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Emphasis put on prevention

Liberals unveil 62-point plan

for the reorganization of the prevince's social services was unveiled by Liberal leader Charles Huband and two party candidates at a press conference Friday.

candidate in Riel, said the program will overcome the current "crisis fixation" in social services by emphasiz-

A 62-point program calling ing prevention and will attempt to lavelye comme tles and families.

Unless such a program is adopted, Greene said, the province will face ress conference Friday. bankruptcy in social services. Charles Greene, Liberal both in costs and effective within the next dec-

> An example, he said, is the child welfare budget which

and doubled in the four succooding 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 rograms drastically. "Manitoba is on a disaster

course in social services. Unleas 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 surnested no plans for the future of social services.

Greens 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 probs from occurring. This will result in "an eventual saving in cost and human tragedy."

The program includes spe cific proposals in the areas of crisis and preventive programs for children, marital and parenting support services, elderly citizens' ser-vices 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 de-

• Further development and improvement of day

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and iffur-school programs.

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

• Creation of a task force an 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 dving...

Lyon says card-carryin

BY ÄLICE KRUEGER

DUGALD, Man .- Pronive Conservative lead Sterling Lyon accused that Schreyer government Friday of representing only those Manitobans who are card-carrying members of the New Democratic Party.

The only people the NDP respresent are the once who carry their particular card and nobody else," he told an enthusiastic crowd of more than 300 at a public mos 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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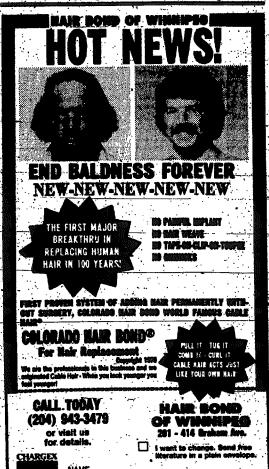
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Ruling called gigantic mess By DEBRIE SPROAT

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 Manito-

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 ultravires, 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

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 Con vative candidate Warren Steen and New Democratic candidate Muriel Smith.

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