

# PQ not biggest threat to Canada - Schreyer

By Agnes Kruchio

Grotesquely large sums of money now pouring into energy-rich areas of Canada may threaten the well-being of the country more than the election of the Parti Quebecois, Ed Schreyer, former premier of Manitoba, told a session during Vanier College's Encounter Canada conference.

Speaking during the second day of the student-organized conference on national unity, the leader of the opposition of the Manitoba legislative assembly said a \$1 increase in the price of a barrel of crude oil amounts to taking \$200 million a year out of Ontario alone.

"It's like taking (Ontario's) money, putting it in a suitcase, and transferring it to Edmonton," Schreyer said.

An increase of a dollar in the price of crude oil causes over a billion dollars to flow into the coffers of the energy-rich provinces from the six provinces east of Manitoba. The areas benefiting most from this capital influx are northern Alberta, northern Saskatchewan and the Yukon, Schreyer said.

"If I were an easterner, frankly I would be concerned," he said.



Ed Schreyer at Encounter Canada

He criticised the government for what he called a failure to encourage research and development of renewable energy sources such as hydro-electric power, and biomass sources of energy such as wood fiber and peat. According to Schreyer, these materials exist in large quantities in the eastern provinces, and have been used successfully in Finland and Ireland.

Joint investment in renewable energy research between the federal and provincial governments of

eastern and central Canada would provide much-needed jobs, Schreyer said, the necessary technology is already known, but needs further refinement he added.

"We are putting to many of our eggs in the nuclear basket," he said.

The investments pouring into the oil-rich areas of the country will create regional inequalities and will create tensions that Canada should try to forestall.

"Language and culture apart," he said, "unless we begin to see a significant preoccupation and investment in alternate energy sources during the next decade or more, a vast suction pump of capital will suck up capital by the billions of dollars." This overinvestment in fossil fuels will speed up their depletion, the NDP leader warned. "Within one generation, Canada will be in a very precarious situation," he said later.

Evelyn Dumas, former editor of the now defunct daily newspaper *Le Jour* said Canada will be able to survive the separation of Quebec. "This is a strong country", she said. Instead of asking what does Quebec want?, English Canadians should try to decide what direction they

want to go in once "whether or not Quebec is there", Dumas said.

George Mitchell, member of the Nova Scotia cabinet told the conference the separation of Quebec would be disastrous for the Maritimes because they will not be able to form viable economic or national unit. Since 25% of the Maritimes budget is made up of federal equalization payments,

Mitchell said if this was withdrawn because of the disintegration of the country, many services would have to be stopped. Should Quebec separate, Mitchell speculated that the Francophone third of New Brunswick's population may join it. Other unsavoury possibilities for the maritime provinces would be to join the United States, or to try to survive as an independent unit.

## Who will merge?

By Laura Brown

In a letter from W.D. Farr, university vice-president (employee and student relations) distributed February 3, the amalgamation of two colleges was stressed as a potential solution for reducing the impact of budget cuts on the non-faculty colleges.

The "re-organizing, combining, and integrating" of student services was mentioned as a target for the university budget restrictions. The colleges, the letter said, represent about one quarter of the total student services area budgets and the so-called integration could only be effective if "two or more colleges were to join together and combine budgetary, space, programme, and personnel resources."

Although the letter specifically centres out Calumet, Bethune and Stong as the colleges in question, the letter was distributed only to Calumet and Bethune fellows and student government executives.

The college masters were informed of Farr's suggestion of amalgamation several weeks before the written statement was released. Consequent meetings and discussions have occurred in Bethune and Calumet colleges to discuss the matter.

According to a fellow of Bethune the fellows executive council of Bethune passed a motion on January 25 which stated that, "Bethune council will not accept a master who has not presented himself as a candidate to the search committee and been recommended to the fellows by that committee." This motion will counteract the possibility of a master being forced upon them.

"We expect any candidate to go through the usual procedures," the source told *Excalibur*.

Other considerations have been made regarding the possible amalgamation. "The bait is that the Calumet budget will be divided amongst six colleges," the source said. "But how long will the bonus last?"

There is the consideration to make that there might be two combined colleges with no money, he said.

That all discussions rest on Bethune as the college in question seems "singularly one-sided," the source said. Commenting on Farr's plan, the source said that the vice-president's scheme of "compact things" derives from a "notion of a collapsible university".

Eric Winter was asked by *Excalibur* why Bethune was the centre of discussion Winter said, "As I see it, and I'm not alone, there are greater areas of agreement between Bethune and Calumet."

"Radical humanism", Winter said, "seems to be the style of both colleges."

Winter said the decision has never been fully made that Bethune is the college in question. "The decision is still reversible and we could still discover that there is more affinity with Stong."

## Peer counselling centres meet

By Rhonda Salsberg

Last weekend, the first conference ever of Ontario university peer counselling centres took place at Carleton University.

Representatives from universities across Ontario, including York, U of T, Queen's, McMaster, and Waterloo came to discuss their common goals and needs.

Speakers from government

agencies explained how a peer counselling group could apply for a grant, since most groups are in financial need.

An Ontario Federation of Students representative explained that the support of student councils and student newspapers was necessary to the survival of the service, and suggested ways of building this support.

The conference decided upon a definition of a peer counselling group, to form a permanent association, and to start a newsletter.

The purpose of a peer counselling centre was defined as being a student-based organisation that knows and feels comfortable with the alternatives available to the client; to help them help themselves through providing confidential information, alternatives, referral and discussion; to offer unbiased and non-judgemental support to the person.

The Association of Student Counselling Groups was formed so peer counselling groups could contact each other, share information, and advice.

## News briefs

**Nominations** for the 1978-1979 Executive Council of the **Italian Canadian Association** open February 6 and run until February 24, 1978. Positions open for nominations are President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Director.

Nomination sheets must be signed by 10 I.C.A. members and forwarded to the secretary Mirella Petricca by 12. midnight February 24. Elections will be held on Monday February 27. Time and location to be announced later.

**Founders College** students are asked to note that the date of the **Student Council elections** has been postponed from February 8 until after Reading Week. The annual election will now be held on Friday, February 24 and ballots may be completed in the Junior Common Room or Central Square between 10 am. and 4 pm. The following positions are still open: President, Vice - Presidents (2), Treasurer, Social Rep., Cultural Rep., General Councillors (4), and one male and one female Athletic Rep. Nomination forms are available in Room 121 Founders College and must be returned by Friday February 10. And don't forget to vote.

There will be a **benefit dance** for the **Toronto Rape Crisis Centre** Friday February 17 at 8 pm. It's at the Rinascente Hall, 867 College St. Food will be available and two bands, Limbo Springs and Wolf at the Door, will be on hand to entertain. It's licensed and admission is \$3 (all proceeds go to the Rape Crisis Centre). Tickets are available at the door or by calling the Centre, 964-7477.

**Nicos Poulantzas**, renowned Marxist theoretician, will speak at York Monday.

Poulantzas is one of the most influential theorists of the Left, working within the tradition founded by the French Marxist philosopher Louis Althusser.

His books and articles include: *Political Power and Social Classes*; *Fascism and Dictatorship*; *Classes in Contemporary Capitalism*; and *Crisis of the Dictatorships*; *Portugal, Spain, Greece*. Most recently, he has published, *The State, Power, and Socialism* in which he deals with several contemporary ideological currents, such as that of the "New Philosophers," and the "Democratic Road to Socialism" in European communism.

Poulantzas' visit is part of the Hellenic Students' Association's "Greek Cultural Week", which is sponsored by CYSF. The visit itself is cosponsored by Atkinson College, the Political Science Department, The Third World Students' Union and the Dean of Arts.

He will be giving a formal presentation on "The Crisis of the State" on Monday, February 13, Curtis Lecture Hall 1, at 6:00 pm, and an informal seminar on Wednesday, February 15, Ross S203, at 1:00 p.m., concerning Eurocommunism and the State.

There will be an organizing meeting for **International Women's Day** (March 8) at York today at 2:00 in 119 Vanier College.

Across Canada, Marches, rallies, and celebrations of women's victories are being planned for March 8. Similar events are being planned at York.

Some of the issues we will be discussing this afternoon include the Women's Centre, Harbinger, and *Breakthrough*. Come help us plan activities to make International Women's Day happen at York.

For more information, call Rhonda Salsberg at Harbinger 667-3509 or 667-3632.

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