

Boot Hill Just A Breath Away

Wagner gave an effective presentation with not a word out of place. His speech in English was very good and when he spoke in French it was obvious even to those who couldn't understand that the man was an orator. Some had thought he would lose votes by appearing arrogant in this speech but instead his obvious mastery of the scene must have gained votes.

Thursday night was the time of Diefenbaker's main speech and many people had expected the Chief to toss thunderbolts at those in the party who had opposed him in 1967. Instead he gave not one of his best speeches attacking Trudeau's trip to Cuba. Because the speech was given by an elder statesman, however, it was immediately accorded the status of a speech by an elder statesman.

Robert Stanfield's Friday night speech had more meat. He thanked The Chief for going easy on him "last night" and proceeded to attack the group of right wingers who made his life as leader miserable. He said that disunity in the party had to be stopped and, if a few of the players had to be put on the bench for not cooperating, so be it. If they didn't cooperate on the bench they should be put on "waivers", he advised delegates.

Hellyer was one candidate ready for victory. On Sunday, election day, he had an enormous pile of extra Hellyer posters ready. They weren't needed.

VOTES

The first ballot gave Wagner 531 votes, well ahead of Mulroney, then Clark, Horner, Hellyer and McDonald. Sinclair Stevens, a right-wing candidate whom some had seen as a dark horse, because of his acceptability as a right-wing alternative to Hellyer and his disunity and Francophone Wagner, found himself behind McDonald, who was lower than was expected with 214 votes.

Then Stevens broke the log jam. Few delegates had expected many candidates to drop on the first ballot. Only one, Graftey, had received less than the necessary 75

votes. But Stevens surprised many by jumping in the first ballot. And instead of supporting Wagner, another right winger, he supported Clark, considered moderately red as Tories go.

Stevens had always maintained the next election could be won without Quebec but when he moved to Clark more than one delegate remarked that they were looking at Canada's next finance minister.

Hellyer too did not wait for the second vote. In spite of finishing well ahead of McDonald he lost no time in throwing his support to Wagner, surprising some of his own workers at the speed, if not the choice.

Other candidates dropped and most supported Clark. When the second ballot came there were really five candidates left. McDonald came up only slightly as did Mulroney and Horner. Clark passed Mulroney and McDonald threw Clark her support. Both McDonald and Clark had been fighting for the third place spot in the hopes of his bandwagon.

Horner threw his support to Wagner at this time, a move which surprised many of his western supporters who thought he would support fellow Albertan Joe Clark rather than go with the politics of the French Canadian. Many of his supporters went with Clark.

Mulroney was obviously going nowhere, but he resisted pressure to jump either way before the third ballot. On it his Newfoundland support deserted him for Clark and Clark gained further on Wagner.

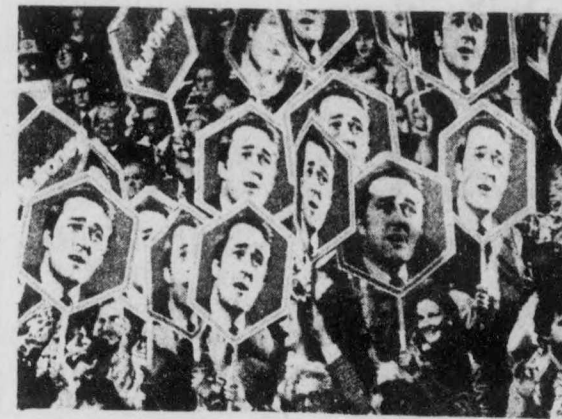
Mulroney was the only one who did not throw his support either way. This was a good move, some speculated, guessing that Mulroney would be finished if he went against fellow Quebecer Wagner. There was also no guarantee he could move his support to Wagner, so he risked throwing his support one way and then being caught with his pants down when his supporters went the other.

Supporting Wagner would have been a bad idea, the fourth ballot showed, as Clark pulled ahead and beat Wagner by 66 votes.

To Bryce Mackasey, Liberal cabinet minister, observing the convention at the centre, this must have seemed like a *deja vu*. Mackasey was the man who convinced Wagner to greet Bourassa on the stage when Wagner lost the Quebec Liberal leadership and was left suspicious of the results.

Horner provided more convention entertainment during and after the balloting. He told reporters he was not a very gracious loser. He proved it by throwing a television camera on the floor. Horner was not happy about shaking the hand of Clark, a man who had organized against the leadership of his mentor John Diefenbaker. The Chief also did not look thrilled. He had thrown his support to Wagner after Horner dropped.

Horner blamed the media for his loss. The following morning he told reporters while his descendants would fight for their country they would never fight for freedom of the press. There was no such thing he said. He accused the press of saying he wore cowboy boots and couldn't spell. He demonstrated his spelling to one reporter by telling him that he would spell one media mogul's name starting with a P, ending with a K, and putting a r-i-c in the middle.



The extreme right of the party was not happy with Clark, as Horner demonstrated.

But two hours after his election Clark made it clear to reporters he intended to take the line Standfield had put forward in his Saturday speech. He said his line in caucus would be tougher and bad team players might finally find themselves on the bench.

He started to move quickly. Monday following the conference one of the Conservative Party's functionaries was overhead to say, as he rode an elevator up to Clark's office, that his office had been informed that from not on it was to be Mr. Clark, no Joe.

Clark will also face pressure from those who will present his victory to Quebecers as another example of the Conservative Party's dislike of French Canada. This was the line taken in a front page story in Montreal's English language Montreal Gazette. The French language papers, however, all ran articles suggesting this was not the case. Even the separatist paper, "Le Jour", ran the story with the headline "Non pas le Quebec contre le Canada, mais la droit contre les autres."

The Liberal party is likely to try to capitalize on an suspected anti-French sentiment by the Conservative party, as they have so successfully done in the past.

Since Clark and his more decentralist philosophy is likely to have a wide appeal, especially in the West, it has also been speculated that prime minister Trudeau will try very hard to discredit Clark over the next two years. Even members of the Parliament who have seen the two men perform in the house concede that if this is the case, Trudeau will likely make mincemeat of Clark.

Trudeau was certainly less than glowing when he discussed Clark as a new leader with the media. He also lost no time in pointing out rifts which already exist between Clark and the right of his party.

When pushed in question period by Calgary Conservative Eldon Wooliams as to whether the vote in the house on the abolition of capital punishment would be a vote of confidence in the government, Trudeau replied that perhaps the Conservatives "can decide in their caucus if they want to make following him (Clark) on this vote an issue of confidence in their leader."

Clark is an abolitionist while most of his party clearly is not.



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