

Constitutional Party Arrives . . .

Shugarman Expects To Contest Parliament Seats

The Constitutionalist Party has "arrived." It embodies an attempt to rethink Canada's political life.

A spokesman for the new campus party, Dave Shugarman, arts 3, says he feels confident that his party will be allowed to contest seats in this year's Model Parliament election.

In explaining the reason for the creation of the new party, Shugarman says that "although they (the party founders) were dissatisfied with present parties and party policies (or lack of same) it would be wrong to withdraw from the whole political sphere.

"Furthermore, as man has some ways to go before he reaches the Utopian perfectibility of the reasonable animal, it would be foolish to suppose that with the presence of the existing political parties in Canada all the political truths we can come to grasp are represented by these parties. Indeed if such a view could be taken at any one time in life, the modern concept of progress would be smashed."

CENTRALIZATION OF POWER

The emphasis of party policy is placed on the centralization of power in the Federal government, and in the establishment of a truly bilingual Canada.

Shugarman cites the following purposes which the party hopes to serve on campus:

"To allow a large number of people

to take an active part in politics. They couldn't do so with the other parties because of their closed nature. They tend to reflect their national parties. As a result the general discontent shown by the intellectual segment of society as regards the national parties carries over in the assessment of the campus parties.

NEW APPROACH

"A new party that can come up with a genuinely new approach to Canada's social, economic and political problems can't help but add life to what has so far been a succession of dull Model Parliaments.



DAVE SHUGARMAN

"The presence of a new party will motivate serious students of Canadian politics to initiate a rethinking along the lines of the political spectrum."

The party platform, Shugarman insists will not embody public takeover of industry except in cases of total monopoly.

ANTI-TRUST CONTROLS

The Constitutionlists will, however, closely control business through a system of strong anti-trust laws.

The party favors the welfare state inasmuch as it is essential to provide all people with a minimum standard of living. The scope of present welfare would be increased at such time as the country could afford it.

The external policy of the party is based at this time on a "balance of nuclear power." Shugarman and his compatriots feel that this "implies that as a responsible democratic nation interested in the security of the Dominion," which they feel can

be assured by the security of the North American Alliance, "we must accept commitments of letting our forces arm with nuclear weapons abroad under United States' auspices and joint-control agreement."

GIVE AWAY WHEAT

Of agriculture, Shugarman says we should "sell wheat anywhere . . . if we have to unload it on the international market or even give it away to help starving humans abroad and help stabilize prices for farmers at home."

The Constitutionlists would cause "investigation into the financial and political structure of labor unions to determine their monopolistic designs."

UNIONS OUT

This investigation could lead to "the eventual abolition of unions per se." The services rendered to employees by unions would be replaced "by Minimum Requirement and Labor Boards."

Of the Civil Service, Shugarman says "the Civil Service in Canada is in dire need of revision and reform." The party feels it "should be run like a profit-seeking company; again the primary qualification here would be that when profiteering comes into conflict with the public interest . . . the latter shall take precedence."

The following was stated as the "dominant rule of the party:"

UNIQUE THEORY

"No policy 'right' or 'left' just for the sake of being 'right' or 'left'. This should be made explicit. We are not a Labor Party, not a Farmers' Party. No 'Middle of the Road' to escape issues! In many cases we have taken what we feel is the best from the other political parties and incorporated it with original, or rather, constitutionalist theory—and we are not afraid to admit this."

If the party can meet certain qualifications set out by the Political Science Club, it will contest seats in this year's Model Parliament.

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