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Editorial

Vote-It's your privilege

While The Tribune has made it abundantly clear that in the upcoming federal election, the newspaper favors the election of a Conservative government, the privilege of the electorate to choose, has not been overlooked.

With vast areas of the world under dictatorial rule, the opportunity for the electorate to make its choice via the ballot box, must not be taken lightly. We urge everyone to exercise this choice.

For the sake of the country it is our view that the election of a majority government is

most desirable. Minority governments will always place the stability of the country in question, since under such circumstances the party in power is forced into all types of unwanted legislation, merely to stay in power. The further government moves from the two-party system, the more unstable it becomes, and one can see example after example of multi-party systems in various countries, making government, in some cases, almost unworkable.

Your vote is important, use it. Take pride in the opportunity you have. The choice is yours.

Backyards more popular

While to the casual observer watching the bumper-to-bumper traffic pass through town on a holiday weekend, it would appear that the number of people heading for the northern lakes is as great as ever, the number who now find relaxation in their own backyards has been growing by leaps and bounds.

How many times have you heard friends say, "with the traffic the way it is, we'd just as soon enjoy the peace and quiet of our own garden or patio"? This can be said for regular weekends as well as holidays.

The growing popularity of private swimming pools and home barbecues attests to the changing attitude of many who formerly took to the highways for a trek into

the north country, either on a regular basis or on special occasions.

There is no denying that highway travel on weekends and holidays is "No picnic." More and more the quietness and contentment of one's own backyard is being appreciated. The erection of more and more garden fences to assure the privateness of residential yards is a sign of the times. The crowding in of more and more homes with more and more people has made this change inevitable.

The increase in the number of private pools in Stouffville and Markham, is fantastic, all pointing to the added value residents are placing on their own yards as the best place for summertime recreation.

THE ELECTION WOES

Election time is here again,
 The big wheels sure are busy men,
 They cross the country to and fro
 And dish out goodies where they go.

The people listen to them all
 As each their policies they bawl
 Their party is the very best
 They're sure they'll win when comes the test.

Our country, some of them confess,
 Is in a sorry kind of mess,
 Inflation at an all-time high,
 With prices soaring to the sky.

And strikes, we're all so sick of them
 But they think they can this evil stem
 So on they go, Pierre, Bob and Dave
 They're sure they can our country save.

While these big shots are going strong
 Poor Real Couette comes limping along,
 What will he gain as he sticks out his neck,
 For his lost support in his own Quebec.

On the radio when we want the news
 'Tis all now the politicians views
 The roadsides littered with signs galore
 That will stay there till summer's o'er.

So as they run from coast to coast
 Of votes, each thinks he'll get the most
 We hear about the ninety-day freeze
 And wonder if 'twill bring us ease.

Cut down taxes here and there
 Pensions going up the stair,
 Wonderful things these guys can quote
 It's all to get an extra vote.

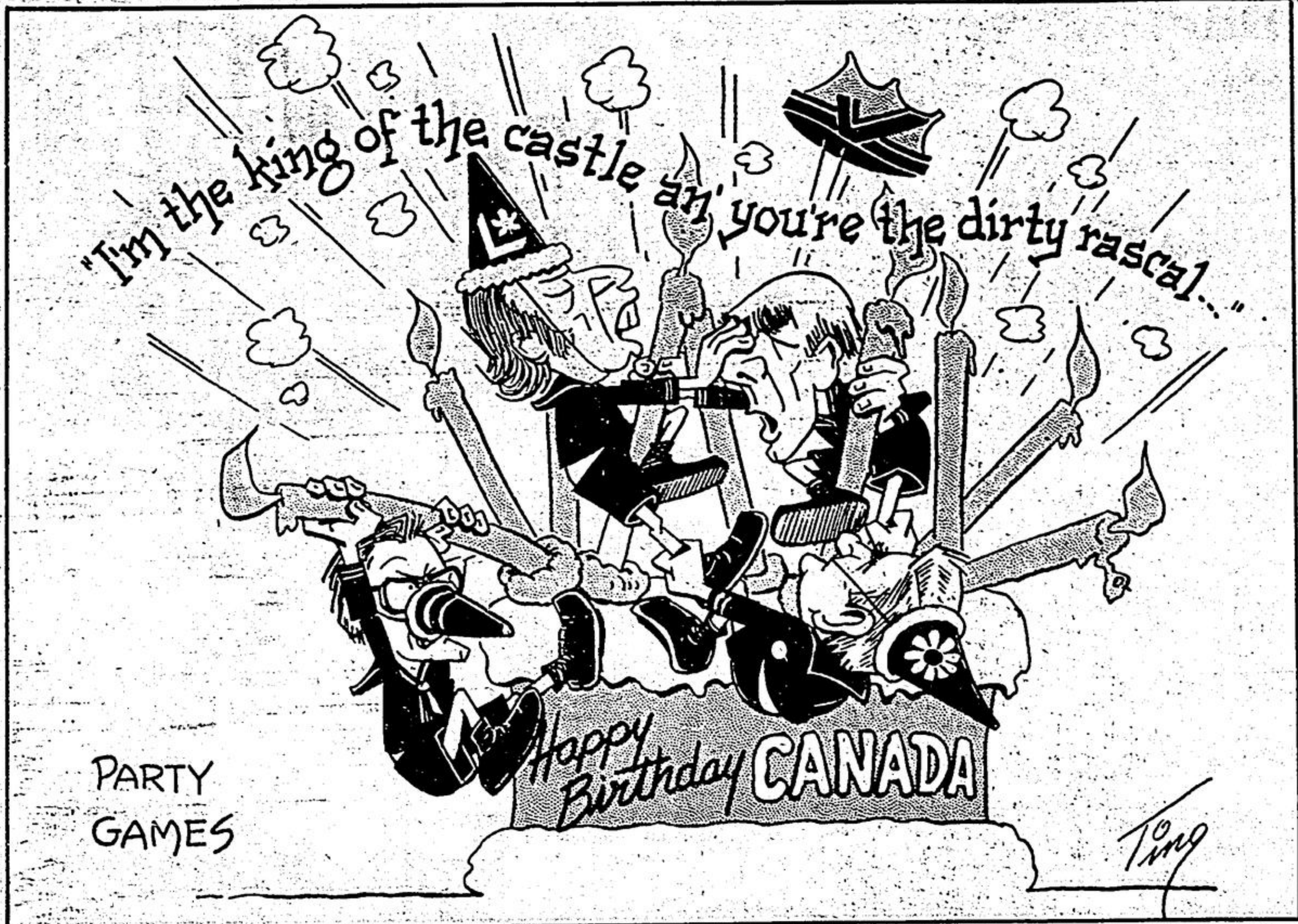
This election, only think of its cost
 Many millions will be lost
 Who pays for this big kind of spree
 Don't you know? It's you and me.

When all is done, we'll hear no more
 Of all the goodies they had in store,
 We'll soon be back to the same old stuff
 And the going will still be very tough.

No one will get a majority
 So Lewis will win a victory
 Whether will be Pierre or Bob
 He holds the key that turns the knob.

If things don't suit his every whim
 He'll turn the tide and out with him
 And sooner than we'd like to guess
 Be back again in this same old mess.

—Sandy Johnson



Winning, the prime concern

TED WILCOX

While watching television commercials that show Pierre Trudeau or Robert Stanfield smiling and shaking hands, you may have wondered what smiling or shaking hands has to do with being a good Prime Minister.

The answer, naturally, is "very little." But candidates have learned that in some measure, how they say something, or "style" is more important than what they say. Or, "the medium is the message."

The parties' show biz techniques do have an effect on a portion of the electorate who sit on the edge of their seats like hockey fans, wondering who will win.

Perhaps the most numerous group, however, are those who find it hard to get too excited about any of the parties. The majority of the citizens we interviewed on Main St. last Friday (see page one) fall into that category. Most of them were more firmly against a person or party than they were in support of a person or party.

What is the cause of this apathy (or antipathy)? The Globe and Mail believes it is the failure of politicians to "state their principles clearly and to stand by them through the temptations of expediency."

A similar viewpoint was expressed by Gerald Vandezande of the Toronto-based Committee for Justice and Liberty. In the April issue of Vanguard magazine he wrote that "politics has largely become a game... Winning and losing are the only dimensions that appear to concern nearly all

of the politicians and most of the voters."

Essentially, he would say (and I agree), that getting into power has come to dominate parties instead of "a program based on unchanging principles" (to quote the Globe). As a result, many voters sense that it doesn't matter that much which party wins. They are only voting for a different power-broker.

But, you say, isn't getting elected the purpose of parties? And isn't obeying the people the function of government?

Yes, it is — in a sense. But sometimes the majority can be wrong, as in the Treaty of Versailles after WWI, and U. S. policy on Vietnam in the last decade. That is when it is essential that men of principle provide leadership.

So — let's bring it down to today's situation. The majority of people today, more than anything else, want increased buying power, more goods, and more services.

Since that's what people want, that's what all three parties are promising. The argument between them comes over the best method to achieve that goal. One group says it is increased government programs; another wage and price controls; and another selective controls.

But basically, the three parties agree on the benefits of an eternally rising Gross National Product, and general, on providing more of the goodies for everyone. No party today is campaigning on "slow growth" since you can't win an election on an "issue" until it

is dramatically or cataclysmically affecting the lives of millions or hundreds of thousands. Like western countries watching Hitler's rise, nothing can be done until a crisis changes public opinion.

While the parties try to appease the avaricious demands of high consumption and high growth, the aforementioned Committee for Justice and Liberty stands, among others, with a genuine alternative. It is a nutshell, they stand for government motivated by "neighborly concern" rather than self-interest. Specifically, they believe government should encourage education, families, art, literature, drama, churches, friendships, and so on to the same degree that they encourage business. (Currently the federal government spends 13c of every tax dollar on economic support and development and 3c on "cultural" development, including the CBC.)

Undoubtedly many readers will consider the C.J.L.'s goals for government to be hopelessly idealistic. Politics is the art of the possible, they would say, and you could never win an election with those programs.

No, you couldn't. But they do reflect the relentless truth about our situation, I believe, and people's viewpoints might begin to change. As former premier of Newfoundland, Joey Smallwood, once said, "It isn't where you are that matters, it's where you're headed."

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Letters to the Editor

Liberal accused of not knowing the facts

Dear Sir:

The recent article by Mike Willinsky states that he is opposed to the airport. I find this ludicrous in the face of his party's stated intention, as voiced by Mr. Trudeau recently at Richmond Hill that there is a need for this second international airport and we will "... be thankful for it".

Mr. Willinsky doesn't know his facts. He stated the Swackhammer report recommended an independent tribunal. Nothing of the sort! All Swackhammer did was report the objections of the expropriated people. Mr. Willinsky said the government set up a public inquiry under the Hon. Justice Hugh Gibson. However, there was no mention of the fact that the terms of reference were so narrow it was nothing more than a parading of a one-sided argument.

Willinsky was right when he says the government must be responsive. But a government must also find out the facts on issues that contribute two billion dollars of government spending to an already inflated economy. The Liberal Party has not held a far-reaching inquiry into the need of a second international airport. Instead it has expropriated class one farm land and proceeded with the airport—in spite of massive evidence that it is not necessary.

Dave Hill

P.C. candidate always gets uptight

Dear Sir:

I have attended several of the all-candidates meetings in our area and whereas both Mr. Gustar and Dr. Willinsky display an

easy and relaxed manner in answering the various questions, the Conservative candidate repeatedly gets uptight.

Although we are dealing with serious questions, I do not believe it is necessary to panic each time an issue is mentioned. Or maybe it is, if your party promotes a policy that has shown to be a failure in many other countries, such as the Conservative Party's policy of a Price and Wage freeze.

Mr. Stevens sounds like a broken record by now and when pressed for more detailed solutions with respect to inflation, he does not answer directly, but pulls figures out of the air regarding the proportion of domestic versus imported inflation that still have to be substantiated and moreover are in disagreement with figures quoted by Mr. Stanfield. (Mr. Stevens quotes 75 percent of inflation is domestic but Mr. Stanfield claims 50 percent).

Now what is the Conservative Party going to do about a situation like the recent increase in gasoline and fuel oil prices? May I suggest that Mr. Stevens talk to the Conservative Government in Alberta which is getting the lions share of the increase through increased royalties. In contrast, out of the 8.2 cents per gallon increase, the oil companies were only allowed 0.4 cents per gallon.

Let's face it, the Oil Exporting Countries raised the price of oil and because Alberta quickly followed suit, that is the reason you and I are now paying more.

Canada cannot live in isolation and although I regret inflation as much as anybody else, most of the inflation is caused by international conditions. Life in Canada is still among the best in the world, our prices in many cases are lower than elsewhere.

Therefore the policy of the Liberal Party, eloquently voiced by Dr. Willinsky makes a lot of sense to me. That policy is to take care of

those affected by inflation, to ensure adequate production and supplies and to curb any excessive profits made, through higher taxation as proposed in the last budget. Why did you vote against that budget Mr. Stevens?

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Nuclear proliferation worries Uxbridge man

Do you know I got a sudden revealing fright the other night as I heard and read about all those little countries getting the wherewithal to make atomic bombs.

The U.S. President says there are perfect safeguards but what a pile of bull that is. He knows and we all know that if there is trouble a place like Egypt would soon thumb their nose at all of us.

What I suddenly said to myself almost out loud was, "they're getting ready for war" and the President is going to have all his little friends well equipped.

The world is not in very good shape and that's just the time to start something. Ireland, the Middle East, the Far East and even the States itself are so full of trigger-happy people, anything can happen.

There are more despicable tactics used now for personal gain than one can believe. Everyone is so busy today trying to beat inflation they haven't time to watch what's going on in the world. I think we should watch it, we could be in for a real shock.

There is probably as much distrust among nations today as ever in history, don't be fooled.

These thoughts really scared me, what do they do to you?

I pick your paper up each week and enjoy it very much.

S. Panoseck,
 Uxbridge



Never-ending parade of election signs

Roadside election signs are some of the many drawbacks to elections. The visual pollution has gotten out of hand as this composite photo of signs from the three major

parties shows. The small sign in the middle somewhat arrested the Tribune photographer.

—John Montgomery