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down-to-earth, stable and responsible coach and co-ordinator of the provinces. We thus need a more decentralized, grass-roots type government where the average citizen can really feel he is part of the policy and results of the government and not just by products.

Up to rather recently, I had never really got deeply involved in politics and parties as I felt that the door mat was not set out for the average citizen type. Only when Paul Hellyer asked me to be his New Brunswick's scout and analyser did I consider since he was for letting the little guy say something in politics i.e. decentralization and less bureaucracy.

As to the Tory convention in which I was recently involved I can only support the UNB students voice and newspaper, the Brunswickan which captioned this particular Conservative nomination convention "as a laughable farce...as the already predetermined winner used every trick in the book to ensure his nomination." I can only add that it is by far the most dirtiest and gangster-styled campaign of politics that I have ever been associated with. The only democratic part of the nomination trail was the night before when all candidates drew lots to determine their speaking order. However even here, the atmosphere was smelly as one candidate pointed and directed his remarks "first damn fight I was ever in when I was beat before I got started...and that the party funds are already in your campaign... as well every delegate in riding

is hand-picked for you. I knew all this being the second candidate to declare and quite knowledgeable as to the "picked" candidate. The so-called Godfather of York-Sunbury and other party henchmen tried to make me pledge my loyalty to Bob Howie before and after the convention but I told them "I will not vote for an honest Liberal but I am sure as hell will not vote for a dishonest Tory even if it was my mother. It is a matter of ethics and principle honesty and sincerity which I feel Howie does not have and I would have supported 100 percent anybody else for I at least knew he was elected by the free majority rather than fixed by party big-shots. Upon this point I ASK THAT ROBERT J. HOWIE RESIGN AS THE TORY CANDIDATE AS YORK-SUNBURY DESERVE A MORE HONEST AND SINCERE MP. I will support Robert Stanfield as long as he is leader but not Robert Howie for I will ask personally if Mr. Stanfield wants honest MPs on his team and also give him first complimentary copy of my book on the York-Sunbury Tory Nomination Convention '72.

As an interested political average citizen, here are my predictions and reasons for New Brunswick on Oct. 30. Carleton-Charlotte will remain Conservative and excel their 7,139 of 1968. Fundy-Royal as usual will remain Tory and Fairweather will better his 1968 margin of 7,528 by at least 1,200. Gloucester will remain Liberal due to the inter-squabbling and cut-throating between former and present Tories.

Herb Breau could have easily been beaten but now the Tories are beating themselves. Breau will only win by a slight margin and not by his 1968 margin of 3,236. Madawaska-Victoria will remain Liberal but will easily exceed their 1968 margin of 383 by well over 2,000. Northumberland Miramichi will remain Liberal and should exceed their 1968 2440 margin by 500, as well the NDP will pick up from their 1968 1,198 votes. Restigouche will remain Liberal as the Tories will do their worst showing in the province. The only person that could have come near to making the Tories put on a good showing is Charles VanHorne and he is presently inactive as well as many of his loyal and own party machinery. The Tories should have selected a more viable candidate and from Campbellton rather Dalhousie. Saint John-Lancaster will prove the most interesting as it will be a personality race right down to the wire. Tom Bell is the strongest Tory veteran yet if anybody can beat him it will only be Art Gould. I predict Art Gould to win by a slight margin of 3,000 which Bell beat Ryan by 2,942 in 1968. With good luck, the Saturday night Tory blast-off convention in Saint John can only save Tom Bell with Art Gould having more of the warm-weathered appealing charm. In York-Sunbury, another Tory riding, it will remain Tory from a 1968 margin of 4,402 to about 3,500 for 1972. Yet this should not be taken as a large margin as most of the youth and student (18-27 yrs)-are not interested in voting because of the low-key candidates and local issues. Moncton may lose its Tory Mp Charles Thomas who won by a margin of 2,953 in 1968. I predict Mitton, Liberal to win and at least by 3,000.

In 1968 the Liberals and Conservatives splitted New Brunswick up with 5 each but I feel that

the Liberals will have 7 for 10 in 1972 due to poor selection of candidates and internal squabbling and lack of sound research by the Tories. In New Brunswick the NDP will surprisingly do better in most cases than in 1968. The Socreds will make an impressionable dent but no real threat but will draw away votes from the old-line parties.

Nationally, I hope and predict a minority Conservative government or a slight majority for a return of the Liberals. I predict the Socreds to gain 3-6 seats but the real balance of power will lie with the NDP which is expected to pick up 8-15 more seats. In all probability there will be another election but it in 1973 or 1974. This '72 election will not feel the new youth vote but it can be expected to have potential in large urban centers with a university base in the future. For the most part, of the youth that will exercise their right of voting, 65 percent will tend to vote Liberal. In Canada there are many old-time party members and new voters seeking a distinction and identification with the old line parties and in the future both old line parties will definitely have to do better with youth than their usual lip service. My advice to persons aspiring to enter politics, its a dirty ball game and there appear to be little room for the ethics of honesty and sincerity and if you wish to stay honest then politics is not your game.

The promise (which I can keep) and made during my nomination speech is "I pledge on this Holy Bible if ever elected by you the taxpayer, I will yearly in public audit depict my financial situation and I ask the same of any would be candidate (pointing to the stage)" they all refused which proves to me that those others have not the courage to

tell the taxpayer they are in politics for the money.

Gordon Hum (only an honest Conservative and the next federal Tory candidate for York-Sunbury)

Dear Sir:

That student you saw last week who read the Drop in the Bucket poster and proceeded to walk away in disgust saying "Damn when are they going to stop helping Canadian schools" must well have been me. However, it was I, I think I was misinterpreted. I believe that when I read the said poster I mumbled something to the tune of "Damn when are they going to stop helping Canadian students?"

It is extremely hard for anyone to beg, borrow or steal the required money to put oneself through school here in our glorious Dominion. I have nothing against the Drop in the Bucket campaign but it is discouraging to see people dishing out cash for someone thousands of miles away and yet ignoring their neighbour. Perhaps you've heard that there are many Canadian students in bad need of financial help these days.

I don't believe that a million dollar Student Union Building and a multimillion dollar library with thousands of dollars worth of books are of much use to someone who can't afford his other tuition fees.

I often wonder if you put any thought into what you say in your column. It doesn't take intelligence to realize when you broke.

ERIC C. HICKS

Dear Sirs:

Buckminster Fuller's lecture was inspiring but surely the people who arranged the lecture could have been a bit more considerate of Dr. Fuller himself. He spoke for 2 1/2 hours non-stop without the aid of an amplifying system or even a glass of water. We should have been embarrassed.

ANDY PLETCH

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