

the politicians . . .

On this page are two letters to the students of UNB who have the right to vote on April 8. One is from the incumbent member from York-Sunbury, Mr. J. Chester MacRae, who represents the Progressive Conservative Party, the other is from David Dickson, the Liberal candidate in this federal riding.

Both of these letters were supplied by the candidates on the request of the editor. We wish to thank you two gentlemen for your efforts, and hope that your messages will help clarify the election issues to the UNB voters.

At press time, there were no other candidates in the constituency of York-Sunbury. Mr. MacRae is a business man connected with Fredericton Business College. He has held York-Sunbury since 1957. Mr. Dickson is a Fredericton barrister who has been active on the Senate and in the Alumni of UNB. In 1940 he held the position of Sports Editor on the Brunswickan.

Good luck, gentlemen. May the best man . . . and the best party . . . win.

hooray, devils . . .

Tuesday night saw a capacity crowd in the rink, hoping to see a lively contest between the Devils and the X-Men. They were not disappointed. In the last home game of the season, the Devils trimmed St. Francis Xavier 5-0.

On behalf of the student body, thank you, Devils. No other team at UNB has shown as much team spirit and as much crowd-pleasing skill as you have this season. Special bouquets must be handed out to Coach Pete Kelly and to net minder Dave Inch, for a fabulous backbone for a great, well-balanced hockey club.


The best of luck to you Devils at St. F.X. this weekend. Radio UNB will never have more attentive listeners . . . and incidentally, Radio UNB deserves a bouquet too . . . for excellent sports coverage this year.

We know the Devils can win in Antigonish. And we hope they will do the same at the national finals in Guelph! Don't disappoint us, boys . . . we've already made arrangements to put out a special Victory Edition of the Brunswickan.

quotes - editor's choice . . .

Winston Churchill (on being criticised for ending a sentence with a preposition in the House of Commons): "This is nonsense up with which I will not put!"

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Dear Sir:

My last contribution to the Brunswickan was 23 years ago this week.

A few days later I resigned as its News Editor-along with most of the other members of the staff—to take up arms.

The necessity arose, very largely, out of the fact that Mr. Chamberlain and a good many others allowed themselves to be persuaded that an umbrella was perhaps an adequate deterrent to war.

I mention this because there seems to be a close analogy between the situation then and some of our present problems of how best to deter aggression. It was indecision over this problem you will recall, which led immediately, even if not solely, to the fall of the Diefenbaker administration early last month.

The nuclear arms issue concerns all Canadians. It involves determining whether or not we are to co-operate with our neighbours and friends in the Atlantic community in deterring war and promoting the cause of peace.

A few days ago the Liberal Leader said this in Quebec: "The Atlantic coalition means working together. It means, among other things, nuclear weapons for defence, as long as the Russian Communist empire has them for attack."

Few of us will disagree.

But if the nuclear arms issue is one of the issues of the current

campaign, it is small and relatively unimportant beside the one overriding issue which dominates the campaign.

The past six years—and particularly the past year—have pointed up the calamitous results of indecisive incompetent leadership at Ottawa.



In June of last year the people of Canada in no uncertain terms expressed their lack of confidence in the Diefenbaker administration. Since then that administration has been pre-occupied with expressing lack of confidence in itself.

The big lesson has been learned—that we can't expect the problems of this country to be tackled and solved when a government's decisions and programme are dependent on the whims and ambitions of some or

other minority group.

Our problems of to-day, including those of unemployment, of providing opportunities for young people, or getting along with our neighbours, of achieving a favourable balance of trade, of restoring confidence in our Country, are sufficiently great that one party must be entrusted with forming a stable, majority government.

Three of the parties stand no chance of forming such a government. They are in effect asking the electorate that the debacle of the last nine months be continued. The Conservative leader has lost the confidence not only of the Canadian people but also of his own Cabinet. The Social Credit group is led by a demagogue who openly admits to admiration for the political methods of Hitler and Mussolini.

One man in Canada to-day—the Hon. L. B. Pearson—leads a united, responsible party capable of providing a majority government. It is a party capable of providing leadership, of restoring our good name, and giving direction and purpose to our affairs.

As the Liberal candidate for York-Sunbury I ask of the student body and faculty of the University their assistance in ensuring that Mr. Pearson has a working majority in Parliament after April 8th. With your support I know he can count on York-Sunbury.

Respectfully yours,
David M. Dickson

Dear Mr. Bell:

You have asked me for a statement concerning the general election to be held on April 8.

First, because it is the issue that has been getting the most publicity, I would like to discuss the question of the acquisition of nuclear arms by Canada. This is a subject which is troubling many Canadians of all political faiths, and has caused, as everyone knows, the resignations of Messrs. Hees, Harkness and Sevigny from the Government. To make my own stand in this matter clear I will state at the beginning that I believe that Prime Minister Diefenbaker is right in the position he takes on nuclear arms. If I did not believe this I would not be offering as a candidate in this election.

The Bomarc missile is useful only as a defence against manned bombers. If an attack by manned bomber should come, it is estimated that the Canadian Bomarc sites would be capable of knocking out .0001% of the attacking force. However, the day of the manned bomber as a weapon of offence is over. Polaris type missiles, launched from submarines or battleships are now the weapons expected to be used. Against such missiles, the Bomarc is useless. It is a casualty of today's rapid scientific advance, which makes weapons obsolescent before they are in production. Three years ago, General Maxwell D. Taylor, U.S. Army, described the Bomarc as neither feasible nor economical. In the light of this, to proceed with the Bomarc programme would be completely unsound. As to Canada's NATO commitments, they are being met and will continue to be met. I believe that the main reason for the pressure tactics of the United States is an attempt to establish the principle that the United States may maintain nuclear bases on Canadian soil. Our foreign minister, the Honourable Howard Green, believes that the one hope of saving our civilization lies in nuclear disarmament, and I cannot see how the expan-

sion of the nuclear club will contribute toward the solution we are seeking.

The main issue in the election is, and should be, the Conservative Government. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics now tells us that 1962 has been one of the best years in Canadian history—in fact, last year we outstripped every other nation in the free world in the field of economic progress. The devaluation and pegging of the Canadian dollar, which was one of the contributing factors in the Government's reverses last year, is providing to be the best move that could have



been made. Our gross national product was more than eight percent higher in 1962 than in 1961. On a five year basis, our industrial production rose in Canada by 22 percent, as compared with 19 percent in the United States and 14 percent in Britain. For the second time in ten years we have had a favourable balance of exports over imports (the other being 1961); and we have had an increase in our tourist industry, despite a most inclement summer.

I do not attempt to say that our Government has solved all our problems. In the present day world of tremendous pressures and meteoric scientific developments, our problems are likely to multiply rather than lessen.

But I believe that fair-minded people of this nation will feel that our Government has done a good job in bringing us successfully through difficult times.

Finally, for those of us who live in the Atlantic provinces there should be no question as to which government to choose. The record of the Conservative Government since 1957 in special consideration of these provinces cannot be challenged. The latest piece of legislation directly and specifically for the benefit of the Atlantic provinces is the Atlantic Development Board, which can be the medium, at long last, for the economic development which we must have.

It is not possible in the limited space of a letter such as this to go very deeply into campaign issues. However, I will be glad to answer any inquiries from interested readers. Thank you for the opportunity of placing these facts before you.

Yours sincerely
J. Chester MacRae

Campus Calendar

- Mar. 7 NFCUS, Tartan Room 7:30. Scientific Society, Loring Bailey Auditorium, 7:30.
- Mar. 8 Chapel, Douglas Hall 1-1:20. UCC Cathedral Hall 6-8 Aitken Formal.
- Mar. 9 Parajump Club Dance, Student Center 9:00. Diary of Anne Frank, Mem. Hall 8:30.
- Mar. 11 Pararescue Club, Armouries 7:15. Diary of Anne Frank, Mem. Hall 8:30.
- Mar. 12 Chapel, Douglas Hall, 1-1:20. Bridge Club, Oak Room, 7:00. Curling Club, Tartan Room, 7:00. Diary of Anne Frank, Mem. Hall 8:30.

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Five Times Better
Than the X-Men.
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