

EDITORIAL

The same old Tory

...He's got Peter Lougheed's Eyes.

No, it's not Kim Carnes singing a fund-raising spoof for the NDP. However, if Premier Lougheed does quit as provincial Tory leader to run at the national level, it will take a strong successor to keep a massive majority in the Alberta legislature.

"The Tory machine is like any machine. It breaks down," says Tom Sindlinger, who lost his seat in the Calgary Buffalo riding. Sindlinger says his Alberta Reform Movement (ARM) is just getting started and that the party is prepared to give voters an alternative for the next election.

With the 'official' opposition consisting of NDP leader Grant Notley and popular Norwood NDPer Ray Martin, it certainly wouldn't hurt if another thinker like Sindlinger emerges from the Tory ranks to maintain some form of check and balance.

First, Notley must contend with independents Walter Buck and Ray Speaker, who have both been in the legislature longer than Notley. The Speaker of the Legislature should recognize that the NDP captured 19 percent of the popular vote and the independents pulled in less than one percent. Translated into seats, the NDP would have 15 members in the legislature instead of two.

An electoral system based on popular vote tends to produce minority governments. So what do we have instead? A "democratic" result with the PCs taking 75 of 79 seats.

It's not that there's no discontent with the Lougheed government. Rather, Alberta voters embraced a party that was "tested and true."

Lougheed says the PC's success was due to a positive attitude, team work, and plain hard work. It turned out to be a successful formula as the Conservatives stayed away from Ottawa bashing, thus attracting the "Canadian" vote.

But provincial Treasurer Lou Hyndman is already talking about the PC's "special responsibility to the people of Alberta."

Lougheed pointed out these responsibilities. They include "economic recovery," "progress for our young people," "assuring that free-enterprise continues to be the (Albertan) way," and that "Albertans get a fair deal in this country."

If Peter's Psalms inspire you, you're probably part of the 62 percent who voted Conservative.

More interesting, perhaps, is the 80 percent voter turnout this election, compared to 59 percent in 1979.

Did the large turnout indicate more concern with the issues? With protecting the Heritage Trust Fund?

More likely, voters went to the polls because of good weather combined with the 12½ percent Solution, also known as the mortgage relief plan.

Many homeowners benefitted from the mortgage scheme and their vote was heard on Tuesday.

Maybe there will be different election perks next time. Or maybe the PCs will be more sensitive and simply act when the public calls for action.

Whether Peter Lougheed hears those calls as Premier of Alberta or as leader of the national PCs is another question.

Brent Jang

A definition of logic

Logic, *n*, The art of thinking and reasoning in strict accordance with the limitations and incapacities of the human misunderstanding. The basic of logic is the syllogism, consisting of a major and a minor premise and a conclusion - thus:

Major Premise: Sixty men can do a piece of work sixty times as quickly as one man.

Minor Premise: One man can dig a post-hole in sixty seconds; therefore-

Conclusion: Sixty men can dig a post hole in one second.

This may be called the syllogism arithmetical, in which, by combining logic and mathematics, we obtain a double certainty and are twice blessed.

Ambrose Bierce, 1911
The Devil's Dictionary

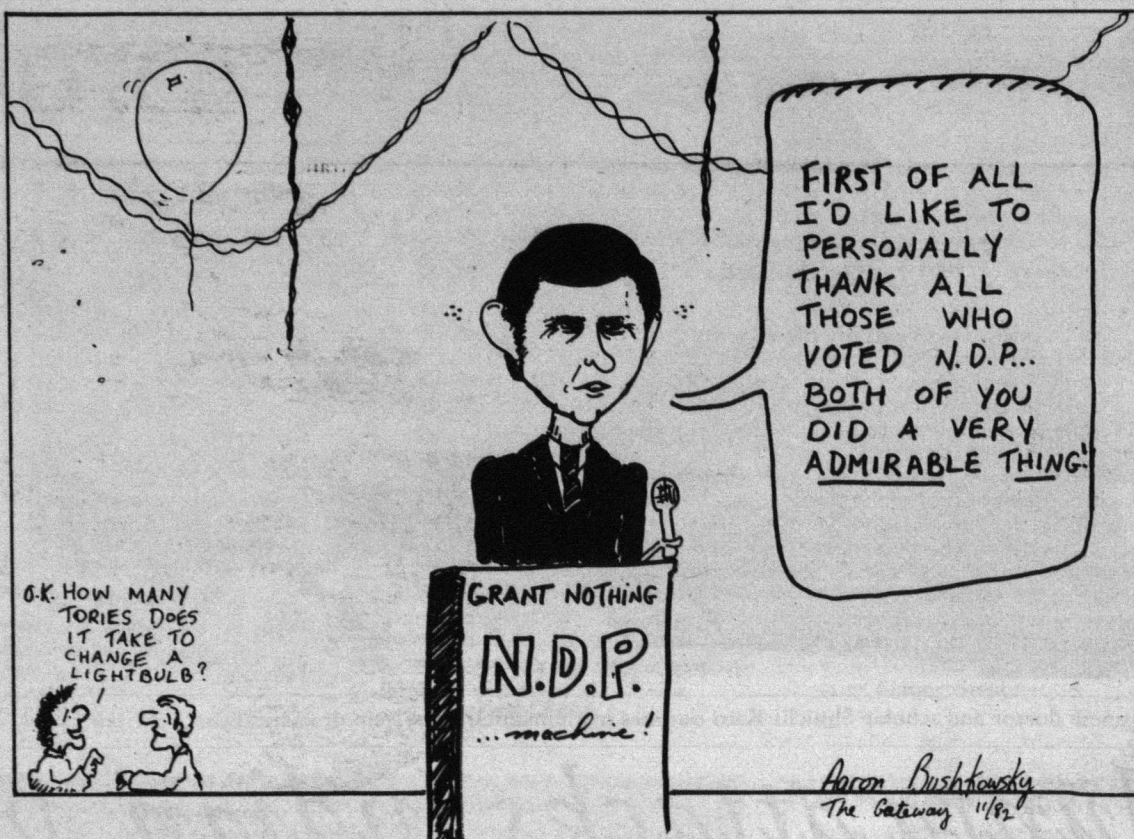
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Escaping from the ivory tower, members of the schizoid revolution are joined by John Roggeveen and David Marples. Together they approach an old mine shaft near the river. Mark Roppel and Robert Woodbury are standing guard. Dale Lakevold arrives with his cup, and is allowed to enter. Aaron Bushkowsky and Zane Harker watch as Nate LaRoi and Ninette Gironella light their kerosene lamps. At the rear of the cave, Heather-Ann Laird and John Algard are peering into the depths of the grey box. A body lies within. Is it Jack Vermeer? -he, hasn't been seen recently. And if it isn't he, who can it be? Kent Blinston?

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Attack of the shyster lawyers

Being a Canadian, one of the things I was most proud of was that I thought we were not like the Americans, who it seems sue anyone at the drop of a hat. For example, while completing a St. John's Ambulance course, the group was told by the instructor to forget everything we learned as soon as we step foot into the U.S. as we could be sued for a simple act of kindness, or an accident that results in the slightest inconvenience.

Now that distinguishing feature is no more. Our illustrious Law Faculty of the U of A is teaching our law students how to become the ideal American shysters. Have the residents of Lodgepole or Drayton Valley sued Amoco for hundreds of millions of dollars for this accident (because that is what it was Prof. Williams).

Why don't Professor Jeremy Williams and his students concern themselves with bringing suit on greater miscarriages of justice, say people that fart in elevators.
Don Edwards
Forestry IV

toward a comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and it was the Reagan administration which delayed the SALT II talks for almost two years, during which time it has increased military spending to unprecedented levels and begun to put in place a new strategy of "winnable" nuclear war. Paul Warnke, America's chief delegate to the SALT II negotiations writes: "The assumption that an arms race is necessary to get the Soviets to be serious about arms control is unsupported by the history of the SALT negotiations. Those familiar with the facts recognize that the Soviet government has always treated these negotiations seriously and has made important accommodations to meet US positions and requirements. It is the inability of the US government to get the SALT II treaty ratified and get on with the process that has stalled arms-control efforts."

Nuclear superiority, which the US government seems determined to attain at any cost, is "not only a meaningless term in the age of multiple overkill, but it is a hindrance at the bargaining table," in the words of Senator Mark Hatfield of the U.S. gov't.

Phase I of the current Reagan plan at the START talks in Geneva call for each side to reduce its land-based missile warheads to a ceiling of 2,500. Sounds fair, but as the Soviet-Union has concentrated its deterrent in land-based ICBM's and the US has not, this would mean that the USSR would have to dismantle nearly 3,000 warheads, but the US would actually be able to add 350 warheads to its ICBM force. Is this constructive negotiation?

Some people insist that arms control agreements would never be verified, and that the Soviets would continue to build more arms and the western powers would be left completely vulnerable. At the present time no nuclear tests can be carried out without the knowledge of the other side. Elaborate spying techniques, such as satellite observation, aerial photography; both visible - light and infra-red, which allows observation at night and even penetration of camouflage, electronic eavesdropping satellites and radar to name a few could equally well be used to verify disarmament procedures.

The current escalation of the arms race being prompted by the Reagan government will put us into a new ball game, however. The new generation of Cruise missiles (virtually undetectable by radar) and the US MX missile system, under which the deployment of extra missiles would be easy to hide from the other side, pose new problems of verification. We must begin a program of disarmament or at least a freeze of the arms race now, before the US attains a massive superiority. The Reagan administration believes that a so-called 'limited' nuclear war can be fought in Europe and only 20 - 30 million Americans would die. You don't have to be an expert on the arms race to know that this is madness.

Joan Mercer for the Coalition
for Nuclear Disarmament

HUB oozes indifference

In true student fashion, the tenants of HUB have shown their true colours. They don't give a damn!

In the general meeting called to dispute the \$15 mandatory association fee, almost 100 people showed up. On Monday Nov. 1st, a general meeting was held for the election of a new executive. Members present had to knock on doors in order to persuade 25 people (almost 3% of the tenant population) to come to the meeting.

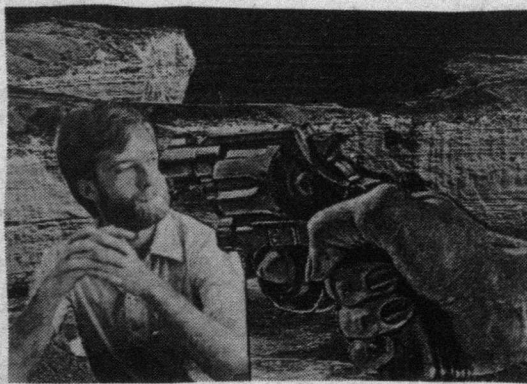
Be warned HUB tenants- with this kind of support for the HUB Tenants Association, you'll be paying a lot more than \$15. Without representation from a tenant association, be assured that the infamous Gail Brown and Housing and Food Services will squeeze much more than \$15 out of you in the next rent increase.

Please participate in your Tenants Association.
Dave Bentley
Agriculture IV
Outgoing Chairman H.T.A.

Letters to the Editor should be a maximum of 250 words. Letters *must* be signed, and include faculty, year and phone number. No anonymous letters will be printed. All letters should be typed, although we will *very* reluctantly accept them if they are *very* neatly written. We reserve the right to edit for libel and length. Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the Gateway.

TO The fascist PUP PET paper OF the Students' Union

WE HAVE Greenhill



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PS Please, don't shoot the messenger

US blocks disarmament

Contrary to what was reported in the Gateway (October 26) the Edmonton Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament does not have a policy of unilateral nuclear disarmament, CND takes the position that multilateral nuclear disarmament is an immediate necessity if we are to avoid a nuclear holocaust and that multilateral nuclear disarmament is in fact absolutely possible. All that is necessary for this to happen is that both sides must be truly willing to negotiate in good faith.

The history of arms control treaties shows that it has been the U.S. government that has been the stumbling block to real negotiation. It was the Reagan administration which suspended negotiations that were progressing