

Trudeau still exudes charm in Halton visit

Trudeaumania isn't dead, it's alive and well. It just takes an election campaign to revive it.

Canada's Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau, grinning, handshaking and handing out red roses all over the place, paid another flying visit to Halton riding Saturday when he spent two and a half hours in Oakville to help MP Rud Whiting's campaign. It was the PM's third visit to the lakeshore town in the past five years and the Trudeaumania which was evident on earlier visits was still very much in evidence Saturday.

A mob of people, estimated in the 3,000 range, jammed into every available inch of space in the corridors and reception area of Hopedale Mall Saturday afternoon to see, touch and shake the hand of the Prime Minister. Only one in 50 succeeded in getting close enough to speak to or shake the hand of Canada's number one politician but beaming faces everywhere in the crowd indicated the excitement of the occasion.

Demonstrators
It took a flying wedge of Oakville Police and the PM's own security force men to move the dignitary through the crowds which jammed the mall concourse. Most of the spectators ducked under the ropes to crowd close to the PM, while a small group of Communist demonstrators stayed on the sidelines waving protest signs and shouting taunts at Trudeau.

While the Trudeau charm was turned on for most of his visit, the Prime Minister turned it off and launched a verbal attack on his critics during his 10 minute speech from the dais in the mall's "Hub" area.

"I am told the welfare backlash is very strong in these parts," the PM said. "People say that is my fault. But there is no apologizing for the fact we have the best welfare system and the best unemployment system in the world," he added, to a thundering roar of cheers and clapping from the crowd.

A few bums
"Sure, there are a few bums on welfare and a few corporate bums too," he continued. But he indicated a few bellyachers and "poormouths" weren't going to make the government halt these programs. "We have to look at the mistakes that are made, and correct them."

"They say there are too many people on welfare. But look around you at this shopping centre, at this country. Sure, prices are up, but wages and salaries are up too—eight and a half per cent." He noted people are travelling more and making good use of their leisure time. "The economic system is working well."

Throughout his brief talk the demonstrators, carrying signs protesting unemployment and the Asian workers' quota, shouted at Trudeau and tried to disrupt his speech. "Jobs yes, Trudeau no, unemployment's got



MR. TRUDEAU came to Oakville Saturday and took the town by storm in a brief two and a half hour visit.

Above, he chats with young "first time" Liberal voters who were holding an area conference at the Holiday Inn

when he arrived there for lunch, accompanied by Halton MP and Liberal candidate Rud Whiting and his wife Anne, at left.

to go," they chanted in unison as Oakville Police and the PM's staff worked their way into the group of about 12 demonstrators. Signs indicated the demonstrators were from the Canadian Workers Movement and the Students for a Democratic Society.

Crowd argues
But the crowd, more than the police, kept the demonstrators under control. Several arguments broke out between placard-carrying protesters and the people who stood around them. One man shouting about unemployment was quickly squelched when a man nearby held out a quarter and said "Here, buy a ticket to some place."

Another woman in the crowd shook her fist at one of the sign carriers and told him to "shut up and go out and get a job—don't waste your time here with that stupid sign."

Police removed one overly loud demonstrator and others were warned to keep quiet by the plainclothes officers. Nearby, an Oakville Police officer snapped pictures of those carrying signs. Trudeau made only a slight reference to the protesters in his speech.

"I don't know who is complaining with these signs..." he said and the crowd laughed and cheered. "Send these little minority groups off somewhere together and they can talk to each other," the PM suggested, and again the laughter drowned out

the demonstrators' chants.

The Mall visit was a colorful event. Rud Whiting signs hung everywhere and hand-held signs bobbed up and down over the heads of the audience throughout the visit. A group of cheerleaders sang and danced and chanted a ditty "When you're Liberal and you know it clap your hands."

Mayor McLean Anderson of Oakville extended official civic greetings and praised MP Whiting for the work he has done for the Halton riding people in the past four years. Whiting introduced the PM and welcomed him back to Oakville.

Teenagers in the crowd wore "I'm Running for Rud" sweaters. The stage was draped with red, white and blue bunting, a Canadian coat of arms was placed at the front and two large Canadian flags were draped across the back of the stage.

At least two people fainted in the crush of the mob. Trudeau arrived in Oakville at 11:45 a.m., flying in by helicopter after a motorcade through Caledonia, Hagersville and Jarvis and a brief visit to Norfolk County Fair at Simcoe.

Swaps tag
His helicopter landed at the parking lot of police headquarters where Rud and Anne Whiting, Police Chief Fred Oliver and a horde of photographers waited to greet his arrival. Trudeau emerged from the helicopter carrying a red rose and wearing a guest ribbon and a

name tag "Rt. Hon. Pierre E. Trudeau" but had soon swapped the name tag for a campaign button declaring "I'm Working for Whiting", pinned on by Whiting.

A little girl standing at the edge of the crowd, 11-year-old Jamie Wannop of 1188 Falgarwood Dr., Oakville, grinned at Trudeau and he walked over and pinned his official name tag on her.

The rose went to Wilma Blokhuis, a Sheridan journalism student who was covering the event for the Erin weekly newspaper, *The Advocate*. "Trudeau was whisked away from the police station in a convoy of cars and headed for the nearby Holiday Inn for lunch. Before stopping for lunch, however, he spent 15 minutes shaking hands and chatting with young Liberal campaign workers attending an area conference of the National Committee on First Time Voters. Kathy Robinson of Toronto, chairman of the meeting and Ontario Youth Co-ordinator for the Liberal party, took him around the room to chat with the 75 delegates attending from Toronto and Southwestern Ontario ridings.

Following lunch in a heavily guarded Room 138 at the Holiday Inn, Trudeau joined a motorcade that went down Trafalgar Rd., across Lakeshore Rd. and Rebecca St. to Hopedale Mall. Oakville Police Chief Fred Oliver said about 30 uniformed and plain clothes policemen were on duty for the PM's visit.

RUD WHITING WORKS FOR PEOPLE

RUD WHITING WORKS FOR HALTON

As a long term resident of Halton, Rud Whiting is sensitive to the needs of our communities. Did you know that Rud, as our Federal Member, has helped hundreds of people with problems—veterans pensions, postal problems, immigration, the obtaining of passports, citizenship, taxation. He has worked closely with all of our municipal, provincial, dealing with OHMC on matters including loans for sewage and water projects. When the Oakville Chamber of Commerce established a committee to study the redevelopment of the downtown core of Oakville, Rud Whiting, on behalf of the citizens aided in obtaining a Federal LIP grant. The result—the Oakville Development program, universally supported throughout the community. He has arranged, through consultation with the Post Office Department to provide increased services for many parts of the riding, including Hillsburgh, where construction of a new Post Office will soon commence, the Town of Milton, Palerino, and others. Rud also appeared before the Canadian Transport Commission on behalf of the towns of Milton and Acton.

RUD WHITING WORKS FOR CANADA

Indication of the high regard in which Rud is held in serving the national scene is the fact that he has been selected for important committee work affecting the well being of all Canadians. He served one year on the Federal Labour Manpower and Immigration Committee. He served one year on the National Resources and Public Works Committee. He served two years on the Regional Development Commission. He has currently served as Vice Chairman of the vitally important Public Accounts Committee, and as a member of the committee on Environmental Pollution. In addition he has worked closely with the Canadian Delegation at the United Nations at the request of the Prime Minister.

Truly an enviable record of service to the Canadian people.

RUD WHITING WORKS FOR FAMILIES

Family Allowances, housing geared to income, unemployment insurance, welfare, manpower retraining, you name it, and Rud Whiting has been working right along with officials at all levels of government to ensure that families get the help they need. When obtaining Unemployment Insurance benefits became a problem, Rud moved quickly to relieve the situation.

The result—a full service office for Unemployment Insurance covering Oakville and Milton, open full time, with weekly service established in Georgetown and a claims agent in Acton.

RUD WHITING WORKS FOR NEW CANADIANS

New Canadians have a friend in Rud Whiting. On many occasions he has been called upon to assist with problems related to Immigration and Citizenship. A major contribution he has made was the establishment of the Citizenship Court in Halton. At the very first sitting over 80 Citizenship Certificates were presented to proud new Canadians, and the Court has continued its active role in the community.

RUD WHITING WORKS FOR YOUTH

Rud Whiting has always been acutely aware of the problems confronting Youth and has worked diligently on their behalf. He has given counsel and support to Opportunities For Youth projects in Halton, including the establishment by young people of a Farmers' Market in Acton, Recreational Programs in Georgetown and Erin, a project to assist children with learning disabilities, and others.

He also worked with the Chamber of Commerce in Oakville to arrange for the location of a Student Manpower Centre at the former Ottawa Barracks.

RUD WHITING WORKS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Old age pensions, and housing for Senior Citizens have had high priority in Rud Whiting's community activities. For example, over 300 apartments for Senior Citizens have been constructed in Brantford and Rud played an important part in arranging the financing. He frequently visits with Senior Citizens throughout the riding, and is alert to opportunities of assisting those with problems, or who need counsel and advice. Even seemingly little things like easy access to mail boxes are important to Senior Citizens, and Rud has been quick to react to their needs.

Just ask the people in Georgetown, Milton and Oakville.

RUD WHITING WORKS FOR THE ECONOMY

Rud Whiting recognizes that a healthy community needs a healthy economy. Earlier this year he arranged and hosted an Industrial Seminar at Sheridan College, where some 160 business men from all parts of Halton met for discussion with Federal Government officials.

Rud has also worked hard for the establishment of new industries in Halton in close cooperation with Mayor Brian Best and his council of Milton. Rud played a big part in persuading the Polymer Corporation to locate in the riding. And that means 250 additional jobs.

RUD WHITING WORKS FOR THE PEOPLE

Early two years old, and a resident of Halton since 1946, Rud, his wife Anne and their two children Jamie and Tracy take a real interest in their community.

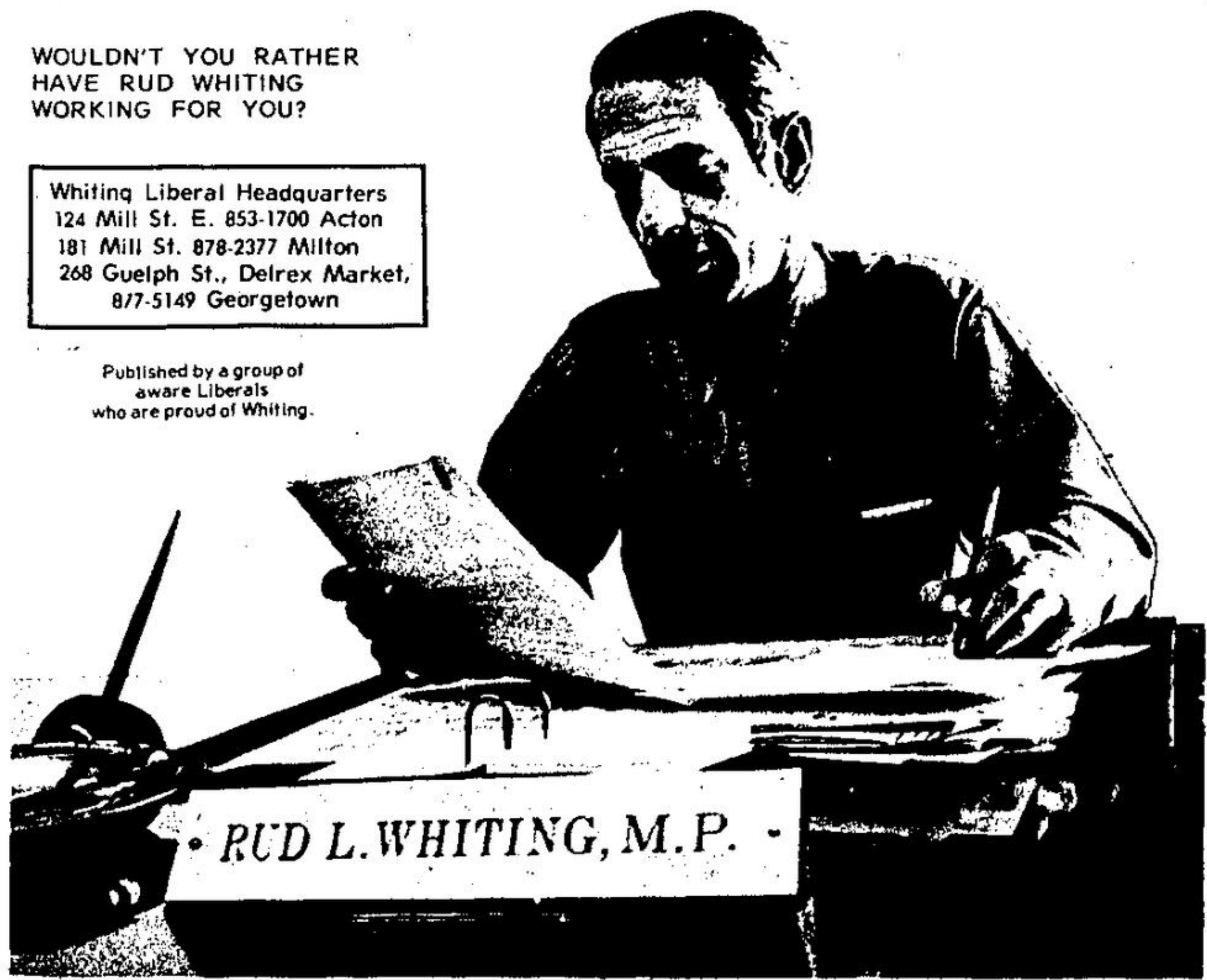
Rud has been active in Lion's Club, was Chairman and for five years served on the Board of Directors of United Appeal, was Vice President of the Halton Children's Aid Society, has been a hard working member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Cancer Society and the Halton Region Conservation Authority. Despite their busy schedule, Rud, Anne and the family find time for their church, St. Andrew's in Oakville.

Rud Whiting works for people because Rud Whiting likes and respects people. His record speaks for itself.

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Boy discovers old publications

Some interesting old papers were discovered by Bill Romanovich, Elizabeth Dr., in a barn in the district. Bill is a Robert Little student.

The papers somebody felt worth saving years ago are an Acton Free Press of August 2, 1924, and The Christian Herald, Toronto, of May 2, 1900.

The Free Press tells of a band concert, 26 middle school graduates, a flower show, with sports and news of the churches.

The magazine informs the readers of the home life of the Kaiser, the war in South Africa,

the woes of famine-stricken India, famine in China and the desperate plight of refugees, with stories and poems.

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