

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

COMMENTS OF HALTON RIDING'S FEDERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

MURRAY KERNIGHAN - NDP

Murray Kernighan, Halton NDP candidate, has voiced disapproval of the purchase of P.L. Robertson Company by American interests.

Speaking to the election committee of the Halton New Democrats Mr. Kernighan called attention to a story in The Globe & Mail describing the purchase of P.L. Robertson by Procor Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of a Chicago firm. P.L. Robertson is one of the largest screw manufacturers in Canada and has a large plant in Milton.

Mr. Kernighan called the move "another example of the increasing domination of our business and industrial community by American interests" and attacked what he called the "unilateral acceptance of US domination" by Conservative and Liberal governments of the past 2 decades.

"The Liberal government commissioned Walter Gordon to do a report on the problem," the NDP candidate said. "He reported that the situation was serious and drastic action was needed immediately. What's happened to the report? It seems to have gone the way of the Carter Report on taxation."

"An NDP government would move immediately to stop this process, and would institute long-range programs to regain control by Canadians of Canadian industry. For example, when private enterprises simply couldn't compete with US capital an NDP government would buy back Canadian firms now under American ownership and would gradually purchase Canadian firms available for sale and in danger of falling into American hands."

Mr. Kernighan said, "Take Milton as an example. How many of the industries here are Canadian owned. The answer is, two or three. The rest are subsidiaries of American interests. It's about time action was taken. The Liberals won't. The Conservatives won't. But we will."

PETER McWILLIAMS - P.C.

Calling for a review of all government welfare schemes, Conservative candidate Peter McWilliams said Wednesday the current ones are a waste of Canada's economic resources.

Repeating earlier attacks on the Liberal government, McWilliams said it is made up of "175" administrators who support schemes which aren't conducive to a sound financial base.

Among these he mentioned Canada's unemployment insurance fund, and the government's pension plan.

He said many of these schemes were conceived in the years during and after the depression and are no longer appropriate in the same form as they were when introduced.

Mr. Kernighan continued, "This is not anti-Americanism. It is simply pro-Canadianism. Procor is a good industrial citizen in Oakville and virtually all employees are Canadian. But the fact remains that if an executive in Chicago decides tank cars or water softeners can be made cheaper there and exported to Canada, then we have no say. And a good percentage of the profits go into American pockets. This situation will also exist for P.L. Robertson when the sale goes through."

"How long has it since you've been in Santa Claus," he asked a group of about 90 campaign workers and supporters at a noon luncheon for former Conservative cabinet minister Dave Filton.

The luncheon was held at the Hornby Towers Golf Club, the

"I wonder if the taxpayers in Canada still think the government is Santa Claus," he exclaimed.

He said in his travels around the county he has asked constituents if they can afford an all-encompassing medicare scheme, which he estimated will cost about \$1 billion.

"I haven't found any yet who can," he said.

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RUD WHITING - LIB.

A Conservative victory in the June 25 federal election would be a sad day for Canada because of Tory policies on national unity, Halton Liberal candidate Rud Whiting said Thursday.

As an example of the way welfare programs might be improved, McWilliams suggested taxpayers' money in the Canada Pension Plan would be better invested if it went into a fund to provide easy mortgages. At the moment these funds are invested in government bonds.

McWilliams spent the day manhandling in various centres throughout the county with Filton.

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Whiting accused Conservative leader Robert Stanfield of "attempting to woo Quebec" by winning himself with people who believe in associate statehood.

Whiting's comments came during his first formal meeting with the press since his nomination two weeks ago. The reception was held in Oakville's Holiday Inn.

He explained what he has been doing in the riding since his nomination and outlined his views on several major issues.

Backing the Prime Minister's stated position he said he too believes in "one Canada."

The only special right which the people of Quebec should have is consideration for the French language, he said.

The Liberals are the only party which has a program that can solve the national unity issue, he added.

In his travels around the riding he said he has found that the issue of utmost concern to the electorate is national unity. This extends to the older teenage element which he said he finds is becoming more involved in things political than ever before.

He went on to say, however, that the Trudeau appeal "will help the Liberals form good policies for Canada."

He announced that the Prime Minister is expected in Halton June 11, 14 or 19 although it is too early to tell exactly which date.

'Pit Check' Delays Cub Trip from Buffalo Zoo

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Buses carrying the Cubs plus 53 leaders and parents on their Cubaire trip to Buffalo Zoo were to have returned to the Georgetown Market by 6 p.m. in time for the tired sight-seers to be whisked home to supper and probably an early bed. They had been away from home since the fleet of coaches left the plaza at about 9:30 — an hour late to start because of a mix up in pickup instructions.

"I can understand the parents at home being concerned, but I do know the boys were in good spirits all the time and enjoyed the day," said Mrs. Barrager.

When they finally rolled into the plaza over 14 hours later, parents were anxious and explanations were conflicting.

She said one of the loaded buses developed clutch troubles on the return trip and this contributed to the delay.

"The answer is a simple one — assistant district commissioner Mrs. Darlene Barrager told The Herald Tuesday. "All buses must have a 'pit check' to carry people in the United States," she explained. "If it is a coach this check can be done here. If it is a school bus it must be done in the States. Upon applying for the permit and notifying the authorities that we were coming, arrangements were made to have a man meet the buses at the zoo, where they were taken to a garage to be checked over while the Cubs visited the cages."

Eight Cub groups from Georgetown as well as groups from Glen Williams, Norval, Ballinafad, Scotch Block and Acton made the trip.

"This should have taken 15 to 20 minutes per bus, and we had six. But there was a problem with one of the buses and the authorities would not release any of the vehicles until this was completed. As it grew later and it became apparent the repair could not be completed, the buses were released with the stipulation that no passengers be carried on the bus which did not pass inspection."

Steam Train Didn't Stop in Georgetown

Mrs. Barrager said if passengers had been allowed to board that bus, all the vehicles would have been impounded, and so its passengers were divided among the remaining five buses.

"Neither the drivers nor the leaders in charge knew anything about the regulations until they were met at the zoo by 8:20 p.m."

Steam train buffs had to be alert to catch a glimpse of Canadian National Railways' last operating steam locomotive, No. 6121, when it slipped through town twice Saturday.

The excursion train carrying steam train fans didn't stop on either its morning run through here shortly after 9 or the return to Union Station at about 11:30 a.m.

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