

Country's deterioration candidate's concern

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau is the main cause for the deterioration of Canada, says Progressive Conservative nomination candidate Dr. Art Ross.

While speaking to about 35 people at the home of Colin and Moira Musprat near Speyside Saturday evening, Dr. Ross explained that he left Canada to work overseas ten years ago. At that time, he said, he left behind a healthy, thriving country. Now that he has returned, he finds the country in a state of ruination with separatism hanging over everyone's head, unemployment, inflation, poor economy, etc.

Dr. Ross put the blame directly on Trudeau, he said, because the man has had very good men working with him who have left his fold. He cites John Turner and Don McDonald as two examples.

Ten years ago, Dr. Ross said, he had the opportunity to start watching Canada from outside. Over the years he was shocked and horrified at what he saw. Recently, while visiting a friend at the University of Mexico, he was offered sympathy for the state of the country.

Two many government handouts have made life too easy for most Canadians. He explained that unemployment insurance cheques for those able to work, and grants to various groups that are unnecessary.

Dr. Ross pointed out that in all the years he has been working as a medical doctor, he has saved for his retirement. Now, he says, the amount of money he has is worth half of what it was worth when he put it away.

The poor economy is to blame for this, Dr. Ross said. "If you spend more than you make, you are in trouble," he told the group. He told them of the \$37 billion national debt which is costing taxpayers more in interest a year than the entire federal budget was in 1967.

"This is the milestone that is dragging Canada right down," he said. On top of the debt, on the interest, Dr. Ross said, most of the debt is in American funds, so Canadians end up paying for the exchange rate also.

Speyside resident Jim Sheldon said he has reservations about the PC leader Joe Clark. "He leaves me cold," the man said. Mr. Sheldon felt Clark was taking the "Trudeau attitude" and not listening to the people, but just doing what he wants.

Dr. Ross said that after spending two hours with the party leader, he came away with respect for the man. He explained the party had skipped a generation by choosing such a young leader. Dr. Ross said Clark is open to advice from the people around him, and has new ideas for the country.

Mrs. Pam Sheldon pointed out that a lot of opinions about Mr. Clark are poor because the Liberals have such a good public relations campaign. "The P.C.'s do not have the aura of success around them like the Liberals," she said.

Dr. Ross has declared the anti-inflation program a failure. He claimed not one bit of good has come out of it, mainly because the government keeps on spending. "Social programs will have to be curtailed," he stated.

Mr. Musprat pointed out Canada has gone in the same direction as England with the approach that if you do not want to work, you do not have to.

Dr. Ross told a story about an Unemployment Insurance Commission employee who

discovered some people were getting money when they really didn't deserve it, and others who needed it were doing without. This person, he said, went to superiors, who in turn told the employee to just do the job. The higher up the system this person went to rectify the situation, the more of a reprimand was received.

There have been three Royal Commissions on the UIC, according to Dr. Ross, with recommendations that too much money was being spent. "Nothing was ever heard of any of the commissions."

Millions of dollars are being spent on projects causing language disruption across Canada, Dr. Ross stated. He explained that if anyone wants to fight English or French being used in various areas of the country, the Secretary of State will pay the legal fees. Millions are being spent on publications etc.

Dr. Ross claimed that while he was living in South Africa, the Canadian government spent \$720,000 on bringing a cultural group of dancers from Canada to Africa for a performance. Four people attended, he claimed. The records of the justification of the spending mysteriously disappeared, he said.

There are one third more civil servants than most people know about, states Dr. Ross. A lot of these people have contracts with the government and do not come under the official term of Civil servants. Some have had these contracts for ten or more years. He explained that while in South Africa, the government got him to do work on a project. He wondered why, with all the doctors they must have working for them, did they have to go outside their own people?

Dr. Ross surmises that anyone who has had a government contract for ten or more years cannot pass the civil servant's exam and has a friend who keeps them on. "I don't pretend I can go in there and change the country," Dr. Ross claimed, "but I have the independence to fight," he stated. "I told Clark if I was nominated and then elected, then I would not sit in a corner and keep my mouth shut."

Dr. Ross has very strong feelings about Quebec. "Let them keep their religion, culture and language, but they should not interfere with the fiscal policy of the rest of the country," he said. He does not believe they should receive special status because "they have to remember they are only one province of many".

On the provincial referendum on whether or not Quebec should separate, Dr. Ross says he does not think that will matter. "I see no reason why 70 per cent of the country has to put up with this." He explained that residents living in Quebec will have to learn English if they separate in order to communicate with the rest of North America. "They will no longer have English-speaking civil servants in

Ottawa to speak for them" he said. Mr. Sheldon said he felt Trudeau may have been the cause of separatism, but thought he was the man to put it back together again. Dr. Ross disagreed. "If I go to a doctor to have my left arm taken off, and he takes off my right, I'm not going back to him to try again."

Dr. Ross feels very strongly in favor of capital punishment. He explained that he grew up in Kingston near the penitentiary and saw the type of people going in and out of the prison. He explained that in countries where there is no capital punishment, the criminals are much worse. "It is a deterrent" he stated. "It is better for the judge and jury to decide a man's fate, than a pistol," he said. "Morally," he claimed, "if my conscience would not let

me do what my people (constituents) say, then I would have to resign. "I do not care whether

Trudeau is red, pink, or blue," Dr. Ross said, "I just want to say goodbye to him."

Firefighters have meeting in newly renovated hall

Acton Volunteer Firefighters held their first general meeting upstairs in the newly-renovated fire hall last week. Fire chief Mick Holmes said the men were busy "taking up loose ends around the hall," and scrubbing the place.



SPEYSIDE RESIDENTS got a chance to meet Dr. Art Ross, Progressive-Conservative nomination candidate, Saturday. Most of the key issues across the country were discussed. Left to right, Moira Musprat, Pam Sheldon, Dr. Ross, Colin Musprat.

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Region talks off

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The local represents 106 public works employees of the Region. In a memo to regional councillors, director of personnel and labor relations, Dennis Camm said the significant issues outstanding are wages, establishment of fixed levels of employer benefit costs and laundering of employees' work clothes.

In the confidential memo, Camm said management had taken a rigid stand and he indicated a complete breakdown in negotiations seemed likely.

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Ontario Youth Employment Program provides a subsidy of \$1.25 per hour to encourage additional summer youth employment by the business and farming communities. This program is operated by the Ministry of the Treasury, Subsidies Branch.

Ontario Career Action Program is a year-round program which gives career training and practical work experience to unemployed young people for up to a 26-week period. Participants are placed as trainees in the private sector and with various Ontario Government ministries. This program is administered by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Experience '78 hires young people to work for the summer in various Ontario ministries. The jobs are designed to complement the student's academic and career goals. It's co-ordinated by the Ontario Youth Secretariat.

1978 Ontario-Quebec Summer Student Job Exchange Program places Ontario students in various Quebec Government ministries and agencies while Quebec students are placed with Ontario Government ministries and agencies. The program gives students the opportunity of increasing their knowledge of a second language and of experiencing the culture of the host province. It's operated through the Civil Service Commission.

Junior Forest Ranger Program gives Ontario students who are 17 years old a chance to gain practical experience in the management of our natural resources. It's administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Junior Conservationist Award Program hires students nominated through conservation-minded organizations to work in resource, management. It's operated by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Conservation Authorities Branch.

Junior Agriculturalist Farm Program employs students who reside in the city to live and work on farms during the summer. It's administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Youth Care for Senior Citizens gives municipalities the opportunity to hire young people to provide at-home services for elderly and handicapped adults. This program is co-ordinated by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

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