

Learn to Live Together, Set World Example - Hellyer

"No one of any political party could take satisfaction in the events of the last week in the House of Commons," Hon. Paul Hellyer, Minister of National Defence, told Halton County Liberals at their annual meeting at the Hornby Towers Golf Club Saturday night.

The Defence Minister was the after-dinner speaker for the occasion, and was introduced by Halton's Member of Parliament, Dr. Harry Harris.

He lamented the turn of events saying it created the impression this was normal rather than the exception. "The majority of public servants are dedicated to doing the best they can for their country," he added.

He suggested the British practice of appointing a permanent speaker of the house, should be adopted in Canada, since with no electorate to face, the Minister contended the Speaker could be completely impartial.

He advocated more Canadian investments in Canada. "We have to take more risks," he urged, "there are other things to invest in besides banks, insurance companies and bonds, let's get our head and feet out of the concrete of the thirties."

He contended that Canada's political independence would be in jeopardy if the trend to outside ownership continued.

Mr. Hellyer, the man behind the integration of Canada's armed forces, stated that Canada was out in front in this regard.

"In the past," he explained, "one force would be releasing fully skilled men, while another was recruiting the same skills. One would be declaring equipment surplus, while the other

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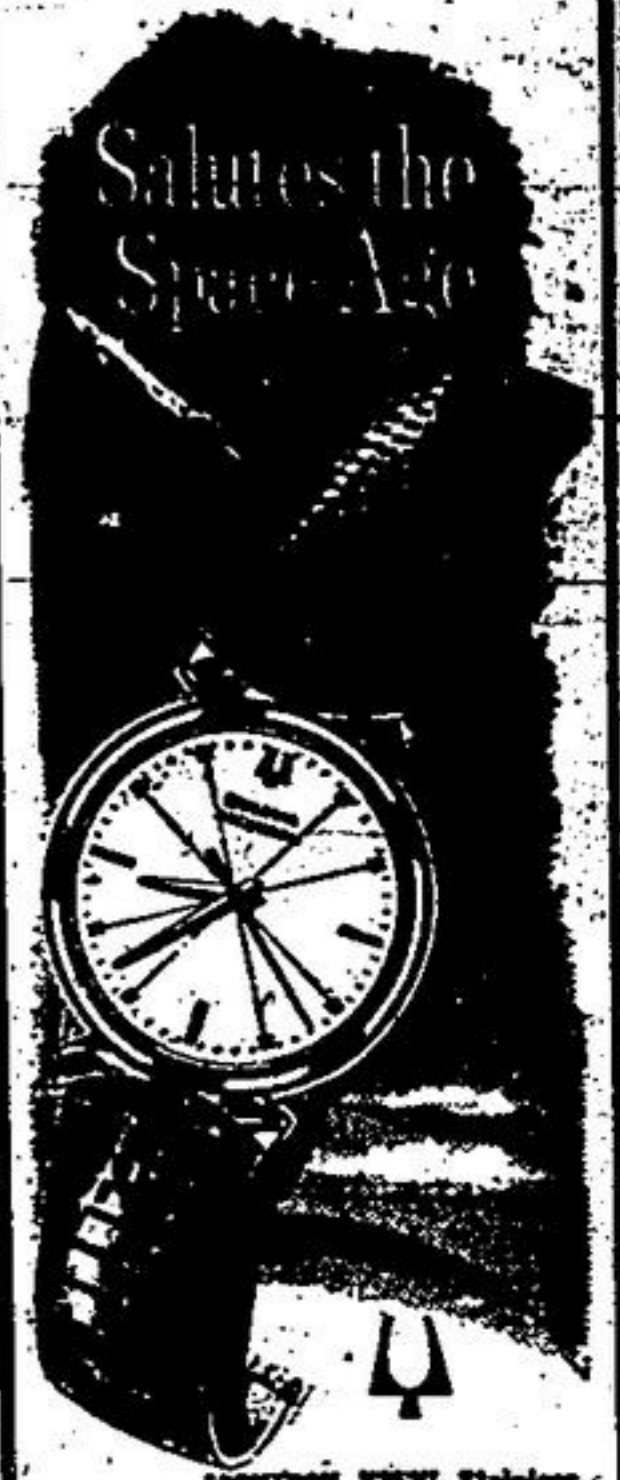
was re-equipping." He claimed that General Eisenhower, Mr. Arthur and Mountbatten all concluded that three services in this day, didn't make sense.

He felt automation should be looked upon as a blessing rather than a curse, and advocated the increased goods and services be shared all over the world. "We cannot get away with the disparity between the East and the West for another century," he stated, "and we can do something about it if we want to badly enough."

In conclusion the Minister stressed the importance of learning to live together. "We have race, religion and language differences inherent in our country, if we can't prove it's possible to live together, what hope is there for the world," he demanded.

Owen Mullen of Burlington thanked the speaker, and was followed by brief remarks by John Morrison, M.P. for Wentworth, and by Bob Blake, President of the Halton County Liberal Association.

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ORATORS CARRY THEIR SCHOOL'S HOPES IN SPEAK-OFF.

YOUNG PUBLIC SPEAKERS who won speaking contests in their own schools are: from left, Kim Redding of George Kennedy, Julia Rundle of Park, Farley Helfant of Howard Wriggleworth, Donna Llewellyn of Glen Williams, Rosemary Young of Brookville school, Pamela Norton of Glen Williams, Gary Dicks of Chapel St., Grace Bird of Stewarttown, David Dunbar of Brookville and Bruce Stockfish of Harrison. They competed in an Inspectorate final in Howard Wrigglesworth auditorium last week won by Farley Helfant and Pamela Norton.

Thomas Plunkett: The Man With The Magnifying Glass

The man who listened most intently while communities and organizations in Halton County presented their briefs on the county's future this week is Thomas J. Plunkett, head of the research and consulting firm of T. J. Plunkett Associates Ltd.

Mr. Plunkett was chosen last year by the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs to conduct a local government needs study in Halton and Peel counties.

Public hearings in Halton commenced Tuesday morning and concluded at noon today. Last week Mr. Plunkett received

briefs presented by Peel County communities and organizations.

Since the establishment of his own firm four years ago he has undertaken consulting assignments for municipal governments in nine of the ten Provinces of Canada and also in the Northwest Territories. He has also undertaken international assignments.

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Mr. Plunkett has also completed consulting assignments for the Government of Canada and some of the Provincial govern-

ments. In this connection he served as a consultant to the Royal Commission on Government Organization (the Glasco Commission) has completed a study of municipal finance for the Province of Nova Scotia, and served as principal technical advisor to the Royal Commission on Metropolitan Toronto. He is currently undertaking an assignment as a Special Commissioner to inquire into and report upon local government organization involving 17 municipalities in the Counties of Peel and Halton.

Presbyterians Eye Future—Would Acquire Building Land

An intention to acquire parcels of land throughout the Presbytery with a view to long-range development of new congregations was determined by the new Presbytery of Brampton of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at a meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Port Credit, on Tuesday, March 15.

At the same time a policy to consider the commencing of new work in the spirit of cooperation with other churches was agreed upon.

Plans for the organization of a Young People's Council for the new Presbytery were indicated. An executive will be elected and later installed at a rally for all young people in Norval Presbyterian Church, April 3.

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