

Mr. Peckford, the people could say no!

The mood of the electorate seems to be changing, slowly but imperceptibly, and the Tory campaign appears to be suffering the effects of the anti-Peckford sentiment.

The feeling that there was no alternative seems to be in a process of displacement. And coming gradually is the opinion that Newfoundlanders cannot allow the Peckford administration to continue in office, at least not with the whopping majority that it now enjoys.

The change is happening in the districts where many relatively low-profile candidates are proving themselves to be acceptable to the voters. As they made their door to door rounds, people who were willing to reluctantly give the premier and his government another mandate even though they felt he didn't deserve it, are taking a second look at the other candidates.

The news media coverage of the expression of dissatisfaction by teachers and labor leaders seems to be causing people to think about Peck-

ford's promises. They are being forced to face the question: What has the administration done be-

It may not be a runaway

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sides compromise for an Atlantic Accord, which appears to fall short of Peckford's promise to get everything for Newfoundland. Obviously the promise did not include refining the raw product in this province.

The unrest within the labor ranks appears to be translating into active involvement in campaigns mainly for the New Democratic Party but also for the Liberals. Much of the teacher dissatisfaction seems to be resulting in involvement by teachers

in supporting Liberal candidates. And people generally, faced with the prospects of higher taxes, more unemployment and generally depressing economic conditions, are starting to realize the Peckford government has done nothing substantial for them. And they could say no to him in dramatic manner at the polls.

A smouldering fire has to erupt into flame when it is fed with the right fuel. That seems to be happening in Newfoundland with the current election campaign halfway through. If Liberal leader Barry returns from the mainland with the right advertising campaign, it could mean the difference in a Tory win or defeat, at least a close election. Barry has the potential to make it if the anti-Peckford feeling can be set against a vibrant positive image of the leader through the ad campaign.

It is doubtful if many will be willing to place bets April 1 on the outcome of this election.

Most will feel safer waiting a day for the results.



Voters of Newfoundland and Labrador:

The Liberal Party has a program and policies to ensure the development of our Province over time...BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT JUST CANNOT WAIT!

For example, we CANNOT have the unemployed put on hold for a year to wait for a royal commission; we must act on electricity rates NOW; fishing communities NEED a positive decision that their plants will stay open.

Therefore, we Liberals have an ACTION PLAN that will be put in place STARTING THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION — if that is your wish. You have the opportunity to decide. It is your decision alone.

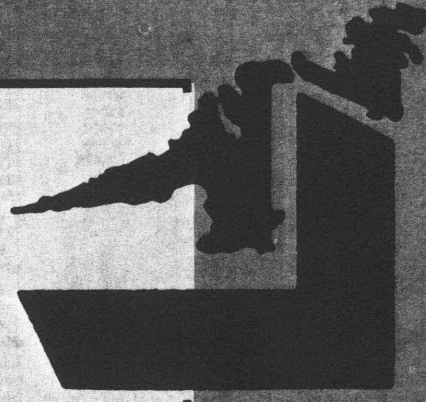
Sincerely,
LEO BARRY

ACTION NOW

action

The Liberal Program

- * FREEZE Electricity Rates and remove the Fuel Adjustment Charge
- * ABOLISH the Royal Commission on Unemployment, use \$1 million savings to create jobs
- * REDUCE Retail Sales Tax to at least 10%
- * GUARANTEE young people finishing school a job for at least two years
- * ELIMINATE unfair system of School Taxes
- * KEEP all fish plants open
- * WIPE OUT 0-0 wage freeze and restore Collective Bargaining



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PECKFORD PROMISES 40,500 NEW JOBS

This headline
says it all!

"Premier Peckford today announced a five-year job creation program which he said will create 40,500 jobs over the next five years."

— Evening Telegram, June 6, 1979

**Where are those jobs
Mr. Peckford?

And why
a jobs mandate now?**

Another study

The premier called a press conference Monday to express his concern. His solution? Another study, this time a Royal Commission which has been given 12 months to complete the task...

Surely the premier realizes action is needed now, especially on youth unemployment.

Liberal leader Leo Barry probably said it best: "The unemployed have been 'put on hold.'"

Does the premier have ulterior motives in setting up this Royal Commission? — Evening Telegram, January 16, 1985.

Out of control

...It is obvious the provincial government is unable to sufficiently control its expenditures so that borrowing can be reduced.

With the highest taxes in the country and the highest rate of unemployment, Newfoundlanders are wondering what the future holds. Because government has been unable to keep up with the day-to-day expenses of operating the province, it is unlikely to have money for much job creation and services will continue to suffer.

Through all this, Newfoundlanders have been told to dream about a world of oil development which is beginning to look less and less the huge economic bubble it was predicted to be. And how far off it is, is anybody's guess. - Western Star, November 24, 1984.