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Another NDP leader gone

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Canada's lone NDP provincial government was defeated by a non-confidence vote Tuesday night and Manitobans will be going to the polls April 26 to elect a new government.

Manitoban premier Howard Pawley also resigned as leader of the provincial NDP party on Wednesday.

Pawley's government was brought down after a 28-27 vote in the legislature on Progressive Conservative leader Gary Filmon's motion of non-confidence over the provincial budget.

NDP backbencher Jim Walding stunned everyone

when he voted in favour of the opposition's motion which left Pawley with no other option than to call a general election.

In the parliamentary tradition, a non-confidence vote on the budget is considered to be one of the most important a government faces. It was expected that Filmon's motion would be defeated since the NDP held a one vote majority in the Manitoban legislature.

Walding, who left Winnipeg immediately after the vote, shocked everyone with his vote, especially after he assured reporters on Monday that he was content with Finance Minister Eugene Kostyra's budget and stated he would support it if it came to a vote.

Walding had been discontented with Pawley's government for some time and was tired of having the responsibility for the survival of the NDP government after the February resignation of another NDP member that left the government with a single vote majority.

Pawley's decision not to lead the NDP in the upcoming election was also unexpected. Pawley, who had been premier since 1981, said that while he would not be reoffering in the provincial election, he did not rule out running in the next federal election.

Manitoban NDP MP Bill Blekey immediately emerged as a likely candidate for the

leadership of the party, which will probably be decided on March 31.

NDP federal leader Ed Broadbent welcomed the announcement that Pawley may become involved in federal politics. Tory MPs jeered and heckled as the NDP attempted to announce Pawley's resignation and compliment him for his involvement in provincial politics for the past 19 years.

Pawley's government had been failing in public opinion polls lately, due to recent rate hikes levied by the publicly-owned automobile insurance company.

Filmon told reporters he is ready to lead the Tories back

into power for the first time since 1981, saying that the NDP are desperate and willing to do anything to hold onto power.

"I don't think the public are looking for the NDP for answers and it doesn't matter who the new leader is — that person will carry the baggage of NDP policies, philosophies, and failed promises in the past," said Filmon, who was clearly elated with the recent news.

Pawley's resignation was the second in recent weeks for provincial NDP parties. New Brunswick's NDP leader, George Little, resigned a few weeks ago.

Grad class meeting

By NORA MAIR

The 1988 Grad Class held its second general meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 1988.

President, Kevin Fournier, opened the meeting by thanking the full house for attending, and introducing the guest speaker, Susan Montague, from the UNB Development office. She spoke about the Alumni Fundraising project and the prospect of star-

ting a 1988 Graduate Scholarship Fund.

A slide show featuring memories from past years at UNB was well received by the audience. Michelle Morrissey, Vice-President announced the winner of the recent 50/50 Draw, Angela Smith; and introduced the three candidates for Valedictorian '88: Heather MacNaught, Erik Gingles, and Cathy Steele.

Administrative Co-ordinator, Nora Mair, summarized the New Brunswick Student Loan Rebate program and promoted GRAD-AID, the 2nd Grad Class event to be held at the Social Club, March 18th from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. The

event will be a tribute to St. Patrick's Day, featuring "green" drinks and the local band "Lemonade".

Kevin Fournier outlined the Schedule of Events for the May 24 - 27 Grad Week and explained the actual graduation day procedures. The '88 Executive proposed a Grad Class trip to the Dominican Republic in conjunction with the '88 McGill University Grad Class. The trip is scheduled for May 1 - 14/88 at a price of \$750 Canadian which includes air fare and motel.

All interested Grads should contact the Grad Class office in the SUB for more details on this and all other scheduled events.

Russian rock

METALLISTS AGAINST ROUTINE

A year-old club of informal youth groups at the Gorky Cultural Centre unites lovers of hard rock, punk rock, pop music and heavy metal. The Club is headed by a council that includes group leaders.

"There is a protest in the way we dress," Ruslan Tyurin admitted. "We protest against routine and narrow-mindedness. How do most people live? From home to work and back every day. Whereas we entertain ourselves. Sometimes we get our thrills riding motorcycles at night. I want to have such experiences to have something to remember in my old age."

Ruslan has a job as an assistant salesman. He is the eldest in a group of 12 metallists, including Yuri Mureyev, a commercial artist, and Andrei Leonov, Mikhail Savin and Valery Parushkin, who are students. The boys say they do not take drugs or drink, except for beer.

According to Ruslan, people today are too preoccupied with fashionable clothes, food and apartments, whereas intellectual interests should come before material ones.

"When our movement was born, nobody took any notice," Ruskin recalled. "Then they banned it without trying to understand what we were all about. Under restructuring, we've received full freedom and we like it. That's the way it should be.

"Our group is moral. It's

members who distort its ideas who are to blame for our bad name. They should be punished and removed from the leading posts.

PUNK ACCUSES OLDER GENERATION

Our conversation with metallists attracted the attention of another youth group. Member Aleksei Blinov, an engineer, is closer to punks in his views. He claims to be dissatisfied with the world. Aleksei is an avid reader. His favourite writers are Jorge Borges, Julio Cartazar and Gabriel Garcia Marques. "The Autumn of the Patriarch" and "One Hundred Years of Solitude" are real eye-openers," he said.

"I don't like the way the older generation lives," Aleksei said. "They accuse unofficial organizations of consumerism, but who make them what they are? Who taught them that happiness is being married to a brainless doll, making good money and having a car and carpets? There must be a different goal in life."

Blinov says, "The West has no fresh ideas to offer us. It has already built a consumer society which is in store for us, too, if we don't change. We began restructuring just in time.

"When talking to Americans, I was surprised that they didn't know their great writers Kurt Vonnegut, Stephen King and Norman Mailer, whom I read here. They seem to be interested only in comics and Hollywood movies."

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Rhino

While the rest of the United States chose among Democrats and Republicans on Super Tuesday, about 100 people crowded into a sports bar in Boston to vote Rhinoceros.

As expected, Bill (Spaceman) Lee, a former major league baseball pitcher, emerged as the favorite for the presidential nomination of the party that promises never to keep its promises.

Lee, 41, will be the candidate of the Rhinoceros party — a satirical political group founded in Canada in 1963.

"Rhinos are an endangered species; humans are an en-

dangered species," said Lee, who earned his nickname because of off-the-field antics. "They just haven't gotten around to realizing it yet."

In voting Tuesday night at The Bench, a bar in Lowell north of Boston, Lee received 59.7 per cent of the vote, said Rhino party spokesman Gregg Duin.

Last month, the party held its New Hampshire primary in Vermont. The Alaska-Oregon primary is set for May 17 in Philadelphia. From there it's on the the convention - to be held in conjunction with the Hobos of America meeting in Britt, Iowa.

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