

Lewis speaks NDP to keep on trucking

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"You can't change one of the established political parties, but they can sure as hell change you," said Professor David Lewis, former National New Democratic Party leader. Lewis made this remark Tuesday, while speaking on the future of the N.D.P. in Canada.

Lewis said that politics consists of several schools, one being when the political figure blows up the issues "to make himself appear as a saviour". "We have a Prime Minister who does this," said Lewis.

Lewis said one of the problems with our society is that it is "success orientated". He said that the fact that the N.D.P. had never won a national victory made many people regard the N.D.P. in an unfavourable light, as it had never accomplished anything. He said that this was wrong. He said that the party's purpose was to influence the direction of society for the good of the average

citizen, and that becoming the government was second to the issue.

Speaking on why the N.D.P., and the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation before it had never won a national election, Lewis said one of the major reasons was that both parties had failed to sink roots in Quebec. He said that this was because Quebec had no social democratic background to build upon.

As for why the N.D.P. never made much progress in the Atlantic Provinces he said it was because the two major parties were already here, and that "party allegiance here is like a religion".

One of Lewis' major concerns was the aspect of corporations that allowed an elite few to control the majority of power and money.

Lewis said that he had never joined either of the major political parties because he felt it was impossible to effect serious social-political changes from within them, as "party politics" were

just too strong. "Anyone who thinks he can change anything from one of these parties is daydreaming," Lewis said that the two major parties were tied in too much with the corporations, and were unwilling to change the status quo.

Lewis also felt that the method used by Ottawa to aid the Maritimes was the wrong approach, as Ottawa couldn't really say what was good for this area. He said he could see no sense in "the huge Oil refineries built as a monument to Joey Smallwood" or thinking "you can help a province by building a particularly fancy car" Lewis said he felt that the natural resources and industries already here should be exploited.

On the future of the N.D.P. in Canada, Lewis said it would be necessary to carry on the struggle against the corporate power and introduce some social conscience into the decision making process.

As Lewis put it, they are a political force necessary to "keep the financiers out of the temple."



poet and philosopher

The Department of Philosophy announces a visit to the Fredericton Campus by Francis Sparshott, Professor of Philosophy at Victoria College in the University of Toronto.

Professor Sparshott is well known both as a philosopher and as a poet. He was President of the Canadian Philosophical Association in 1975-6, and is now President of the League of Canadian Poets. His books include "The Structure of Aesthetics" (1972), "A Divided Voice" (1965), "The Concept of Criticism" (1977), "A Cardboard Garage" (1968), "A Book by Cromwell" (1970) and "Looking for Philosophy" (1972).

All are welcome at each of the following events:

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 - 3:00 p.m. Coffee will be served
 - 3:30 p.m. "What is a Work of Art?" (with slides)
- Tuesday, March 17th in Room 28, Tilley Hall
 - 11:00 a.m. Coffee will be served
 - 11:30 a.m. "Plato's Alleged Theory of Ideas"
- Friday, March 17th in the Studio, Memorial Hall
 - 4:00 p.m. Coffee will be served
 - 4:20 p.m. A Poetry Reading

His ever-vexing changing surface of words" (Toronto)

Warm waters cause weird weather

A leading climatologist says that unusual ocean temperatures may be responsible for the increasingly bizarre weather

conditions in North America.

Dr. Jerome Namias of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography has observed a record-breaking build-up of cold water in the North Pacific. He claims its position next to abnormally warm surface water off California and Central America forms a pattern which can anchor a high pressure system off the west coast. This high-pressure system swings warm, moist Pacific air up into Alaska, cutting off rain to the

Western States and the Rockies. In turn, it then pushes slower-moving Arctic air down into the East, causing the recent harsh winters.

Are these changes permanent? Meteorologist James Wagner of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says probably not. He points out that a similar distribution of Pacific surface temperatures which preceded the vicious winter of 1917-18 was only temporary. (Newsprint)

Crazy people

On every university campus, it was probably the engineering students who raised more hell than anybody. At almost every faculty in the country there was a common chant:

"We are, we are, we are, we are the engineers - We can we can, we can, we can demolish forty beers - Drink rum, drink rum, you son of a gun, and come along with us - For we don't give a dam for any old man who don't give a dam for us".

Engineers gloried in their technological expertise, which resulted in countless Volkswagens being taken apart, then reassembled inside somebody's room. At U of T the engineers showpiece as the Lady Godiva Band, a disreputable musical ensemble that accompanied Lady Godiva, a co-ed clad in flesh colored body stocking on a parade around campus. Rival faculties tried to take their instruments away from them, which usually led to bloody noses.


At UBC, agriculture students staged an annual chariot race, with home made carts drawn by students stripped to the waist. Engineers pelted the participants with eggs and rotten fruit. The charioteers replied by pelting the engineers with a fragrant cartload of sweepings from the local barns.

At UBC, two Ubyssy columnists wrote a column taunting the engineers, who responded by kidnapping the columnists, kidnapping the Mardi Gras Queen and breaking up a basketball game, with fist fights breaking out all over the floor, in an attempt to kidnap her escort!

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