

Prairie Manifesto Project

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Emphasis put on prevention

Liberals unveil 62-point plan

A 62-point program calling for the reorganization of the province's social services was unveiled by Liberal leader Charles Huband and two party candidates at a press conference Friday.

Charles Greene, Liberal candidate in Riel, said the program will overcome the current "crisis fixation" in social services by emphasizing prevention and will attempt to involve consumers, families and communities.

Unless such a program is adopted, Greene said, the province will face "a bankruptcy in social services both in costs and effectiveness" within the next decade.

An example, he said, is the child welfare budget which was about \$10 million in 1973 and doubled in the four succeeding years. He warned that "at the same rate, by 1985 we'll be paying half a billion dollars for social services or we'll be cutting back programs drastically."

"Manitoba is on a disaster course in social services. Unless we move into a major prevention program our community life will be back in the dark ages," he said. He added that the Progressive Conservatives have suggested no plans for the future of social services.

Greene said the Liberals will bring together a large number of existing programs into a single division of social and preventive services. This department would work to eliminate duplication and waste, broaden the spectrum of social services, improve equality of access and move in new directions away from costly crisis service into preventive, community and family services.

Crisis service will still exist, he said, but won't be needed to the same extent because more attention will be paid to preventing problems from occurring. This will result in "an eventual saving in cost and human tragedy."

The program includes specific proposals in the areas of crisis and preventive programs for children, marital and parenting support services, elderly citizens' services and death and dying services.

- Among these are:
- The unification of all children's specialty services such as child welfare, and juvenile corrections.
 - Programs for early detection of disabilities and deficiencies.
 - Further development and improvement of day

care, along with development of infant care and home and after-school programs.

• High-priority funding of normalization programs for children with special needs in the school system, following implication studies of Bill 52.

• Negotiation with the federal government to provide family allowance during pregnancy for parents attending regularly at prenatal clinics.

• Creation of a task force on homemaker remuneration and/or tax incentives.

• Parental training in schools and the possible location of day care facilities in local high schools.

• Flexible retirement age provided by legislation.

• Education on death and dying.

Lyon says N card-carryin

BY ALICE KRUEGER
DUGALD, Man.— Progressive Conservative leader Sterling Lyon accused the Schreyer government Friday of representing only those Manitobans who are card-carrying members of the New Democratic Party.

"The only people the NDP represent are the ones who carry their particular card and nobody else," he told an enthusiastic crowd of more than 300 at a public meeting and square dance at the Springfield Curling Club.

The Progressive Conservative leader went on to say that after eight years in the government, the NDP has managed to get most of its party faithful onto the public payroll, while the rest of the people pay their salaries.

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Ruling called 'gigantic mess'

By DERRIE SPROAT

Liberal leader Charles Huband has called on Premier Ed Schreyer to decide before election day how the Supreme Court's decision that anti-inflation controls imposed on Manitoba civil servants are illegal should be handled.

Huband told an all-candidates meeting in his own riding of Crescentwood the decision Manitoba government employees shouldn't be subject to the controls on the basis of an agreement between the federal and provincial governments is "a gigantic mess for all Manitobans."

Huband said the mess had been created by a government that "failed to take remedial action when necessary" and explained that the government had failed to pass legislation sanctioning its agreement with the federal government on anti-inflation controls.

Even after the Supreme Court ruled a similar decision in Ontario was ultra-vires, the Schreyer government refused to call the legislature into session to pass legislation, he said.

This week's Supreme Court decision could necessitate retroactive payments not only to the Honour board

ments to arbitration, received a settlement higher than AIB guidelines and had the agreement rolled back by the AIB, Huband said.

He said it would also anger civil servants who agreed to wage guidelines within AIB limits because they thought nothing else was legal.


Huband said Schreyer's desire to consider the decision for several weeks before taking action was unacceptable, and that the people of Manitoba are entitled to know the solution before election day.

"Since July 12, 1976 (the day the Supreme Court handed down the Ontario decision), the problem has been evident," Huband said. "Nothing was done. It's another item in the mountain of evidence that we have leadership in this province that you cannot trust."

The meeting, held at St. George's Parish Hall with open-line radio show host Peter Warren in the moderator's chair, was lively. Huband was joined on the platform by Progressive Conservative candidate Warren Steen and New Democratic candidate Muriel Smith.

All three candidates were peppered with questions about their policies on the French language, education, housing, care for elderly citi-

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