

Dear Sir:

*Letter written
To Calgary Herald
and published*

The reporters are criticizing the W.C.C. because they aren't immediately choosing a Party leader. Reporters feel that we must accept what they call "the facts of modern political life" - that we must just all follow a glamorous leader. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XX~~ In view of the mess that this kind of modern thinking has produced lately, it hardly seems an ideal model to copy. It was the press who emphasized Trudeau's charisma originally.

The W.C.C. party is attempting to build a political party which gives government back to the people rather than making it the tool of a political party.

Canadians saddled with a vague difficult but safe Constitutional Convention as opposed to the rigid written Constitution of the United States lost interest in their government. This is especially true of Westerners who, in effect, are voteless federally. They left government up to the politicians and failed to realize that it was inevitable that the politicians would come to believe it was their government and the voter merely had to be charmed or bribed at election time.

W.C.C. believes a political party is not a well-oiled machine producing only glamorous personalities but must be a party where the choices will largely rest with the voter.

To produce a new political party is a difficult task and unfortunately, there is not a lot of time.

Canadians are desperate for an improvement in government but the improvement will not be just changing from one old line party leader to another more glamorous one, it will have to be better than that. We must change our philosophy of government back to government by the people.

W.C.C. is attempting to do this - needed is people's involvement and patience, not merely criticism from the press.

It will require a truly strong government to stand up to Trudeau's "controlled state." Lougheed has lately collaborated too much.

A grass roots party is a strong party. Alberta can produce such a party. We have in the past. We had the first Farmer's government in the world, the first Social Credit Government in the world and in its way, young Peter Lougheed's Conservative party was unique once in Liberal Canada. We prospered under those political parties and it was the parties that counted, not the leaders. ~~AND IT WAS THE PARTIES~~
~~AIMS & PRINCIPALS & CONCERNS THAT WERE VITAL.~~

W.C.C. is putting together a truly grass roots party. In the smooth political machines no one ever hears of the political differences, ~~xxxx~~ The very nature of a grass roots party is one of allowable differences, in fighting until the majority rules. But how much safer ~~this~~ this is than the smooth take over of today's political party created by ad campaigns and glamourized leaders. After all, Albertans are concerned more about eating than getting political entertainment.

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Dear John

Here's the letter -
try many different
papers. "Alberta report"
first, then Herald & Sun
& one to Edmonton
journal addressed to
Patrick Callaghan. Publisher
& the weeklies

You will note it
is signed "M. Starr."
That was a "Nom de Plume"
I used in the magazine.
It's my Indian name
Princess "Morning Star"
so in a way it is

my name. ~~But~~ The
Alberta Reports have
once before published
a letter under that
name. But a new name
may create new interest
See you on the 7th

Ruth.

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August 6, 1982

Dear Ted Byfield:

What a wonderful writer you are and how I appreciate you.

This is a letter to you personally and not to the magazine. I am a sloppy and busy person but I have tried to take time to clarify an error you are operating under, that when Peter Lougheed says he can amend the present Constitution he is not telling us the whole truth, and in reality the amendment he got was no different than how we operated before. Like you, I am very fond of Peter. I stomped this Province making 80 speeches and collecting signatures of thousands of Albertans who simply requested Peter not to sign the Constitution. He spent money and got a Supreme Court decision that clearly stated he did not have to sign it. He could be like Quebec and not. Obviously Peter chose to sign it and did so, I guess, for return of his government's right to collect the revenues and not have the control of our non-renewable raw resources.

Also Peter did not have to sign the Energy Agreements. In my opinion he made his own Provincial Government wealthier but at the expense of ruining the individual's effort in that field. I only joined WCC after he did these two things.

The WCC is great in ideal potential but lousy in political experience. I agree Howard Thompson may be our only temporary hope. We have ambitious persons in the party who may or may not be acting either on their own interests or who have joined to disrupt the party. These are not persons with Mounty background. They are deliberately creating dissension. The political machine I mention is under the direction of one Pat Stein, pretending to assist Kesler, literally forced through the last convention, a slate of officers of their choosing and promotion. That, of course, is political reality and also they rejected a constitution which would have eliminated their points of conflict within their board, created a board of 26 directors, created intermediary zone directors and rejected direct representation from the grass roots constituency.

The board thus created has 26 members and if it can even decide when the next meeting is, I will be surprised. In my viewpoint chaos was deliberately encouraged by Mr. Stein and associates. It has to be either for his personal power or some other reason, however, I still have faith in Alberta's desperate need for a change and the sincerity and dedication of this funny little party. I am too old for any office (even if your son doesn't think so) and I know it, and will not be seeking one.

Your magazine has offered us such constructive criticism and leadership views that I personally am extremely grateful to you. For that reason I have written this long legal explanation as to the false statement you seem to have accepted regarding Peter getting us the right to amend our constitution. It is only an opinion but the wording itself of that and re actual numbers of the population would seem to refute Peter's statement.

People are bored to death with the constitution. When you are losing your job who gives a damn about law. Unfortunately, in my own opinion you are probably losing your job because laws allow actions to take place that are unnecessary. Western Canada is so rich in resources and people but it has been the actions of legislatures acting under the laws they pass that are reducing resources and discouraging people.

Hope you can read this long explanation. I am so grateful to the Byfields, Virginia and Ted.

Sincerely,

Ruth Gorman

Enclosure

Amending the Constitution is contained in Section 38(1) and requires first of all the agreement of the Senate, and secondly, two thirds of all of the Provinces of Canada that have at least 50% population of all the Provinces. There are exceptions for instance in boundaries and non renewable resources, however, it carefully says Parliament can enact laws but the law is Supreme, that is in Section 92 A 3.

At present, two thirds of all the Provinces would probably be seven, so if the four Western Provinces, the three Maritimes and if, in addition, they got the support of Newfoundland and recognized the Yukon and Northwest Territories, they unfortunately do not have the required 50% of the vote.

The only way the Constitution can ever be amended is if Ontario or Quebec as provinces vote with the of the seven Provinces or a combination of them. The chances of Ontario altering the Constitution are hopeless, and if Quebec's provincial government might be enticed to vote with the Western Provinces there could be a remote possibility of amending the Constitution. However, since they did not sign at that point it could be argued they could not amend. The Constitution does not say it applies only to the signers but it is my belief Quebec will not sign unless they get very heavy concessions from the West which gives same privileges as to the Federal Government as language rights, taxation, etc.

At present, if you include Quebec in the Constitution of Canada, because of the required 50% of Canada's total population that is necessary to amend the Constitution, Ontario and Quebec hold a complete veto over the Constitution at present. Possibly 100 years from now if we had a huge increase in population we could amend if we all unite. That fact is not possible in Lougheed's life so when he tells the people of Alberta that he got an amendment of the Constitution for them, in my opinion, by the very actual figures of population that are carefully stated in the Act, it would be impossible and therefore, a lie. For your convenience we quote you the section 38(1)

Part V - Procedure for Amending Constitution of Canada

- 38 - (1) An amendment to the Constitution of Canada may be made by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada where so authorized by
- (a) resolutions of the Senate and House of Commons; and
 - (b) resolutions of the legislative assemblies of at least two thirds of the provinces that have, in the aggregate, according to the then latest general census, at least fifty percent of the population of all the provinces.

We can object to the amendment as being made in the future, but we cannot change the Constitution as it is unless either Ontario or Quebec choose to amend it with us.

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June 24, 1981

Bonnie Vie
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Dear Bonnie:

Thank you for your concern about the proposed Constitution.
Enclosed are several copies of "Alert" for your use and distribution.
Please read the instructions on the attached clipping.

We are also organizing a Housewives Boycott League to
boycott the manufacturers of foods and household goods in protest
against the Constitution.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter we plan to use. Should you
wish to follow up on a boycott, please contact me.

Yours truly,

Ruth Gorman

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June 24, 1981

Doug Baxter
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Dear Doug:

Enclosed are several copies of "Alert" for your reading and distribution. Please read the instructions on the attached clipping.

We are organizing a Boycott League to boycott the manufacturers of foods and household goods in protest against the Constitution, and are organizing a meeting of Volunteers for the 6th of July. Would you or others be interested in attending such a meeting. If so, please call me at 263-8686.

Yours truly,

Ruth Gorman

Enclosures

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June 24, 1981

Irene Messenger
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Dear Irene:

Enclosed are ~~several~~ copies of "Alert" for your information and distribution.

We are organizing a Housewives Boycott League to boycott the eastern manufacturers of food and household goods. We need volunteers for this and plan a meeting on July 6th. Should you be interested, please call 263-8686.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours truly,

Ruth Gorman

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June 24, 1981

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Dear Mr./Mrs. Kober:

Thank you for your letter and for your concern in the Constitution.

Our immediate fight must be against the constitution, and all different approaches must be united. After that we can consider the future.

I have enclosed several copies of "Alert", which I would like you to read and distribute to people you know. Please follow the instructions on the clipping attached to the Alert.

We are organizing a Housewives Boycott League to boycott manufacturers of good and household goods in protest against the Constitution. Would you or others you know be interested in attending such a meeting on July 6th. If so, please call 263-8686. We need volunteers for this and for other activities as well.

Again thank you for your concern.

Yours truly,

Ruth Gorman

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June 24, 1981

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Dear Mr./Ms. Phillips:

Thank you for your recent letter and your concern about the proposed Constitution.

Enclosed are several copies of "Alert", which I would ask you to read and distribute to people you know. Please follow the instructions on the clipping attached to the Alert.

We are organizing a Housewives' Boycott League to boycott the manufacturers of goods and household goods in protest against the Constitution. Should you be interested in organizing such a league, please contact me again for information on how to organize such a league.

Yours truly,

Ruth Gorman

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June 24, 1980

Dr. Carl J. Reich
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Dear Dr. Reich:

Thank you for the copy of your letter dated June 10th, to Garth Stephenson. I would like to suggest that you make your submissions shorter.

Enclosed are ten copies of "Alert" regarding the proposed Constitution. Please distribute them or use them, following the instructions on the attached clipping.

We are also organizing a Housewives Boycott League to boycott the manufacturers of foods and household goods in protest against the Constitution. Should you or others be interested in attending a meeting on July 6th regarding this, please phone me at 263-8686.

Yours truly,

Ruth Gorman

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June 24, 1981

Mr. J. Martin
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your letter of May 4th which is very interesting.

At the present time our most important concern is to fight the Constitution.

All different approaches in Western Canada must be presented in a united front.

With our most important fight being the Constitution, would you please read and distribute copies of the attached "Alert" to people you know.

Yours truly,

Ruth Gorman

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P. S.

We are organizing a Housewives Boycott League to boycott the manufacturers of food and household goods in protest against the Constitution. We plan a meeting for July 6th. Would you or others be interested in such a meeting? We need volunteers. If so, please call me at 263-8686.