



NB Premier speaks on Canadian issues

By RICK FOWLER

In an informal address to MacKenzie House men's residence on Wednesday night, Premier Richard Hatfield said that the "Quebecois viewed the widespread support of Prime Minister Trudeau's implementing the War Measures Act as meaning Fuck civil liberty, get in there and get those guys," referring to the 1970 Quebec Crisis.

National unity was one of the issues stressed by Premier Hatfield during the Forum. When asked what he thought about the constitutional issue, Hatfield replied that "The fact that we have no constitution, that it is an act of British Parliament, is a reflection of our political immaturity."

Hatfield stated that he would like to see clauses of regional disparity, equalization of transportation standardization and subsidization written into the constitution. He feels that the myth that the transportation can be self-supporting and produce profit is ridiculous. Hatfield stated "I think transportation must be subsidized, it's a fact of life. If not, a one-way ticket to P.E.I. on the ferry would cost three-hundred dollars."

Hatfield also felt that the official language act of New Brunswick should be incorporated into the constitution, with a provision for N.B. to amend it.

Speaking again on the issue of national unity the Premier stated that the grievances of Quebec are greatly aggravated by the fact that

no-one is willing to sit down and formally discuss them. Hatfield stated "I think if we got to the discussion table we would discover that our differences are not so great, including Quebec's. The reason they appear so goddamn great is that we are unwilling to formally discuss them."

Hatfield was questioned about the ever-popular Bricklan issue. Hatfield explained that the reason Brickland (the auto plant) failed was that it required another fifteen to twenty million dollars, which New Brunswick would not put in alone. He said the reasons the project found itself in this predicament was in part due to the fact that it produced too many cars at once and had to order things in small sporadic quantities thus raising production cost.

He stressed that it was New Brunswick who closed down the Bricklan project, and not the banks.

Speaking on the recent RCMP issue, Hatfield stated that he thought some of their actions were questionable. He said that the fundamental question was who is in charge of the police? Is it the government, or is it the police themselves? According to Premier Hatfield, it seems as if the government was intimidated by the Mounties. Hatfield said he believed that the RCMP had to report the Minister of Justice (federal) who must be responsible for their actions and keep them from doing anything illegal. Hatfield said "The RCMP should

not commit illegal acts or make political decisions. That is not their job."

On economic matters, Hatfield spoke critically on the Foreign Investment Review Board. He said we need foreign investment and that we have the political clout to control it, but without it we can't create jobs. The premier stated that "The opinion abroad is that Canada wants no foreign investment, which is too bad, because Canadians are unwilling to invest in their own country."

He expressed the opinion that the recent constitutional and unity problems are having a negative effect on the Canadian economy, that the unstable situation is scoring off potential investors.

Speaking on the economy Hatfield discussed an issue of prime concern to University students, that of Student Loans. Premier Hatfield explained that revenue is down again this year, therefore the budget will be one of restraint. Since the pertinent data is not all in yet, the exact amount that will be allowed to student loans is as yet undetermined, but the amount of individual loans most likely won't increase, but they shouldn't drop either. Loans will not become any harder to get either.

In the course of the evening Hatfield also answered questions on subjects such as the economic feasibility of accepting federal funds for the construction of large hospital schools, etc. which cost more to maintain than New Brunswick by itself can afford to



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pay. To this question the Premier replied that federal funds are also used for the up keep of these facilities.

When asked if he thought it was wise to borrow so much federal money Hatfield stated "I don't see the day when New Brunswick won't have to borrow money."

He said that he was against Capital Punishment. He said his opinion was greatly influenced by the book *Star Wormwood* which he feels proves that the death penalty is not a deterrent to capital crime and is an affront to human dignity.

Hatfield was asked how he felt about the legalization of marijuana, to which he replied that not enough is known about the good and bad effects of the drug, and he

feels funds should be allotted for research to determine its safety, and then the facts should be presented to the people for their decision.

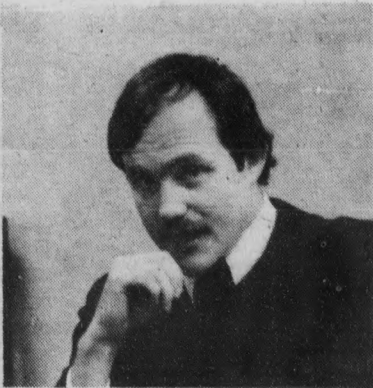
The forum was presented by the MacKenzie House, who periodically present these discussions. Thanks go to the House committee for arranging the forum.

O come all ye faithful

By JEFF IRWIN

You may have noticed last Friday at lunch time there was a crowd gathered around the front of the SUB. The subject of this crowd's attention was a man who was preaching the gospel. The man is Rev. Dwight Johnson, ordained by the Tennessee United Christian Assoc., and he will be in the Fredericton area for approximately the next two weeks.

Rev. Johnson has had quite a background. He spent two years in the U.S. Army and one year in Vietnam as a truck driver. When he returned from overseas he was hooked on drugs. To feed his habit it was necessary to procure money in every way. He was arrested for trying to break open a safe. Before going to trial he bought some pills and popped them as he had no veins to shoot into. And as he was "rushing and tripping" down the street three words came to him, "Call on Jesus." He ran to a church nearby, but there was no one there so he ran to the nearest house. A minister appeared at the door and took him in side and began to "drive the demons from



me . . . three hours later when I got up off my knees I knew I didn't need dope any more, I was free." When Rev. Johnson returned to court he told the judge his story. The judge said so you've seen the light eh? then he banged his little gravel and said "One to five years for attempted robbery."

Rev. Johnson spent 2 1/2 years in Penland State Prison where he got a bible and began to study it. Since he got out of Prison he has been preaching all over North America and Parts of Europe. He has preached in Universities and on street corners as well as in prisons and other institutions

where "Christians don't like to go because conditions are deplorable behind bars."

When asked about his doctrines he said that he didn't really have any special doctrine he just tries to get people to follow Jesus and after that "I don't care where they go or what religious sect they follow." Rev. Johnson was asked his opinion of the TV ministry. "They are making a good effort but I will not pass judgement on any of them because as the bible says 'Judge not lest ye be judged'."

When asked about the reaction of the crowd at UNB he said it was better than in some other universities but not as good as some. He said that at Kent State University, apple cores were thrown at him and a friend of his got a pie in the face while at the Mormon University north of Salt Lake City he was well received and had a good audience.

Anyone wishing to get in touch with Rev. Johnson can do so by writing Rev. Dwight Johnson c/o P.O. Box 411 Minto or calling 327-3272.

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