

Defense Minister Paul Hellyer Addresses Liberal Gathering

Canada's Minister of National Defence, the Honorable Paul Hellyer, fired facts, figures and optimism at an audience of more than 250 when he spoke at the annual meeting of the Halton County Liberal Association on Saturday, March 19.

The strapping six-foot-plus minister spiced his 40-minute address with humor and interesting facts, and earned a standing ovation from the obviously impressed audience.

Mr. Hellyer, elected to Parliament at the age of 25 and a cabinet minister at the age of 33, is prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, as head of the Liberal Party.

Blanket Insurance

That "Munsinger Affair" which has prompted headlines throughout the world drew slight mention from Mr. Hellyer when he suggested, "members in Parliament Hill needed blanket insurance coverage last week." He pointed out, "all members on both sides of the house felt the sooner the affair was out of the house the better."

"The great majority of members are dedicated public servants who work hard for the people they represent, and it is sad to think that so many Canadians believe that what happened last week in the house is the norm rather than the exception," he indicated.

The Munsinger Affair, Mr. Hellyer suggested, pointed out once again the need for a permanent speaker in the house. And his nominee for the post is the current speaker Maurice Lamoureux. He suggested a permanent speaker would have more control over the house and could act with complete impartiality. He described Mr. Lamoureux' handling of the Munsinger Affair in the house as "superb".

Blurred Division

A Minister of National Defence Mr. Hellyer has been in charge of the integration of Canada's land, sea and air forces into one unit. He stated there was a definite need to integrate the three forces since, "in recent years the division of land, sea and air has been blurred." He mentioned the combined operations of all forces in some instances in the second world war, and noted in Cyprus all three forces are working together.

From an economic standpoint it was also reasonable to unite the forces, he said. There was definite over-lapping of materials in many instances and what was considered as surplus material by one unit was being requisitioned by another unit at the same time.

Independence

Answering his question "Do you want Canada to be an independent nation?" he said, "my answer is a resounding yes." He continued, "Some people don't want Canada to be independent but I do, I believe in Canada and I'm proud to be a Canadian. I think that by staying independent Canada can do things that it couldn't do if it wasn't independent."

Mr. Hellyer said he was pleased to be in Halton County and he praised the work of the local M.P., Dr. Harry Harley. "Harry is doing a tremendous job in Ottawa, and it is good to have him working with us during these trying days," he said.

Learn to Share

"We have another think coming if we believe the disparity between east and west can continue; we'll have to learn to share," he remarked.

The Minister pleaded to Canadians to have more faith in their country and asked them to invest more money in Canada and "take more risks and develop more radical investment attitudes."

Speaking of the troubles between Quebec and the rest of the nation Mr. Hellyer said, "we must learn to live together." He stated, "our confederates in Quebec opted for the Independence of Canada in 1776 and 1812. Differences there will always be," he continued, "but we must learn to live together through LOVE, because the future of our country is at stake and even more than that for if Canada can't do it, what hope is there for the world?"

Scores Pessimism

Describing himself as a "congenital optimist" (one who was born an optimist and will die an optimist), Mr. Hellyer stated, "there is too much pessimism about today. Canada has everything it needs to play a great part in the world of today — this is our challenge, not to rest on the laurels of the past or worry about the problems of the future and use the tools we have available."

Mr. Hellyer talked about the future and described Canada as "this great country of ours." He spoke of the "big '67 Centennial Celebrations" and noted the armed forces would have two groups touring the country and joining together for Mammoth shows at the C.N.E. and Expo '67.

On the topic of a Canadian Constitution, Mr. Hellyer hinted, "I don't think it's within the competence of man to write a document as suitable 100 years later as it was when it is written." He suggested there was a great need to look at the constitution and make it applicable to current times.

Top Judges

Four local people scored high in the 16th annual All-Canadian Judging Competition sponsored by the Canadian Guernsey Breeders Association.

John McNabb, Georgetown was the high Ontario resident with 150 points. He had one of the few perfect scores in picking the All-Canadian and he also had four of the reserve award winners in their correct places.

The other high scorers from this area were J. D. Cameron, Norval, with 132 points; Mrs. Hartley Cameron, Norval, with 125 points; Mrs. J. L. Chisholm, Milton, with 112 points. Top score in the contest was 165.

Humiliation: a sudden shrinking to your normal proportions.

Charge Conflict of Interest

Allow Four Gravel, Quarry Licences

Despite a conflict of interest charge by Deputy-Reeve William Hoey and councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur, a motion approving the issuing of four gravel pit and quarry licences was passed at Nassagaweya Township council meeting, Monday, March 21.

A decision on issuing gravel pit and quarry licences in the township has been hanging fire for several weeks, but a motion proposed by councillor Ross Gordon and seconded by councillor William Mahon received the support of Reeve William Coulter and was passed, three votes to two. Deputy-Reeve Hoey and councillor MacArthur voted against the motion.

Both Deputy-Reeve Hoey and councillor MacArthur declared at the outset of the discussion they believed councillor Mahon should not be allowed to vote on the matter since he is the owner of a gravel pit.

No Seconder

Councillor Gordon indicated he had prepared a separate motion covering Mr. Mahon's gravel pit, but had decided not to propose it, because he didn't think he should ask Mr. Mahon to second it and he didn't feel either Mrs. MacArthur or Mr. Hoey would second the motion.

Mr. Hoey declared, "I'm not prepared to say whether or not Mr. Mahon can second a motion dealing with gravel pits, but I do believe he shouldn't be allowed to vote on the matter."

Mr. Mahon defended his right to second the motion that did not concern his gravel pit, by stating, "the \$2 fee was never meant as a source of income for the township — in Burlington, they don't even have a permit fee." The source of income is from the assessment derived from the pits and quarries, he said, and noted the taxes derived from the major pits and quarries is about one-third of the amount received from Mohawk Raceway.

Truck Problems

The councillor continued, "if we're going to do anything about these pits and quarries, there's no use antagonizing them by not issuing the permits — they're going to continue anyway." Mr. Mahon indicated he had visited the area usually affected by blasting, and they had indicated they were more concerned with the rumbling of large trucks past their doorways than by the blasting.

Councillor MacArthur interjected, "see now, they create two nuisances, one by the blasting and the other by the trucks — if there were no quarries, there wouldn't be nearly as many trucks."

Councillor Gordon stated, "there's a lot more traffic from Mohawk Raceway than there ever was from the trucks, and no one seems to complain."

Four Issued

Permission to issue permits to Milton Quarry, Walter Simmons, Gordon McPhail and D. H. McMillan, was granted. A request from Donmar for a permit was withheld "at this time."

A meeting of council with pit and quarry operators has been tentatively set for either Tuesday, March 29, or Wednesday, March 30.

The Difference

"Honestly, Mr. Gordon, some-

times I wonder if you know the difference between a truck and a car." Mrs. MacArthur fired back.

Reeve William Coulter considered the matter of gravel pits and quarries as being "a matter of vital importance." He said he didn't want to put the township in the position that assessment might be lost because the permits weren't granted.

He suggested again the need for a meeting with gravel pit and quarry operators so that "some of these nuisances might be relieved." He indicated also, "these licences should be considered because of the assessment angle — refusing them a license is no reasonable excuse for loss of assessment."

Argument on Fee

Mrs. MacArthur answered, "we never at any time indicated a licence shouldn't be issued — it was the fee I argued about."

Deputy-Reeve Hoey pressed for an early meeting with the operators because "we know there is a prepayment opposition." He objected to the passing of the motion because "we'll be in a poorer position if we grant licences and then talk to them about it."

Councillor Gordon agreed there was a need for the meeting but suggested, "we won't settle this thing with one meeting. I'm doubtful if we'd get it done this year."

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CORDA Meeting Thurs. To Hear Dr. E. G. Pleva

A national authority on Regional Economic Development, Dr. Edward G. Pleva, Professor and Director of the Geography Department, University of Western Ontario, has consented to give a keynote address to the founding conference of the proposed Central Ontario Regional Development Association at Richmond Hill, Thursday evening, March 31.

Representatives of local municipalities will attend and will be asked to indicate their municipality's attitude toward forming a four-county league of municipal government in Halton, Peel, York and Ontario Counties.

Councillor W. G. Reaume of Oakville is provisional vice-chairman of the group. Mayor Les Dudy of Acton and Reeve William Coulter of Nassagaweya are among those on the organizational executive.

A \$15,000 annual administrative grant is available from the Ontario Government and member municipalities will contribute an additional \$35,000.

Halton County's share would

Girls Studying

The fifth meeting of the Scotch Block Lassies was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Irving on March 26. The discussion was on the theme of Party Ideas. The girls gave their views on different ideas for parties. After a short snack, notes were given on Being a Happy Hostess, The Duties of a Hostess and Her Guests.

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