

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION—Of The National Conservative Convention?

FATHER BOLGER



The most significant thing of the convention was not how it affected Diefenbaker, but that it established the precedent of subjecting the position of the national leadership to future and frequent re-appraisal by convention.

This means that the party caucus dominated by Parliamentarians becomes less significant.

Finally, it represents a further step in the democratization of party politics.

In short, what happened to Diefenbaker is insignificant in the light of the above. After this convention, the Conservative Party has no where to go but up!

RITA CURRAN

To some people, this may appear to be a difficult time for the Progressive Conservative Party, but the decision that was reached at the annual conference was a significant step forward.

It is quite evident that there should be a periodic reassessment of party leadership in all parties.

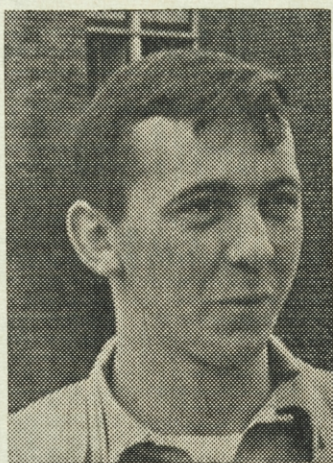
The P.C.S.F., in particular, has been mistakenly branded as an anti-Dief element in the party; however, what the general public fails to realize is that it is not anti-anyone, but considers reassessment necessary, not just for the Conservative Party, but for Canada as a whole.



PHILIP MacDOUGALL

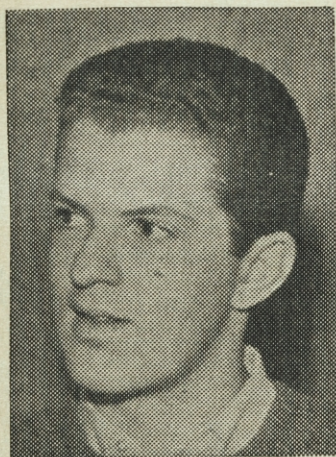
I don't feel that the convention hurt the Conservative Party in Canada. There now appears to be disunity within the party, however, I feel this will be remedied when the leadership convention is over. It is only reasonable to expect some ill feelings when a traditional procedure, such as there was for the leadership, is changed.

If the Conservative Party can unite after this issue, I feel they can form the next government in Ottawa, having proven to the Canadian public that they are ready to accept change when change is due.



LEO BRODERICK

The National Conservative Convention did nothing more than publicize the split in the Conservative Party. Diefenbaker has received from the National Convention, a minority support indirectly with the election of Dalton Camp as National President. With this in mind, Diefenbaker should put the interest of the Conservative Party first, and resign as leader, otherwise the Conservative Party will not recover from its dilemma. If this should happen, well, 'if they burn their ass, let them sit on the blisters'.



MARY CULLEN

The convention was an exercise in negativism. No major policies emerged; Dief was shot down but 70 Conservative M.P.'s refused to recognize the will of the convention; Dief's bizarre performance on T.V. not only hurt the P.C.'s but the whole Canadian political image.

Five years ago, the P.C.'s told us Dief was the best politician in Canada; now they are disgusted with him. Canadians are asking — can we rely upon the Conservative Party judgement?



JOE REVELL

The significance of the Conservative Convention was not its effect on the future Conservative Party or its leader, but that it should be the forerunner of future change in choosing Canadian political leaders. However, this change will be all the more effective if the Conservative Party is successful in its endeavor to pick a really strong leader.

By placing the leadership election in the hands of convention delegates, the whole process becomes more responsible — by transferring the selection of a leader from an influential few to a more representative number.

FAT GIRL HAS SLIM CHANCE AT COLLEGE

NEW YORK (UPI) — The intelligent-but-fat high school girl has one-third less chance of getting into an American college than her intelligent-but-thin classmate, a recent public health study indicates.

The study, made by the Harvard School of Public Health, also reveals fat boys have a slightly better chance than fat girls of getting into college. But they still have a tougher time gaining admission than thin boys of comparable intelligence.

Helen Channing and Dr. Jean Mayer, study researchers, said although roughly the same percentage of thin and fat boys and girls apply to college, the fat students are accepted less frequently, particularly the female applicants.

The two researchers said they can find no other explanation for the finding that college placement officials' preference for thin students.

STUDENTS UNMOVED BY DIEF'S APPEALS

TORONTO (CUP) — While Opposition leader John Diefenbaker appealed for the support of the nation's youth recently, McMaster University students sat on their hands.

Mr. Diefenbaker, speaking at the Ontario Progressive Conservative Association's annual meeting here, failed to raise even a flicker of emotion from the students, who exhibited only disillusionment and disdain.

On three occasions, the grey-haired members of the party gave the Tory chief standing ovations while the students remained unmoved.

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