

Majority gov't is voters duty

Dear Editor:

The impending Feb. 18 election is a test of our country. At stake is our future as Canadians, not second class citizens in an America ruled from Washington D.C. and New York City.

As voters it is our utmost duty to return a majority government to Ottawa in February. The consequence of not doing so is a weak and indecisive government which must make bargains and compromises instead of taking a bold new direction.

There is the possibility increment weather will cause many not to exercise their constitutional right to vote. That would be a great loss, as all votes are equal and equally important

Exalating inflation and fuel costs force the implementation of economic policies which will not be popular. Either a Liberal or a Conservative majority would practice these, although Mr. Trudeau would not admit it. A strong majority however, could railroad these through the house.

As to Canada's economy, there are many possibilities. Upon attaining self-sufficiency in fossil fuels, the devaluation of the Canadian dollar might be an excellent idea.

This would lower our standard of living but stimulate our status as exporters of wheat, natural gas etc. The weakened dollar would buy less foreign goods, thus stimulating Canadian manufacturing and encourage exports as our

goods would be cheaper for foreign markets.

Our balance of payments as of the First Quarter 1979 stood at 2.326 billion Canadian dollars in foreign hands. This must be drastically decreased. A reduction would follow as a result of increased exports. The current program of the Conservatives with regard to selling Canadian gold would of necessity be halted or postponed until after the devaluation. Other benefits of the devaluation would be more Canadian money spent in Canada providing economic stimulus to a sluggish and unsteady private sector.

Either the Liberal or Conservative Party would and could accomplish an economic goal such as this with a Majority Government. The

NDP, however would not combine it with a healthy tax incentive to private business.

Without more exports to improve our international balance, we would be in a serious position, with regard to buying necessary imported goods with a weak dollar.

The devaluation would reduce our foreign buying power in the short term; with drastic results for consumers which in turn would make a government unpopular. However, on the long term the economy would strengthen, thus enhancing our international position.

In the face of the economic and political crisis facing Canada, a Minority government would be ineffective and stop gap.

A strong central government is needed to lead us out of trouble. Although the Liberals espouse this reasoning, their economic policy of late has been based more on political expediency than national interest. Even the recent Conservative budget is ambiguous and fragmented, but a considerable step in the right direction. As the US takes a more continental view of energy and distribution, our Federal Gov't must stand up and not be easily manipulated. We need statesmen, not politicians.

In closing, I urge all Canadians not to throw away votes in protest, but to vote wisely for a Party which can produce. As the Liberal fragment into partisans for a leadership convention soon after the election, the logical step for me would be to vote Conservative.

Kevin Tennant



Social Club comes under fire

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was addressed to the Editor of the newspaper and presumably addressed to the manager of the Social Club.

Dear Ms. Baker:

I am writing this letter hoping that my curiosity will be satisfied as well as that of other members of the club. It would be much appreciated if you would take some time to answer the following

- 1) Why was the X-mas tree taken down one week early to be put in one of your staff member's home?
- 2) Is the TV for your staff or for the benefit of the paying members?
- 3) Why do the members have to put up with the likes of the "Pair Extraordinaire" and the "Disco Kid"?
- 4) Why do we have to pour our own beer? In the past we used to get good bar service if not great.
- 5) Please explain why Happy Hour

was done in with? Happy Hour, in the past used to be a real fanfair.

6) Why did the club open one full day later than advertised?

There are many other matters that the membership is concerned with but these will do for now.

I chose to remain anonymous so that I can enjoy what little I get out of the club in peace.

P.S. Good Luck in your new job wherever in Canada it may be.



Drugs and Porn; Cheap entertainment

What's new at American college campuses? Well-LSD is making a comeback and X-rated movies are bigger than ever.

The National On-Campus report says LSD use-which fell of in the early 70's is picking up again at

many college campuses. They cite reports from the University of Michigan and Northern California law enforcement officials who say LSD use is up 14 hundred per cent since 1977.

The Michigan school says X-rated

films, shown in dormitories-are now a fact of life at Ann Arbor, too. Campus officials say they're not too worried about the films - they say they're a great tension reliever around final exams. Time.

They do emphasize though that student funds- and not the college- are used to buy the pictures.

Drugs and porn are apparently cheaper forms of entertainment than college concerts-which haven't been doing so well this year. The On-Campus report says economic hard times have made the concert business risky-even with big name acts. The University of Virginia for instance has lost 23 thousand dollars on concerts this year.

Howe to replace Trudeau?

With all the candidates running for President in the United States American politics sometimes looks like a circus, but things are worse here in Canada. There is a campaign under way there to elect a dead politician.

C.D. Howe- a minister in a number of Liberal governments-is being touted as Pierre Trudeau's replacement as party leader- despite the fact that Howe has been dead for 20 years.

Authors William Kilbourn and Robert Bothwell are organizing the campaign-saying Howe has the support of Mackenzie King- who appointed Howe to Ministerial posts in Canada during World War Two- and after. King- by the way, is dead too.

Kilbourn and Bothwell obviously don't stand much of a chance of seeing their candidate take office-

but it's a good way to get publicity for their biography of Howe-published just in time for the Christmas season. (NEWSSCRIPT)

Pregnancy an offence

Some foreign countries still take dim view of pregnancy out of wedlock.

The Argentine government, for instance, took a single woman to court after she had a child. The court suspended her from her job for five days without pay, charging her with "an offense to public order."



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It's hard to be a truth seeker in any age: there are always schools of thought trying to mold each mind into replicas of its exponents. Such is the enthusiasm for points of view, that teaching can become preaching when views that are theories are nevertheless presented as facts. Now, contrary to popular opinion there are still many, many unanswered questions about how the universe was formed, whether or not evolution ever happened (except on a very limited scale), how to explain the very unique aspects of our solar system, etc., etc. Scientific knowledge is in a constant state of flux, yet too often people are like the philosophy professor who refused to look through Galileo's telescope.

Religious bigotry is never attractive whether Marxism, Existentialism, Christianity, evolution or whatever are being pushed. The truth seeker too often finds himself to be the brunt of an appeal that is at its roots emotional, he heavily emotional appeal of some evangelists may turn off the thinking person and attract those who want a high. The "escape" of some into existentialism or eastern mysticism ironically puts them into a stance that is even personal and emotional.

The first step for a truth seeker is to bring his concept of God up to date. The old man in the sky of Sunday School times has got to give way to a personal power so huge that it was able to create a cosmos so big that our solar system in comparison is as small as a drinking glass on the whole North American continent. the second step is to recognize that it is foolish to limit the power of such a God. Why can't such a God communicate with us individually? Why can't He have a personality? Why can't he have a plan to bring us into fellowship with Him? Is anything impossible with such a God?

