

Rud talks on White Paper, emancipation of women

Defend govt. document disagrees with parts

Prime Minister Trudeau deliberately provoked public discussion of the White Paper but Halton M.P. Rud Whiting wonders if he would have done it knowing ahead of time the heat it would generate.

Speaking to the Chamber of Commerce dinner audience at the new Acton Meadows golf course dining room Wednesday night, Mr. Whiting told the audience he personally received as many as 300 letters a day from Halton constituents over the controversial paper "which individuals condemned in total because they were affected by one item."

Several letters contained constructive suggestions and criticism. "These were passed on to the Minister of Finance," said Whiting.

However, he told the mixed audience that Canadians were not as aware that proposals for tax reform as contained in the White Paper were merely proposals for discussion. They would be reviewed and changed where necessary before tax reforms were implemented.

In total, the Halton M.P. defended the concepts of the White Paper but admitted there were aspects with which he didn't agree. He described the White Paper as aiming at the fair distribution of the tax burden based on the ability to pay.

But even after six months of almost daily exposure to the White Paper, Mr. Whiting said he still did not consider himself an authority on the subject. It would be presumptuous to do so, he said when many of the leading economists and

accountants don't agree on the proposals.

Three main points emerged which Whiting felt created the most discussion. He said that because a business was incorporated didn't mean they should have a \$10,000 exemption. He also felt strongly about finding other means to help the small businessman.

The White Paper's intention is not to harm small businesses, Whiting said, but admitted there was a problem for the small businessman to get additional financing for growth.

"Gains should be taxed," he declared emphatically.

He felt there was a much greater chance of success for the document if the government abolished death taxes rather than reducing the capital gains tax. He also felt the proposed capital gains tax on the sale of homes was too restrictive under today's conditions.

Research in Halton indicated a \$1,000 exemption for every year of habitation was not enough. "Houses in Halton appreciate more than \$1,000 a year plus the \$150 a year in repairs allowed," he claimed. He



M. P. RUD WHITING accepts congratulations from Charlie Heard following his talk on the White Paper at Acton Meadows Golf Club last week. Stan Bowen mulls the problems over in his mind.—(Staff Photo)

suggested figures could be raised to several thousand without loss of revenue.

"This is the first time in the history of Canada and any free country when people have been able to participate in the formulation of tax policy," Mr. Whiting said, defending the government's tax policy.

The new proposals would take 750,000 people off the tax rolls, 3,100,000 people would pay much less taxes, 820,000 other people would remain about the same and 3,000,000 taxpayers would pay more.

"We've got to do something for the man earning \$3,500 a year and less," Whiting said. "If

we don't do something for the working poor, we'll have a situation in Canada the same as the United States revolt."

"I can take you five minutes from here and show you poverty," he told the audience. "I also receive many letters from people who can't make ends meet under today's conditions."

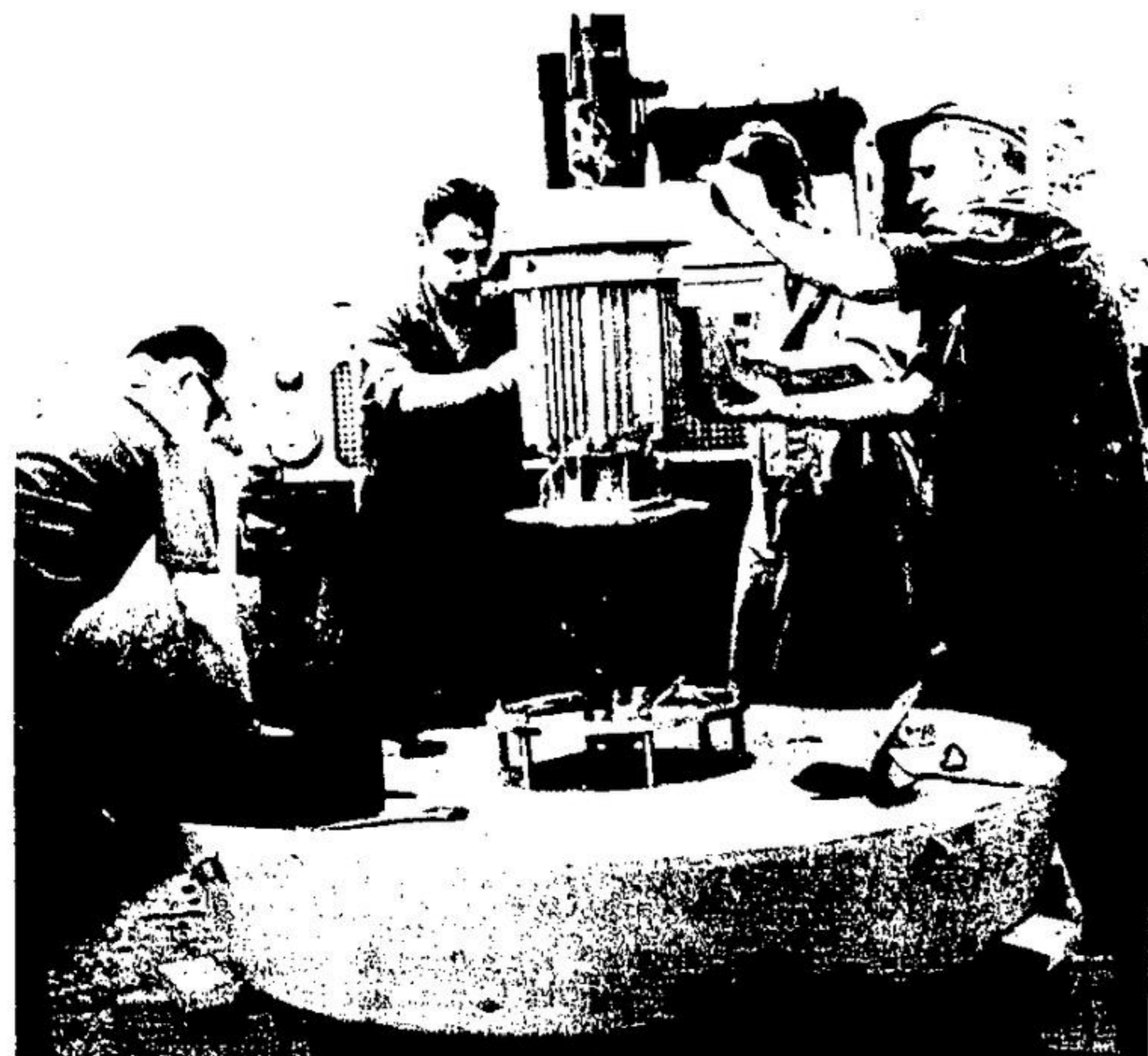
White Paper creeping socialism? Not so, said Whiting in the question period, unless a person believed any form of tax based on progressive rates was a form of socialism.

He was asked why the middle class would have to bear the brunt of the tax increases when they already bore the burden of the country's taxes. He replied the middle class in Canada were not the people who made \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year. According to statistics, only 7.5 per cent of the Canadian people filed income tax returns of \$10,000 a year or more. People in that bracket were upper middle class, the M.P. claimed.

"Will it stifle the initiative of a man with two children earning \$10,000 a year to pay \$17 a year more in taxes," he asked. If the extra revenue is produced with the reform it will be quite easy for the government to reduce taxes, Whiting claimed. Cutting out expense account living? Why, asked one questioner, when the

WIND DIRECTION is important when you are controlling odors. And Beardmore and Co. have installed new equipment this week which they hope will eliminate most of the odors which afflict parts of the town and district when the weather is hot and dry. See inside for pictures and story.—(Staff Photo)

Control odors with aerators



A CRANE MOVES the aerator into a float which is assembled prior to installation on the lagoon. Experiments conducted during the winter at the company laboratories indicated odors could be controlled if bacteria was given a chance to grow with constant aeration.—(Staff Photo)

Installation of three floating aerators on the main lagoon at the Beardmore and Company property along 25 Highway is expected to reduce odors from plant effluent appreciably, company president and general manager Norm Braids told the Free Press this week.

The machines, which are along the lines of giant hand mixers, were installed last week on the lagoon by company engineers and workmen.

Conditions for turning the floating aerators on immediately were not favorable, however, and it was undecided whether benefits would be immediate.

Experiments have been conducted through the winter in laboratories to determine how effective aeration would be on the effluent. The aerators consist of a motor-driven, underwater impeller which violently mixes and agitates contents of the lagoon to prevent deposition of solids and allows surface oxygen to be entrapped by liquid particles.

The action of the aerators induces growth and control of bacteria which control odors before the effluent is sprayed on the land.

The system is similar to the one used at the town water pollution control plant.

Real leaders in home

The feminist movement, as far as Halton M.P. Rud Whiting is concerned, does not include the women who chained themselves to seats in the public galleries of the Parliament Buildings to demand changes in abortion laws.

"It was not a happy sight," he told an audience of Chamber of Commerce members, their wives and other guests at the brand new dining hall at Acton Meadows golf course Wednesday night. It completely disrupted proceedings of Parliament.

Speaking to an audience stuffed with Chinese food, Mr. Whiting felt the women who took part in unsightly displays were a vocal minority. Most women did not want to take part or be leaders and as far as he is concerned those women who are content to stay at home are the real leaders of the feminist movement.

The Halton M.P. praised the role of the family in society since the family was the focal point from which all life emanates. The country depends on the family as the community reflects family life in broader terms.

The communities combined form the country. So, it is really the quality of the family which decides the role of the country, Mr. Whiting explained.

Tied in with family life was the art of diplomacy, which would solve many of the world's problems if it was practiced so the original meaning and purpose was not lost. Diplomacy in the home guided by reason and benevolence would help solve some awesome problems, Mr. Whiting said.

Emancipation of women? Mr. Whiting outlined the many careers open for women. One-third of Canada's work force is women.

Why can't they make it to the top? They make good teachers but few are principals, good cops but never chiefs, good union people but are seldom chairman of locals.

That is the real reason for the feminist movement, Mr. Whiting claimed.

"If the future president of the CNR and CPR was a woman," he told shirt-sleeved audience, "no doubt the trains would run on time and Acton would enjoy a full railway service."

"I know the part women play in politics. We'd be dead without them," Mr. Whiting continued in a final salute to Canada's women before he launched into the White Paper, billed as the leading subject for the dinner and dance sponsored by Acton Chamber of Commerce.

Head table diners included the Halton M.P. and his wife Anne, Chamber president John Shadbolt and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Muckle and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lindsay. The table was introduced by Mr. Muckle.



FIREFIGHTERS were called Sunday afternoon at 3.30 to extinguish a burning bush directly in front of the entrance to Robert Little School. Children were playing in the bushes when Mr. and Mrs. Stan Norton observed the sudden flash of flame. They called firefighters.—(Staff Photo)



BEARDMORE PLANT engineer Guy Ross supervises installation of a blade for one of three aerators on a lagoon to combat smell from waste products.—(Staff Photo)

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