

How Far Left?

B.C. New Democrats Worried About Extreme Wing

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How dangerous is the extreme Left to the New Democratic Party?

BC New Democrats are now asking themselves that question—and have been, ever since the party's extreme leftist wing prompted a party schism some weeks ago over the issue of "pure socialism."

Party leader R. Strachan headed off the left-wing pressure, saying that swing to the left would jeopardize New Democratic members in the provincial legislature.

Campus politicians disagree on the possible effects of the far left element in the party.

Campus NDP leader Robin Hunter made this statement:

"The so-called far left in the NDP can be numbered on the fingers of one hand."

UNDUE COVERAGE

"It is a completely unrepresentative group which seems to receive undue news coverage from sensation-seeking news editors of the right."

"The vast majority of the members of the NDP are responsible Canadians who are seriously trying to find modern answers to today's problems."

"Parties like the NDP have been in power in many countries in the free world including the United Kingdom, the home of parliamentary democracy, and have proved themselves capable of advancing successful and responsible policies. To quote out of context the statement of a few irresponsible individuals, and represent them as the views of the whole party, is to grossly distort the true

face of New Democrats in Canada."
TWO BREEDS OF NDP-ER

Preston Manning of the Social Credit Association on campus said that they consider there are two types of New Democrat.

The first type he called the "idealists." He said this type of person is concerned with "helping the masses," that they were without ideology, and that their intentions were good. He described them as "naive as the dickens."

The second type he considers to be "philosophical socialists."

He said that his group considered the New Democratic leadership to be "hard left wingers"—that they were a "socialist philosophical group."

Gordon Young, Progressive Conservative leader chose to withhold comment until he received a comprehensive description of the situation from the UBC Progressive Conservative club.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

Ian Pitfield, leader of the campus Liberals, said that he would "accept that the NDP was justified in defeating the resolution of the extreme left wing faction."

"It recognizes the fact that the NDP is dying. Their left wing philosophy no longer can find acceptance in their party ranks. Douglas himself has suggested that the party must move right. This only proves that, since its inception,

the NDP has been grasping for straws, and the rejection of the left wing leaves the party with no basis at all."

Dave Shugarman, leader of the newly-formed Constitutionalist Party, suggested that there has always been an extreme socialist segment of the CCF-NDP.

NO SYMPATHY

Shugarman said he feels this tends to adversely affect the public image

of the party as he doesn't think that the majority of New Democrats "even sympathize" with the far leftists.

He feels that, since many of the far left wingers in the NDP are astute politicians, they may gain influence greater than their numbers would justify. He does not feel that there is much likelihood of the party leadership falling to extreme socialists.

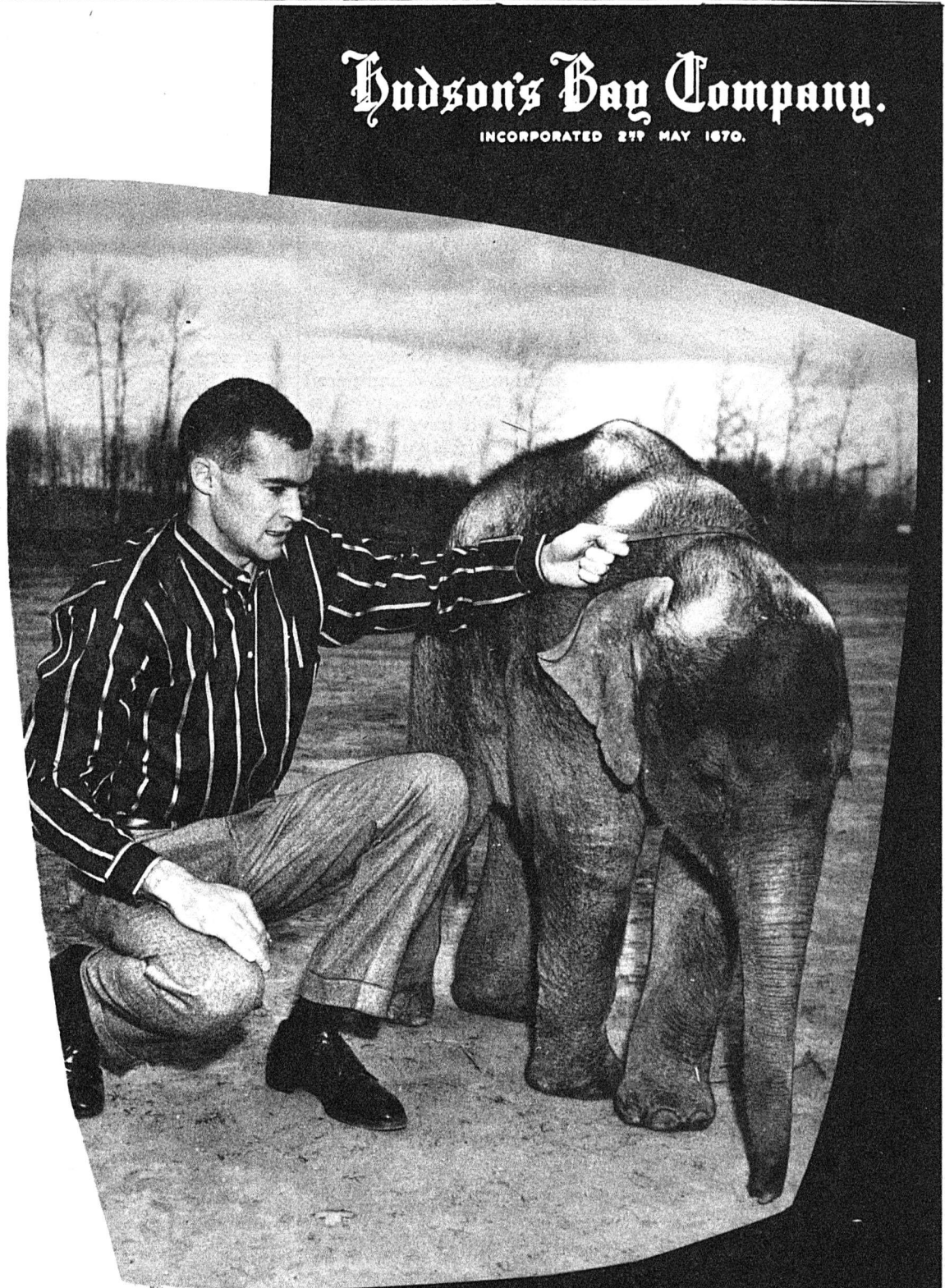
He feels that all political parties suffer from the mitigating effects of extremists. This, he thinks, is a matter for concern—he suggests that just as a small number of extreme leftist is harming the NDP, a small body of extreme rightists may well harm the American Republican party.

He concluded by saying, "I don't think the NDP should be judged by extreme elements."

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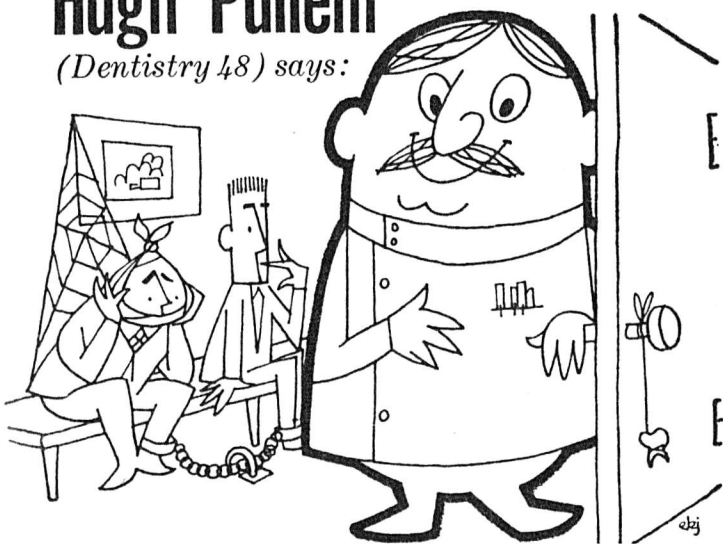
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