

# GAZETTE SPECIAL

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## The Intro

THE 1972 CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTION IS LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY AND IN THIS SPECIAL EDITION, THE GAZETTE IS PRESENTING THE VIEWS OF THE FOUR CANDIDATES IN THE HALIFAX RIDING.

THE CANDIDATES ARE TONY SEED (COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST)), DR. TERRY MCGRATH (LIBERAL), MARTY DOLIN (NDP) AND ROBERT STANFIELD (PC), PRESENTED ALPHABETICALLY BY PARTY AFFILIATION.

All the questions listed on this page were chosen to touch on the widest variety of subjects. They were also specific: for the purpose of determining exact party or individual position on the matter; to dig deep and uncover the extent of the candidates' knowledge of the subject and to try to separate party rhetoric from the individual's opinions if he had any.

We felt that individual candidates must have a clearcut viewpoint on all the major issues and that they should be able to justify it. If they cannot and did not justify it, and it should be obvious by their answers, then they cannot be the ideal representatives of the people.

Other questions are of equal importance. Have the reactions of the Canadian people in the past made any difference? Are the Canadian people getting what they want or are they being given what the political system wants to give them? Is there any reason to believe that the Liberals and Conservatives, the only two parties to form a government since Confederation, will change their orientation in this election?

In 1972 we have a country that in terms of natural resources, is owned lock, stock and barrel by the United States.

We have a country in which Quebecois have never had the right to self-determination; in the past couple of years, the army has been sent into Quebec twice to ensure that they never get this right.

We have a country in which industry

can damage the environment and then leave the cost of cleaning it up to the people. What does your vote mean?

We, the people of Canada, do not run this country; we have no say in how it is run. Instead we are given concessions — welfare for the poor, OFY for youth and LIP for the unemployed and youth. In terms of long-term benefit, what have these programs accomplished?

And it is not just the present Liberal government that is at fault. They are merely perpetuating the system of governing that has existed since 1867.

The New Democratic Party claims to be an alternative to the corporate capitalist; in certain respects, it is. They have brought to light the corporate rip-off, but at the same time, they are being adversely affected by a welfare backlash, a result solely of Liberal and Conservative patchwork policies.

The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) also claims to be an alternative. Indeed they must be, as over 35 of their members and election candidates have been arrested in the past several weeks. Locally, Halifax East-Hants candidate Barbara Biley was arrested in rather strange fashion and is now being held in a Toronto jail.

Their other local candidate is consistently ignored by the local media and has not yet been invited to an "all-candidate" forum to answer questions from the public. If this is indeed a democratic country, then why are Communist candidates arrested for distributing campaign literature?

The issues at stake in this election are not confined to the specifics. The desirability of maintaining the status quo, of maintaining the class society is also the issue.

We are presenting the views of all the candidates in an effort to bring out all the issues and force a commitment. Are they justifying their position, are they committing themselves to change, not concessions? In many cases they do not and their answers testify to this.

There appears to be four alternatives to vote for: vote for the status quo, vote for concessions, vote for change or don't vote but work for change.

## The Questions

**Indochina:** Canada sells \$500 million worth of military components to the USA each year. Each B52 bomber has more than one ton of Canadian nickel in its construction. Trudeau is quoted at Queens University in 1968 that Canada could stop the war in 30 days by withholding nickel. Would you urge that Canada stop the export of war materials used in Indochina?

Why can't a worker earn an adequate wage without being a party to the murder of fellow human beings? Do you feel that Canada should be as involved as it is in warfare research? If not, would you urge the government to cut expenditures in this field? If not, why not?

According to Dr. Gideon Rosenbluth, an economics professor at the University of B.C. "If the labor and resources now used in defence research and resources were used in civilian work, Canada would be in better technical shape." He also points out the value of re-directing the services of resources and labor valued at more than 1.5 billion annually into the Canadian economy and the benefits that could be gained in terms of health, education and welfare. Would you agree that such redirection of priorities would benefit the country? Why don't you advocate such measures?

What percentage of our gross national product should Canada contribute to international aid and development? How do you view the United Nations and how would you try to make it more effective?

What measures would you take to make sure that we as Canadians do not lose any more of our resources or industries to foreign ownership?

What positive steps would your government take for the repatriation of the Canadian Economy? What role do you see for a Canadian development Corporation? To what extent would your government support the 1976 Olympics when they are held in Montreal?

Do you see the provision of a

guaranteed national income as a means of eliminating the overlap in welfare services and the abuse of welfare benefits? What steps would your government take to provide adequate income for all levels of Canadian society? How would your government share with the provinces any revenue gained from an offshore oil find? Are you in favor of Canada continuing her membership in NATO and NORAD?

Do you have any opinions on the reform of higher education in Canada and the provision of free tuition? What stand do you take on the so called soft drugs such as marijuana and hashish?

What importance do you place on the protection of our ecology and what do you see as the role for government legislation?

Are there any other issues in this election which you feel are of a prime importance and would like to comment on?

Prime Minister equates abortion with murder. He feels that it is "killing in self-defence". John Munroe has threatened to close down agencies who have sought protection from the government. These agencies were giving referrals for abortions to some individuals who were under age. Do you support these positions? Do you wish to see the current laws on abortion that state that an abortion may be had if having the child is contrary to the medical interests of the mother. Do you support the move for free abortion or an abortion on demand?

Day care: In this area there is a need for free day care because of lower wage and salaries. What is your position on the provision of free day care in this area? On a federal level? In the Human Rights Act sex discrimination is waved on basis such as the following: i.e. when it is customary to discriminate, when the sex discrimination is an inherent sex discrimination or when not discriminating is contrary to public morals. Do you plan to work to change this ridiculous document?