

Cheering Liberals support Whiting

With overwhelming support from 500 exuberant Liberals, Rud Whiting was nominated Tuesday night of last week to run for his second term as Halton MP. The incumbent was not challenged. With the exception of a few seats in the front row, it was "standing room only" in the Galaxy Club in Oakville where Liberals crowded in to be part of the official campaign kickoff for Whiting.

their MP had haunted his office when he was Urban Affairs Minister. "He worries about you and he worries us until we do something," he added.

Andras suggested the choice of leadership will be a key issue in the campaign. He said the record should be examined and judged. "Contrary to opposition forecasts of doom and disaster for the country, we have had good management," Andras said.

He agreed it hadn't been perfect but suggested it was remarkable under the circumstances. He reviewed the Quebec crisis and the steps taken to handle the fastest growing labor force in the world, and noted there had been 57 per cent more jobs provided in Canada than the United States.

Andras said inflation had been effectively controlled in Canada while other countries suffered heavily.

Terming the Liberals as the party of reform, Andras said the party was sandwiched between the Conservatives who charge Liberals as "Chicken Socialists" and the NDP who campaign against the Liberals on a "corporate welfare burn" theme. "We don't want extremism. We are the party of reform, not revolution."

Dry fish, wet wheat
Liberal MP Wally Deacon spoke briefly and knocked what the PCs called a new team. He said one of the new team was Claude Wagner who was a loser when he ran against Bourassa for Liberal leadership of Quebec.

He said Paul Hellyer lost to Trudeau and then thought he'd try something new called Action Canada, and when that didn't work out there was nowhere else to go but to the Conservatives.

He noted Allan Lawrence, who moved from provincial to federal politics, had suffered a loss at the hands of Bill Davis when he ran for Ontario PC leadership. "They're all losers," he said.

Anti everything
Deacon suggested the PCs were still split, with some westerners supporting Diefenbaker, some Nova Scotians supporting Stanfield and a number of other camps who were anti this, anti that and anti everything.

"Sometimes I wonder why I'm in the House of Commons. All I hear about is dry fish and wet wheat," Deacon quipped.

Milton Mayor Brian Best spoke briefly, bringing greetings from the town. He suggested a Conservative friend had told him it was a pity Rud Whiting wasn't a Conservative. "That's the way they feel about Rud."

At a press conference prior to the nomination meeting, Andras said there was no immediate answer to the problem of high food costs. He indicated, however, that wage and price controls were too drastic to be implemented on the basis of a two-month trend.

Touching on other issues, Andras said people could expect to see the competition act rise again. It was presented in draft form earlier.

Andras said there is still and remains a need for small businesses. He indicated monopolies and big business tend to get sloppy if they don't have opposition.

Discussing incentive grants, Andras said the chief purpose of the grants was to provide jobs by keeping companies in production—not corporate ripoffs.



CLAP ALONG. Rud Whiting, his wife Anne and father Lester clapped their hands and stamped their feet to a tune set by young cheerleaders, "If you're a Liberal and you know it, stamp your feet."



WITH A RAH RAH and a sis boom bah, pretty young girls cheered 500 Liberal partisans at Rud Whiting's nomination meeting in Oakville.



"DID YA HEAR the one about . . ." Bob Andras and Rud Whiting share a joke at a press conference before Whiting's nomination meeting Tuesday night in Oakville. Whiting was acclaimed to again carry the Liberal banner in Halton.

Reject request CCC asks Solandt

mission, system design considerations and conclusions and recommendations.

Women speak
Mrs. June Barnes, a resident of Lot 27, Con. 2 Nassagaweya spoke on the impact of the line on properties of historical interest and Mrs. Carol Davis reported findings of a study taken by concerned citizens in King township. A total of 30 citizens from Nassagaweya, Esquevas, Erin, Eramosa, Chinguacousy and King townships attended the hearing.

The brief, the first to be received by the Solandt Commission from a public group has been endorsed by Nassagaweya Council.

It stated six reasons why the present Hydro application should be rejected, namely that Hydro has failed to show it has made use of its existing rights of way, that Hydro has failed to show that its three proposed routes are the best, that Hydro has failed to show why they should be granted a separate single use corridor remote from the parkway belt, that Hydro has failed to show any one of its proposals has the approval of all municipalities, that Hydro has failed to submit a reliable system and that Hydro has failed to submit an acceptable system design.

Mr. Symmes called an admission by an Ontario Hydro spokesman that some of its rights of way wouldn't win any prizes and were built in a time when most people were unconcerned about ecology and the environment, "quite valid", but reminded the commission "we are dealing with the requirement for the 80's with the skepticism of the 70's."

Emphatic reply
Symmes made an emphatic reply to a previous statement by a second Hydro spokesman that three single circuit lines are preferable in sections where they are adequate for ultimate requirements and where width of right of way is not a large factor in selection of the route.

"We in the Coalition are vehemently and diametrically

opposed to this suggestion," Symmes told the commission. "Nowhere in this province is the expropriation of land not a large factor."

The brief also charged that as long as the province gives Hydro right of way land on demand, development of transmission techniques will be retarded.

"Hydro's own magazine has proclaimed that it is on the brink of some major developments in 'anti-galloping devices which will greatly increase the circuit carrying capacity of a tower or significantly reduce tower height, or both,'" Symmes pointed out.

Symmes said the Coalition has never suggested that the whole grid system should go underground, but that it has maintained undergrounding should be used for short distances where it will materially reduce environmental impact or shorten the route.

"The Hydro submission states that it is too early to consider the incorporation of sections of a high capacity 500 KV proto-type cable into our operating system," Symmes stated. "How far behind the other utilities in the world do we have to get before our utility starts to consider technical advances seriously?" he asked.

Need co-operation
The brief went on to say that the days are long past when a utility may plan in isolation the most economical route regardless of other effects. It added that in Great Britain and the U.S. there is wide co-operation between utility, government at all levels and the people right from early planning stages.

On the subject of the parkway belt, Symmes said that if government planners have not provided sufficient width to make it feasible for Ontario Hydro, they must provide more.

Commenting on Hydro's previous submission to the Solandt Commission, Symmes charged that there was no proof a statement by their own engineers.

"We are fully aware that Ontario's requirement for electrical energy is growing fast and we concede that a grid system is a practical method of satisfying it," Symmes explained. "However, we do not agree that a corridor such as Hydro proposes, involving a 610 foot wide swath with five towers abreast up to 160 feet high is the only way of achieving this end, or even a good way."

Symmes also claimed that mature trees which protect watersheds are being too rapidly sacrificed and areas which are subject to erosion and slow to develop new cover are being bulldozed.

Among recommendations the brief made towards design of a transmission line were that corridors be limited to two towers abreast, that all towers have provision for more than one circuit, that lines generally follow the topography of the land, and that lines have frequent bends at major road crossings in order to avoid long visible tunnels.

To illustrate desired designs, Symmes showed slides of single standard towers now in use in the U.S.

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