

Younger MPs frustrated - Lambert

'Parliament needs reform'



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TORY SENATOR WALLACE McCUTCHEON TALKS ON MEDICARE AT TORY-IN
... note that funny look from chairman Larry Bodie

Parliament is in need of a little reform, Marcel Lambert, MP for Edmonton West, said Monday night.

"I have seen the frustration of the younger members who come in full of vim and vigor, expecting a real say," he said.

"But if the government wants to get legislation through quickly, the younger members will be told, 'We don't want to see you back-benchers up.' If any do avail themselves of their privilege, they receive black looks from cabinet ministers."

Mr. Lambert was one of five statesmen speaking on centennial conservatism at the Tory-In sponsored by the campus Progressive Conservative club.

Senator James Gladstone of Cardston, Alberta spoke on the Indian situation in Canada.

He said segregation is gradually disappearing as more Indians move into the cities.

"We move to the cities because there is no way of making a living on the reserves."

INDIAN ADMINISTRATORS

Commenting on the plan to have Indians administering their own

reserves, Senator Gladstone said, "I didn't like it where it was tried. The people had to resign their seats on the council because they became civil servants. They had no real training, and they were only appointed for a year."

Senator Wallace McCutcheon from Toronto said there are two things wrong with the Liberal welfare plan: compulsion and universality.

"There has been no attempt to relate welfare to the totality of Canada's economic good," he said. "There will be a tendency to cut back for welfare programs in areas that are vitally important, like research."

A comment came from the floor: "Medicare is working in Germany and Sweden. A lot of people want Medicare; this is a democracy. I feel we will get it next year."

Senator McCutcheon answered, "I have been told there is Medicare in the Soviet Union and China, and I don't want to go to the hospital in either one."

ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Howard Grafftey, MP for Brome-Missisquoi, Quebec, discussed economic relations between the U.S. and Canada.

He said both economic nationalism, characterized by high tariffs, and economic continentalism, characterized by more free trade, were "negative doctrines of despair born in a fatalistic mood of pessimism."

He presented a third choice; combining the best aspects of both systems with an attitude of excellence.

"We should be concerned more with quality than with bigness," he said.

Bud Sherman, former disc jockey and now MP for Winnipeg South Centre, spoke on big city problems. He said there is a growing urbanization of Canada, accompanied by concern over modern problems like the revolution in sexual morals, and increasing juvenile delinquency.

Answering a question about civic administration, he said he thought one central administration more effective in most cases than the borough system.

"With a lot of little cities, you get petty rivalries and empire building. Look at Winnipeg—it's chaotic."

SCOTCH, MAYBE?

NEW SAREPTA (GNS)—A Scot here has been running around with his mouth open since Tuesday because someone told him there was a nip in the air.

MacEachen on Medicare

'No effect on freedom'

Recent federal Medicare legislation will in no way affect the freedom of doctors and patients, said a cabinet minister at a meeting on campus Friday.

Speaking to more than 100 students in Pybus Lounge, the Hon. Alan MacEachen, Minister of National Health and Welfare, said the freedom of doctors to conduct their practises as they wish and the freedom of patients to be treated by doctors of their choice will not be affected by the new legislation.

"There probably will be some increased demands made on doctors," he said, "but control of the number of patients they treat still lies with them."

The minister pointed out that the plan, as established by the federal government, must be administered by the participating provincial governments.

It might be possible to transform the existing MSI into a public agency within Alberta. This would make the province eligible for assistance under the act.

The new legislation does not include dentistry, optometry and pediatrics. However, there is an amendment in the act which enables the Minister of National Health and Welfare to recommend to the Cabinet the inclusion of additional services.

Reaction

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"Ever since, and including the CUS congress McCoubrey has vacillated—this is just another example," he said.

"That is as far as the universities have any right to go. The decision in respect to the size of the grants to the universities is exclusively a decision of the government and the legislature placed in power by the people of this province.

"Any talk or threat of strike by the students is completely irresponsible and inconsistent with our form of parliamentary government which all Canadians should hold dear," he said.

The supported Aberman in his desire to see McGill in neither organization.

"I think Aberman's approach is the correct one here," he said.

The problem of CUS vs UGEQ is a dilemma—a choice between two unsatisfying alternatives, he says. The language barrier just adds to the problem.

"And I would say that McCoubrey, in his own heart, wants membership in neither of these unions." Union vice-president Marilyn Filkington said. "His recent statements make me suspect his sincerity. He has negated the principles he stood for and was elected union president on."

Food services losing money but nobody knows how much

By STEVE RYBAK

Housing and food services efficiency will be increased when the new SUB opens, says its director Derek Bone.

"We plan to go into the catering business on a larger scale next year," he said.

"For the first time, food services is going to be catering the annual appreciation banquet.

"The next step will be to take over all of the catering business on campus by submitting very competitive bids."

"Housing and food services must keep pace with the changing philosophy of students, especially residence students," said Mr. Bone.

"With that in mind, we will transform the present Lister snack bar into a coffee shop that will compete with places such as Zorba's, as soon as we have the money available.

"We are there to serve the student and try to break even, not to make a profit", he said.

LOSING MONEY

But the housing and food services is still losing money, not as much as the Sir George Williams

cafeteria (\$40,000 since September) or the McGill Union cafeteria (\$17,000 since September).

Mr. Bone said he couldn't say how much the loss is at present.

"I don't know if the provincial government knows how much we are losing, and if I made this information public I might compromise our chances of getting a new residence."

The losses are due to increasing food costs—9.2 per cent since October—and increasing wages.

In 1965, \$456 of every \$1,000 revenue was spent on food. In 1966 this rose to \$523 of every \$1,000. During the same period, wages rose almost 30 per cent and the staff is now the highest paid in Edmonton.

Despite the increasing costs of production and problems with seasonal staff and split shift difficulties, students will not feel the increase.

LOW PRICES

Housing and food services will absorb the added costs. "There are only four universities in Canada that offer food at lower prices than we do, and they are government subsidized", said Mr. Bone.



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