

Edmonton was deeply resented by many Liberals. Without interference, the contest would have been a local one, and Conservatives and other anti-Social Credit forces would have supported the Liberal candidate. United opposition can defeat Social Credit, but only if there is no interference from outside.

Liberal party needs more "give and take" - continuation of present policy would result in annihilation at next election. Many people feel both old parties putting partisan interests before good of the province, and will not vote for either.

Comment contained in general correspondence:

Criticism of Mr. Gardiner:

The majority of the communications received following the by-election contain the strongest criticism of Mr. Gardiner, and many of them attribute the result of the contest to his - and some to Mr. Gray's, as well - participation in the campaign.

Need for Unity:

There is a strong feeling that the federal government and the people in other parts of Canada do not realize how strong the Social Credit forces in Alberta are, and that only through unity between Liberals and Conservatives can they be defeated. Mrs. A. H. Rogers, of Edmonton, writes: "Surely the leaders of the old parties can see this and sink their differences for the time being", and Mr. Gavin Spence, of the same city, that: "unless the Party changes their tactics to a united party, you can say good-bye to Alberta for good".

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