

Political Perspectives

By R. HUTCHINS

To the citizens of our fine country,

It is with pride and honour that I would like to announce my candidacy for the leadership of the liberal party of Canada.

I am running as a Liberal because like Pierre Trudeau, I too crave immortality, ranking with Zeus and Hercules as ancient pillars of strength.

I chose the party because I am an elitist, set in my ways, and unwilling to change anything that would de-stabilize my authority. I have a vision of Canada being a land without unions and journalists, a haven for conformists.

I have chosen to use traditional slogans like "Vote For Change" or "Look To The Future", this way I can hide the real party platform and its present downfalls.

I am very well read in the ways of western Canadians since my library includes the entire Louis L'Amour collection. This will help me to deal with their frontier spirit and stubbornness. Of course, no man can be Prime-Minister without a knowledge of Atlantic Canada. I am happy to say I listen to Hank Snow and once caught a fish while vacationing in Georgian Bay.

Some people can say being from Ontario can alienate the voters elsewhere. I am not worried however, because most of the seats are right here in Central Canada. I'll do what I can to help other Canadians but you know the old saying "Old habits are hard to break."

My official platform in regards to special interest groups is as such:

1) I support the total freeze of all nuclear armaments testing on Canadian soil.

(This way we can take the heat off of Canada's armaments industry and sell more arms elsewhere, at the same time appearing pious and clean as true Canadians.)

2) I propose a plan that will balance our budget and lead to economic recovery.

(Although social security benefits, student loans, welfare, old age pensions and deductions will all be deleted, my budget will cut taxes for higher income Canadians and lead to more spending amongst this group. If they are happy then many Peter C. Newman will write a book about me.

3) I support a bilingual Canada.

(This way the French and English can get together and outnumber the native peoples and other ethnics, reinforcing their control over all Canadians.)

4) Stricter Environmental controls to combat acid rain and industrial waste.

(This measure will stop the 15% of polluters located on the Canadian side of the boarder and keep the Americans happy because they will be able to do a feasibility study for the next 10 years on whether or not our government's measures have been effective in combating pollution.)

As you can see I know the issues! If you are a conservative Canadian, worried about some radical change in policy or trend that might offend the Americans don't worry, I promise not to change a thing. In fact, I found out that Ronald Regan is a fan of Louis L'Amour, so we'll probably be good buddies.

Please vote for me if your are a delegate. If I get less than 5 votes on the first ballot I promise to stroll the floor of the Convention Centre gracefully over to John Turner and pull out of the race. I will tell my delegates that he is the man they must now follow, then nonchalantly ask if I might be able to act as his humble servant and party official.

I challenge all Canadians to sit down and accept the way things are, who needs a change anyway?

I will be speaking at the Zealand Community Centre next week on Thursday. Dick Stacey's travelling road show will be with me so come out and listen to a couple of "the good old boys."

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JACK MC'CLOSKY'S CANADIAN WILDLIFE



IN A COUPLE WEEKS IT'S GONNA BE SPRING, AN' IT'S TIME TO DIG OUT THEM OLD SPRING SAYIN'S LIKE: "IN SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY TURNS TO... BASEBALL!", AN' "SPRING IS SPRUNG, THE GRASS IS RIZ, I WONDER WHERE THE FLOWERS IS!" AN' JEST LIKE THE SWALLOWS OR SPARROWS OR WHATEVER RETURN TO CAPPUCINO, WE'LL ALL BE LOOKIN' FOR THE FIRST ROBIN OF SPRING! SIGHTIN' THE FIRST ROBIN IS S'POSED TO BE GOOD LUCK, BUT IT AIN'T TOO GOOD LUCK FOR THE ROBIN, 'CAUSE WHEN HE GETS HERE, HE USUALLY SEZ "DAMN, IT'S STILL COLD UP HERE!" AN' IT AIN'T

TOO GOOD LUCK IF THE FIRST GUY TO SEE 'IM IS A TEN-YEAR-OLD WITH A B-B GUN! THEY SAY THAT THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM, AN' I S'POSE THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO SPRING AS WELL AS A DAY, BUT DON'T THEY HAVE WORMS IN FLORIDA? AN' BESIDES, THAT AIN'T EXACTLY TRUE, 'CAUSE LOOK WHAT BEIN' EARLY DID FOR THE WORM, AN' WHO EVER SAID IF THE EARLY BIRD ENJOYED THE WORM AS MUCH AS THE LATE BIRD ENJOYED THE TWO EXTRA HOURS SLEEP OR THE TWO EXTRA WEEKS IN DAYTONA.



H-HOLY B-B-BRASS, MONKEYS, BATMAN! I'M F-F-FREEZING MY B-B-BAT POLE OFF!

PAUL WHITE

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