

MODEL PARLIAMENT PLATFORMS

Model Parliament is going to be with us again, and the Brunswickan invited the three active political clubs to submit an outline of their respective platforms. Two did so, the third refusing the free publicity for reasons which were not fully clarified by press time.

The two "less flashy, but more realistic" clubs, to quote one experienced student, have submitted platforms, which have been published here verbatim. The Liberal Club chose to publish a separate paper, "free of bias and unfair treatment." This all-Liberal leaflet (produced under the auspices of a powerful New Brunswick Liberal) will be distributed some time next week, probably before the election.

Russ Greene, CA Grand Patriarch, and Macey MacLean, leader of the PC's, were unavailable for comment on this unexpected action by the Liberal Clubbers.

C.A. TRASH

The UNB Chapter of the Christian-Atheist Party of Canada announces its platform for the upcoming election. We feel that our platform comes to grips with the most pressing problems facing Canada which the other parties avoided.

1. As a first step in fighting urban congestion, we urge the creation of a crown corporation to build the Oromocto and Pokiok Falls Underground Railway.
2. A higher duty is to be charged on imported tomatoes and oranges (however, parts of tomatoes and oranges imported to be assembled in Canada shall be duty-free).
3. To put our troops on an equal footing all Canadian troops in the Congo shall be armed with the most effective weapons, spears. Also all soldiers shall be treated to make them tasteless.
4. To accommodate faster planes we propose a flip-top runway extension for H.M.C.S. Bonaventure. Should this prove to be unfeasible we recommend that the Bonaventure be limited to service on Lake Winnipeg.
5. To eliminate the need for a causeway we recommend P.E.I. be moved in to shore.
6. To prevent espionage, the staffs of embassies of Communist countries in Ottawa shall be limited to 200 members each.
7. The government shall suspend the duty on imported Marijuana to try and cut down the use of tobacco.
8. The government shall charge a tariff on all U. S. athletes imported by Canadian universities.
9. To fight the unemployment problem the government shall set up national workshops for the unemployed. These workers shall be paid the minimum wage, which shall be raised to \$1.26/hour.

In conclusion I urge all students to remember one thing. Our program is entirely our own. It was not prepared in Ottawa by the usual gang of incompetents in Parliament. A C. A. vote stays on campus. A vote for the Liberals is a vote for the man who made it indecent to wear a bow-tie. A P.C. votes to put a renegade in power. Would you want your son to marry Judy LaMarsh?

RUSS GREENE
Grand Patriarch

P.C. BILGE

Progressive Conservative UNB Model Parliament Platform.

Each year in competing for UNB Model Parliament seats, the Liberal and Progressive Conservative clubs try to out-mastermind each other with their new political platforms. The Christian-Atheists seem to try to emphasize the laughable side of politics, meaning their own platforms. In recent years this platform included a plank which would eliminate all campus P.C. and Liberal Clubs across the country. In view of the fact that they didn't succeed, we of the Progressive Conservative Club of UNB submit for your approval our undeniably brilliant platform. (modesty is not a political virtue)

- 1) double the present 20% dividend tax credit on Canadian Company shares. When paid a dividend on Canadian stocks one would be eligible for an income tax reduction of 40% of the dividend's value. This would encourage Canadians to invest in Canada.
- 2) tax free dividends from speculative Canadian stocks for the first five years of dividends providing the dividends do not exceed 10% of the stock's market value (taken from the first day of that financial year.) This would encourage investment by Canadians in new Canadian Companies.
- 3) make the "Hull-Ottawa" area a federal district turning the city into a showcase of French - English co-operation complete with bilingual traffic signs.
- 4) Concentrate our foreign aid in 3 or 4 countries at a time for greater efficiency and co-ordination (which is greatly needed) Prime target areas would be located every 3 or 4 years when a certain level of accomplishment was reached, eg., completion of a basic system of roads.
- 5) force unions to produce financial statements showing income, expenditures and a balance sheet for the protection of union members from graft.
- 6) tax and economic adjustments to help Maritime manufacturers break into the European and New England markets. This would be coupled with a re-invigorated sales and promotion program.

It was suggested that some dedicated Canadian marry the present "Minister of Health and Well-fed" to remove her from office. A far better idea would be to vote for the P.C.'s in the coming election because we have the best platform and because it would remove the need for such a sacrifice.

LIBERAL CHOKE

It appears that the glorious Liberal party is very keen on winning this election. After the Brunswickan extended the deadline for the Liberal platform, the Liberals decided to do without the free publicity. (Without ever notifying us).

We have been informed that the Liberals will be publishing their own paper. In fact, some of the staff members of the 'Old Bruns' assisted with technical problems. Or assisted as much as they could while having to contend with being told how to lay out newspapers by people who didn't know a layout tool from a ruler.

The paper will be published in Woodstock. Liberal club members informed us that the publisher is Hugh Tait. Mr. Tait is (believe it or not) a Liberal.

One club member informed us that the paper would be checked by local Liberals downtown. In fact, it appears that this was a condition of publication.

Anyway it seems a shame that amateurism is disappearing from campus politics. Such undertakings can indeed lead to control from off the university campus which would stymie many worthwhile policies which originate in our clubs.

- M. F.

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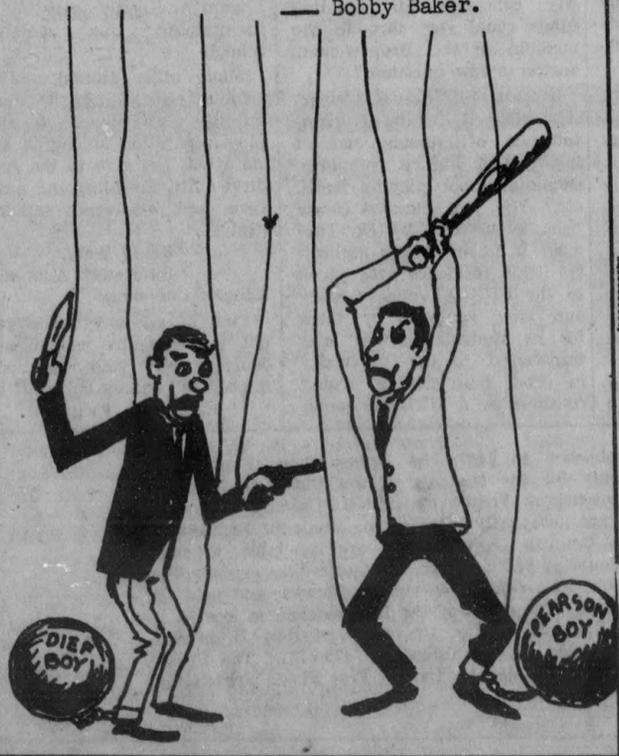


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