

SMALL PARTIES DECISIVE DURING MODEL PARLIAMENT



Party Leaders Assemble — Left to right: Michael Denny (New Party); Terry McCluskey (CA); Joanne MacArthur (PC); Prof. F.J. Toole (Governor-General); Ed Bell (Liberals); John McLean (MM).

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Last weekend on Friday night and all day Saturday saw the annual Model Parliament. This year the number of parties was increased to five with the addition of the New Party under the leadership of Mike Denny and the Maritime Monarchists under the leadership of Charles Daughney.

Following is a report of the three sessions of the Model Parliament:

Friday Night

With a gallery of over seventy people, Model Parliament got off to a lively start on Friday night. In the gallery were C. B. Sherwood, N.B. opposition leader; Dr. Everett Chalmers, President of the N.B. Progressive Conservative Association and President Colin B. Mackay. The Speech from the Throne was read by UNB Vice-President (Academic) F. J. Toole as Governor-General. As the Governor-General left the chambers, Professor K.B. Sayeed took the chair as Speaker of the House and debate began. Clerk of the House was Brian Gunter and the Sergeant-at-arms was Ian McClure, attired in Army dress blues.

Debate commenced with a discussion of the Speech from the Throne and comments on UNB politics. Heated discussion took place as some of the speakers launched vicious personal attacks on their opponents across the floor. Midway through the session, Miss Alwida Bonner was escorted to a seat on the floor of the House and the members paused in their debate to allow her to address the Parliament. Miss Bonner's remarks were in praise of the UNB students and administration, and she expressed a fear that New Brunswick's new ministry of Youth and Welfare would be used to corrupt the minds of the young in the manner of Nazism.

Following the debate, the PC Speech from the Throne was accepted by the House and a question period of the government ministers was begun. Few of the

questions were serious, but they raised much mirth from the members. As the session adjourned, the Liberal delegation was piped from the Chambers by kilted Terry O'Neill to the tune of "Road to the Isles". Commenting upon the session, Prof. Sayeed said that there was not as much serious and well-prepared debate as he would have liked to have seen.

Saturday Morning

Saturday morning's sitting began with another question period, during which the Conservative government was subjected to loaded questions from many opposition members. Some of these questions were quite serious (the Minister of Justice, for example, was queried on application of legal principles to an incident involving the death of an Eskimo); others were light-hearted (as when Hon. R. B. Harley, Minister of External Affairs, was asked whether a student's tutor could affect his manner of speech).

Two Bills were debated; one introduced by the Government calling for lowering of the voting age to 18, and Parliamentary representation for certain universities.

Hon. Douglas Somerville, Minister of Public Works, introduced the government's Bill. He cited the advantages of extending the franchise, citing the ability of eighteen-year-olds to drive automobiles and to serve in the armed forces as evidence of their maturity.

The Bill was attacked by opposition members on the grounds

of being discriminatory, hypocritical, and an application of the gerrymander. The extension of the franchise to those in the 18-21 age group was felt to be a gerrymander, with the logical result that every effort would be made to pressure these young voters into supporting the Conservatives in the next election.

Although the New Party supported the Government's proposal to lower the age limit, it opposed the granting of representation to universities. When put to the question, the bill was defeated by the House.

Opposition Leader Hon. Terry McCluskey introduced a Bill to incorporate the Trans-Canada Sewer Company. The Christian Atheist head pointed out that the project would benefit the entire nation.

BLOOD CLINIC GETS 500 PINTS....

During the 3-day Blood Clinic held here last week approximately 500 staunch bleeders found the time to pass through the ping-pong room of the gym and contribute to a worthy cause. Though the 500 pints fell short of the objective which had been set at 700, Pre-Med President John McMullen felt the response was "quite good" considering there was no concentrated drive. Last fall UNB supplied the Red Cross with 900 bottles.

The objective set by the Red Cross for each clinic is based on the need of the N.B. hospitals at the time.

Next fall the UNB Blood Donor competitions will be recontinued with trophies up for grabs in the faculty and residence divisions. Decisions will be made solely on the fall clinic; not on the average of the two yearly clinics as before.

In the past the fall campaign has always produced the best results. However the quota has not been substantial to gain recognition for the Corpuscule Cup, awarded annually to the campus showing the highest percentage of student body participation in the fall drives. Will such an achievement lie beyond the grasp of UNB's bloodless wonders next November?

The Bill was supported by speakers from some other parties, but was opposed by one member as being impractical. When the question was put, this Bill was defeated, lacking support from Progressive Conservatives and Maritime Monarchists. Proceedings resumed following an adjournment for lunch.

Saturday Afternoon

The afternoon session was spotted with farsical behavior, but on the whole provided comparatively tedious debate. Just before the beginning of the sitting, the CA's paraded through the chamber with a portion of

UNB's IGNORANCE

Most students on the campus will admit that they are ignorant. Some blame the fact on our education system, claiming we are not guided into a sincere keenness. We live from one day to the next without being concerned about anything except that which affects us directly.

Tomorrow night, in the Oakroom at 7:00, John Porter is going to question a panel composed of Prof. Hugh Whalen, Prof. Bosnitch, Ed Bell and Andrews Pianim, regarding the problem: Are Canadian Students Ignorant?

their trans-Canada sewer. The hose stretched from the CA's side to the PC's. 'It was a smelly affair', said Roger Harley.

The Liberals had three proposals in their Bill; to repeal the Bill of Rights, as an unnecessary piece of legislation; automatic commutation of capital punishment for minors; and abolition of the use of the lash as a form of corporal punishment. The Bill was defeated.

Next came the New Party Bill, which contained the following platforms: nuclear arms not to be financed in Canada; withdrawal from NORAD; specialization of the Armed services in their particular field; a Canadian Peace Corps; and termination of 4 o'clock tea in the Armed Forces. Debate was sparked somewhat by the assassination of Terry McCluskey, the leader of the CA Party who had stepped out after the CA's Bill had been defeated. The shots from the anti-chamber were rather disrupting.

The New Party Bill was the only one to be passed. (Fortunately the Speaker of the House had the foresight to vote in favour of the Bill and it carried by one vote).

With only forty-five minutes of debate left the Maritime Monarchists introduced an unsuccessful Bill to unite the Atlantic Provinces.

The House adjourned following the vote.

REGULAR MEETING OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Dr. Greiner speaking on 'Ripples in the Sands of Time'. Dr. Greiner is a member of the Geology Department of UNB.

Tonight at 7:45—Auditorium of Loring Bailey Hall.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



DR. K. B. SAYEED