

Crosbie raps Trudeau government

by Alan Christensen

The Liberals can expect a "brisk session of parliament" if they try to unilaterally change the constitution. This was made clear by John Crosbie, Finance Minister in the last Conservative government, during his appearance at the Weldon Law Building last Thursday.

Crosbie criticized the Federal government's handling of the constitutional debate,

accusing them of trying to exploit divisions in the provinces. He criticized Prime Minister Trudeau in particular over the issue and brought laughter from the audience with the statement "Marie-Antoinette said 'let 'em eat cake'—Trudeau says 'let 'em eat the constitution' ". When asked by one student how he would go about changing the constitution, he replied that he would have to get the

eleven governments to agree. If that were impossible, he would then wait and try to get agreement later.

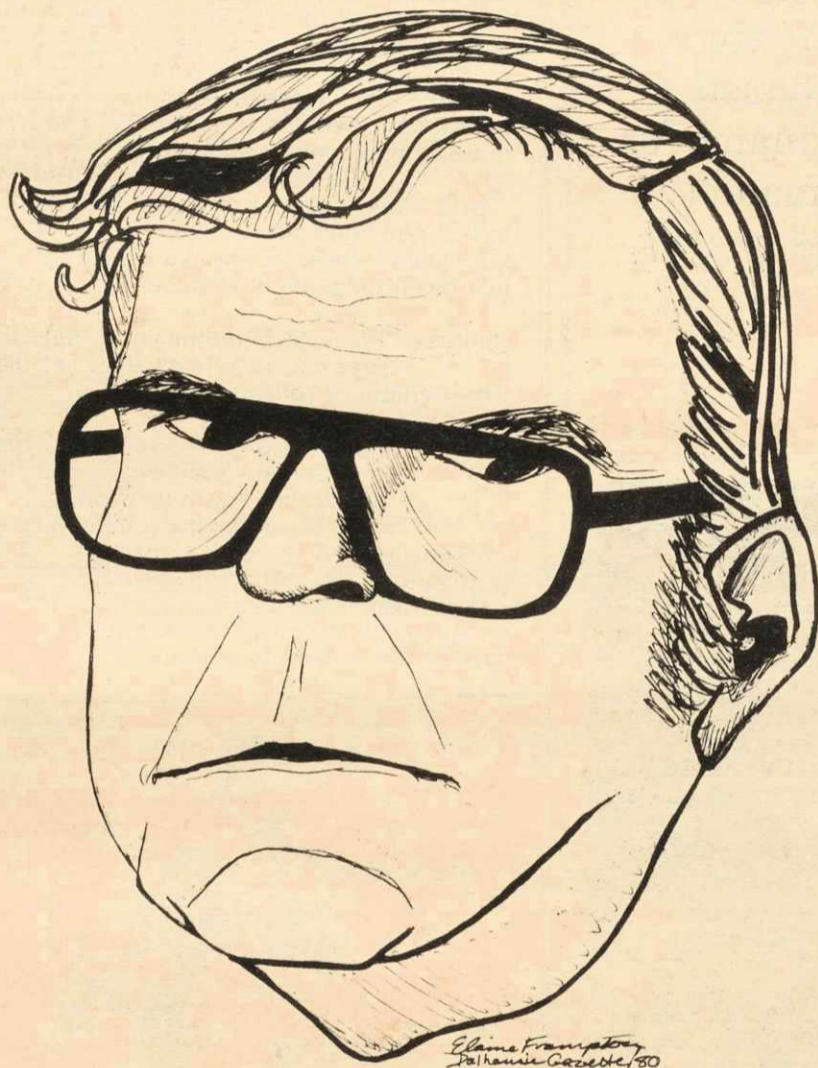
The former Finance Minister also attacked the present government for their energy policies, which, he noted "crushes" one province (presumably Alberta).

He further criticized government "attacks" on American oil companies. This, he said, would delay Canada's move

toward self-sufficiency. Crosbie defended his own policies which he claimed would move Canada toward self-sufficiency in energy. In response to a question about Petrocan, he stated that it should exist as a national oil company, but that shares should be issued to the Canadian people.

Crosbie also came out in support of provincial ownership of offshore mineral resources. He also defended Newfoundland Premier Brian Peckford's controversial legis-

lation which forces companies to hire Newfoundlanders first when the Newfoundlanders have the necessary skills. He was challenged in this by a student from Alberta who stated that his province welcomes people from all parts of Canada to come and work there. Crosbie pointed out that Alberta can afford to do this because of its low unemployment, while Newfoundland needs protection until there are more jobs.



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Get specific job training, MP warns

WINNIPEG (CUP)—If university students want an easier time finding a job after graduation, they should get more specified training, according to MP Warren Allmand.

Allmand, who heads the federal government task force on employment opportunities in the '80s, was speaking at the opening hearing in Winnipeg.

Allmand said that although students who took pure arts and science were valuable to society in a cultural sense, he thought definite work skills were needed to find a job in most cases.

He pointed out that studies in the field of dentistry medicine and engineering gave more specific training geared towards jobs than perhaps studies in history or

sociology.

Community colleges and high schools, however, constitute a larger problem than universities, Allmand said. He mentioned the colleges tend to offer courses in fields that are "fading out" rather than those which currently require workers.

And at the high school level, guidance councillors should be more realistic when explaining job prospects to students, Allmand added.

He thought private business should give feed-back to the public regarding types of jobs available in various fields.

In this way students could be more aware of the different avenues available to them, he said.

The task force's report to parliament will center around the shortage of skilled workers

in Canada. Also, special attention will be given to the ability of the Canadian work force to meet these needs.

This report will be submitted by the end of this year.

In a broader sense, the task force is concerned that the private sector does not provide training for many jobs. Allmand pointed out the majority of skilled workers are over the age of 40 and by 1985 a serious shortage could occur.

Yet there is a large group of students and women looking for jobs, Allmand said.

Allmand thought there should be more communication between employers and the people who plan training programs since presently he felt people are being trained for "hobbies" rather than trades.



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