entirely by private citizen donations.

Asked if he can hope to win without identifying with the Quebec labour movement, Levesque said, "It is silly for any government to tie itself to labour."

"The Labour Party in England is a union party, yet when it got into power it had to separate itself from the unions, hence it can't tie itself to labour," he said.

Levesque stated that his party would clamp down on the medical drug industry. "We are a dumping ground by international corporations for medical drugs," he said. "Drugs are a public essential and should be supplied at cost by the government," he added.

Levesque praised the socialist government of Premier David Barrett of British Columbia, stating that the policies put into effect in BC have been advocated by his party for many years. He added that ideologically his party was similar to the NDP party, but that declaring this would be the death kiss for that party.

"Quite a few of the progressive legislation introduced by the federal government came as a direct result of Mr. Lewis," Levesque said. He gave the election spending act and the proposed national oil corporation as examples of progressive legislation, although he had misgivings as to whether the latter would become a reality.

"The only party in Canada we have any alliance with is the NDP," he stated. "They are the only decent party who seem able to get Canada out of the rut that it's in."

. But that's your problem," he add-

York Communists sponsor lecture

The York University Communist Club is sponsoring a second talk in its "Four Fridays" lecture series.

The talk by Phyllis Clarke, is titled "The National Question-Canada/US; English Canada/Quebec."

The lecture will take place Friday March 15 at 1 p.m. in Ross S 174.-30-

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