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Vice - President Student Services
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Comment

NDP leadership race called close, hard fought

By Andrew Nikiforuk

The leadership contest for the New Democratic Party of Ontario is now nearing its close.

On February 3rd, 1,500 party delegates will elect a leader to replace the retiring Stephen Lewis. The media has either ignored the campaign or labelled it a "lacklustre affair." Such an assessment is grossly inappropriate. The race has been hard fought, and the candidates have addressed themselves to important economic and ideological issues.

The three men competing for the leadership are Ian Deans, a fireman and MPP from Hamilton; Michael Cassidy, a "financial journalist" and MPP from Ottawa; and Michael Breugh, an elementary school teacher and MPP from Oshawa. All three men are articulate speakers, competent members of parliament and dedicated socialists.

In fact the quality of the candidates has prevented any one man from assuming a sure lead in the leadership race.

The closeness of the contest is reflected in the way the Ontario labour movement has divided its support among the three candidates. Deans has been endorsed by representatives of the United Steelworkers, CUPE, the United Auto Workers and Electrical Workers. Seventeen MPP's have also chosen to support Deans.

Michael Breugh, who has been publicly endorsed by Ed Broadbent, is favoured by Cliff Pilkey, the conservative president of the Ontario Federation of Labour and by segments of the United Auto Workers. Cassidy does not appear to have amassed as much labour support as the other two candidates,

but can claim Jim Laxer, an outspoken critic of Canadian liberalism; John Rodriguez, federal MP; and the indomitable Joe Davidson, former leader of the postal workers, as important supporters.

Last Wednesday the three candidates addressed a crowd of 250 people in downtown Toronto. They spoke on a variety of issues ranging from the nationalization of resources to Quebec independence.

All three contestants emphasized the need for controlling Ontario's resources. The foreign domination of the province's economy by Japanese, American and German interests was soundly condemned by Cassidy. Deans forcefully advocated the build-up of Ontario's disappearing secondary industries, plants that process and refine minerals and timber.

Approximately sixty-five percent of all secondary manufacturing is presently involved in the production of auto parts.

Dean also related the province's current economic crisis to a total lack of economic planning. Breugh addressed himself mainly to urban problems, such as the need for affordable housing, a more competent educational system, and the maintenance of communities.

Land speculation was criticized by Breugh as a business for which "the public sector does the work (zoning, planning) and the private sector makes the profit."

Cassidy raised the issue of Quebec independence in reference to Sun Life's decision to leave that province. Sun Life's resolution to move out of Quebec "upset" Cassidy. He urged the corporation, with assets worth thirty-two billion dollars, to reconsider its decision.

Cassidy objected to the move on the grounds that it "would build up Ontario's economy at Quebec's expense." This struck some members of the audience as rather an incredible position for a socialist to take. On this matter Cassidy clearly defined himself as a federalist and liberal continentalist.

Deans was not upset by the move and proposed that Quebec "forget" Sun Life and form a "cooperative insurance company". He was the only candidate prepared to "accommodate the legitimate aims and aspirations of the people of Quebec".

Breugh emphasized the need to identify the "common things we have with the Quebecers" and to recognize the fact that what was going on in Quebec was as much a matter of class struggle as a battle over language rights.

Towards the end of the meeting the candidates were asked to comment on a resolution, passed by several riding associations, reaffirming the party's commitment to socialism. Such challenges are frequent. This declaration seems to have originated in widespread dissatisfaction with Stephen Lewis' performance during the last election.

Many party members felt that Lewis had compromised party policy and had edged the party away from democratic socialism to liberal rhetoric. The three candidates upheld the resolution and pledged to abide by programs approved by the rank and file of the NDP.



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