

# Corruption crusader defies law to speak in Acton

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Canada's self-styled corruption fighter Glen Kealey held a small Acton crowd spellbound Friday night with allegations of bribery and kickbacks in the Prime Minister's office and preferential treatment given to politicians by the RCMP.

With an "Impeach Mulroney" button on his lapel and a stack of "Bank of Baloney" \$3 bills in his pocket, Kealey greeted the crowd at the Acton Curling Club with "Welcome to the Revolution," and began a two-hour tale of alleged corruption involving the Prime Minister's office and senior police.

In a two-hour talk arranged by the Libertarian Party of Canada, Kealey outlined sensational information—his unofficial transcripts of court testimony given last summer by witnesses including one former Progressive Conservative Cabinet minister and senior RCMP officers. By law The Tanner can't publish the information because the corruption allegations are the subject of an on-going Ontario Provincial Police investigation.

The testimony resulted in charges being laid against 13 Conservatives and three senior RCMP

and former RCMP officers. Ontario's Attorney-General withdrew charges against 15 of the accused, leaving only charges against Roch LaSalle of conspiracy to commit fraud and soliciting a bribe from Kealey. The OPP were also instructed to examine the testimony and do a full investigation.

"This is very important," Kealey said. "Contrary to what the media from Ottawa has reported, no charges were ever dropped. Dropping is a legal term which means you cannot reinstate."

Kealey speaks in defiance of a gag order. "What I am doing is criminal. Everyone knows there's something wrong. What they don't have is the details. By making the rounds of Canada I add to information each group has."

Once a successful Hull, Quebec businessman, Kealey went public with a claim four years ago that former public works minister Roch LaSalle had demanded a \$5,000 bribe from him in exchange for a federal lease. By making a public stink, Kealey says he lost his partners and all his assets. He also lost his home and his wife. He began picketing on Parliament Hill, shouting insults at Brian

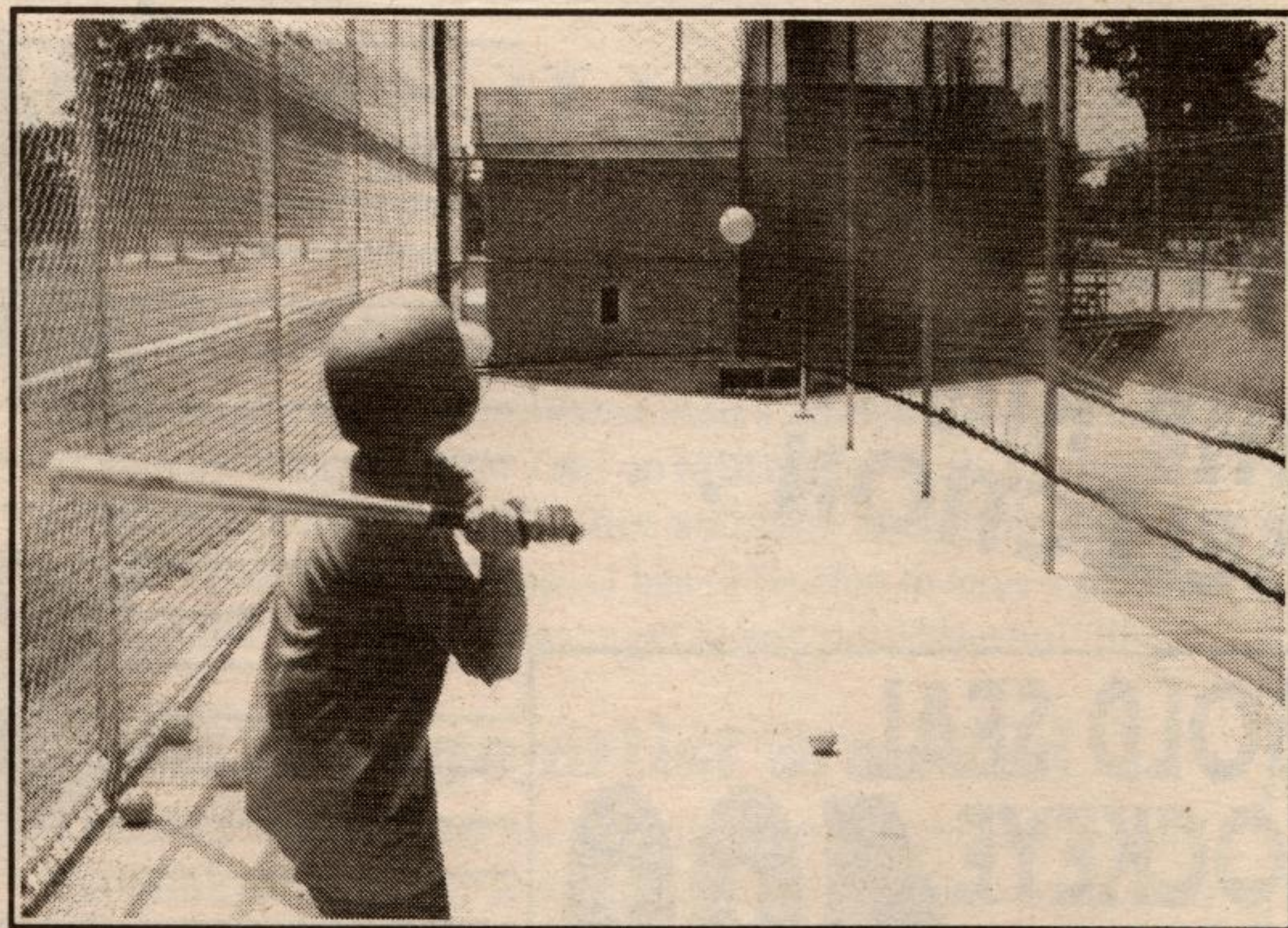
Mulroney and other senior Conservatives.

Kealey admits he has become a tourist attraction but says he will stay on Parliament Hill and continue telling his story until justice is done.

"I am not a Libertarian Party member. I used to be a director of the Conservative Party of Canada. I am no longer a member of any political party. I go anywhere in Canada when I am invited. I will speak to any group except to organized crime and the Tory government, two operations I consider to be comparable and the same," Kealey said.

Despite the OPP investigation Kealey is convinced that the government of Ontario is helping the Mulroney government keep a lid on the whole affair so he continues to travel the country with his story.

Acton resident John Shadbolt, deputy provincial leader of the Libertarian Party, admitted that "at first I thought he was a nut. You don't want to believe that this could happen in Canada. But after listening to Kealey and seeing the files I believe what he is saying is true." ■



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## Written decisions expected

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RSI lawyer Michael Jeffrey told the board the opponents are trying to convince them to decide the acceptability of the environmental assessment without hearing any supporting evidence.

"It is our submission that there is no threshold issue with respect to compliance that the board is required to make before holding a hearing. We are not dealing with a one-line document or a telephone book with the words 'environment assessment' written on the cover and put before this tribunal for approval," Jeffrey argued.

"We are dealing with a process that started over six years ago resulting in documentation that

was formally submitted by RSI in February, 1989. Documentation that underwent formal review for over 34 months and documentation that has been scrutinized by the present Minister of Environment in reaching her decision not to order the proponent to investigate alternate sites."

The three-member preliminary hearing board is expected to release a written decision at a later date. There appear to be three options: to support any or all of the motions and deny a full hearing, to support the motions but allow RSI to gather more evidence to support its case, or to deny the motions and schedule a full hearing on the application. ■

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