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Contrary to Halyna Freeland's election night rhetoric, Edmonton has not become "Redmonton."

But there are signs of dissatisfaction with the PC representation, signs that had better not be ignored if the PCs wish to retain their support in Alberta.

The most obvious sign is the election of Ross Harvey in Edmonton East, which seems to have become a stronghold for the New Democrats, both provincially and federally.

This is a blue collar riding, which suggests that the Tories are deficient in policies attracting these people.

A second sign is the reduced margins of the successful PCs, with one or two notable exceptions.

The exceptions are David Kilgour in Edmonton Southeast, and Jim Edwards, in Edmonton Southwest.

Kilgour probably received a lot of cross party support for his stance regarding the necessity of party discipline. One may not agree with his positions on various issues, but at least he has the guts to make them known, even if they differ from "official" party lines.

Kilgour could probably have

won as an independent.

Edwards also took a stance, resigning his parliamentary secretary position in order to help Allarcom lobby for the all-news channel.

It's debatable whether or not Allarcom, with its resources, *needed* the help, but Edwards showed integrity and a willingness to put principles before expedience.

The third sign of voter dissatisfaction is the strength of the Reform Party, in its first election campaign.

Their support comes mostly from the disillusioned Tory voter, since their positions are only slightly to the left of Genghis Khan.

It should be obvious to the Tories that Edmontonians want effective representation, not just bums in seats.

Northern Albertans are becoming more sophisticated, politically, and are not quite as sheeplike as in the past.

If the new representatives want to *be* representative, they too should become less sheeplike.

George Orwell, in *Animal Farm*, said it nicely, although within a different context.

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Endorsement personal

I am writing this letter to clear any misunderstandings which may have arisen due to Paul LaGrange's personal endorsement of free trade which appeared in material distributed during my campaign. At no time did Mr. LaGrange as the President of the Students' Union, nor did the Students' Union, make any statements supporting free trade, or my campaign.

Mr. LaGrange's endorsement was a personal statement issued as a student at the University of Alberta. I was appreciative of his optimistic endorsement. I would also like to thank students of the University of Alberta for their overwhelming support.

I look forward to serving my alma mater, the University of Alberta, in Parliament.

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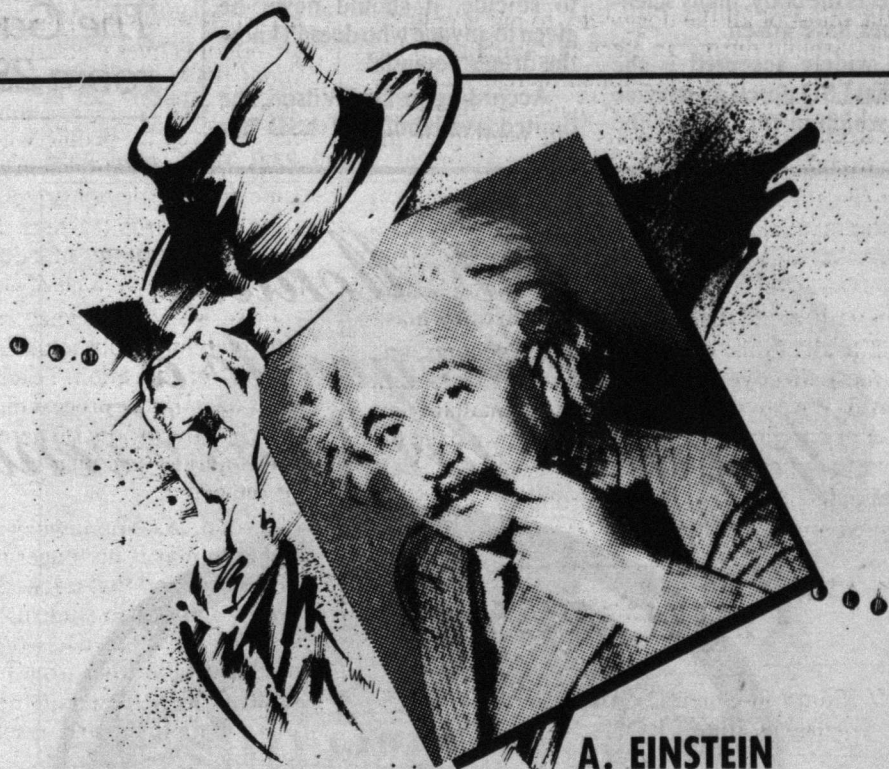
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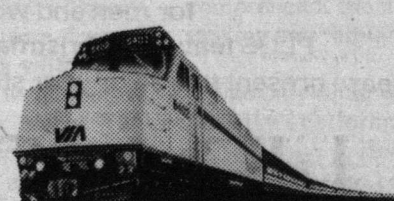
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