



AN ESTIMATED 500 people attended the Liberal party's picnic at Erin agricultural park Sunday afternoon when federal Minister of Agriculture

Eugene Whalen spoke, after landing in a helicopter. The crowd greeted him with signs and balloons.

Imported food reason for high food prices Whalen tells picnic

Eugene Whalen, Canada's outspoken Minister of Agriculture had some blunt words for an enthusiastic crowd of rural and urban voters at a Liberal picnic in Erin Sunday afternoon.

He challenged the Conservatives to show how they could control prices of imported foods which make up one-third of the foodstuff Canadians consume in a year. According to Whalen, it was imported foods which have sent the price of food skyrocketing. Canadian food prices are going down, he claimed.

At the same time, he claimed there were other items such as binder twine which is made of fibre from Mexico and South America which couldn't be controlled because Canada, one of the biggest exporters of products in the world, cannot grow the fibre in this country. Whalen said this also applied to bananas, oranges and other citrus fruits, cocoa and coffee, items which been going up in price for consumers.

"Canada is not an economic island," the bluff minister of agriculture told the estimated 500 at the picnic. By the same token he says the country will not bend to the United States in the current beef situation.

"We are the biggest trading partners of the U.S. — not lower or higher," he said, suggesting the U.S. was trying to bully its way through a situation they had created by turning down a deal which would have allowed U.S. beef into Canada. All they had to do was certify the beef was D.E.S.-free and policed effectively. The system the U.S. wanted to use was a farce, he said.

Canada has banned U.S. cattle and beef since April on grounds there is no proof they have not been given D.E.S., which has been linked with cancer in animal experiments. Cattlemen in the U.S. say the ban is really Canada's oblique way of keeping out lower-priced U.S. beef in order to maintain high beef prices.

"As long as I'm Minister of Agriculture they are not going to get away with this," Whalen said to applause. He scoffed at talk about retaliation. "It would be outside the law," he declared.

Whalen compared the productivity of Canadian farmers with six per cent of the population to places such as China where 60 per cent of the people were busy at agriculture and couldn't grow enough food to sustain themselves. Canadian farmers are subsidized least of any in the world, he said, but were the world's best. He said too many people had distressed products looking for a home.

The Liberal minister claimed the opposition in the last Parliament had killed Finance Minister Turner's budget despite the approval of many Conservatives. He scoffed at Mr. Stanfield's price control schemes which he said would go no farther than the farm gate.

Whalen recalled words by the secretary of agriculture in the U.S. about U.S. controls, citing lack of productivity, hoarding and the withholding of products which would accompany them.

"Go back to the Roman Empire where controls were used," he said in a history lesson for the audience. There were 800 controls, 242 on food

alone. "If you broke one they killed you," he said, "but after 14 years of chaos it was withdrawn."

Action by the Conservatives and N.D.P. in making an election necessary had killed legislation aimed at aiding young farmers 18-38 years of age. He said there were many young people who wanted to go back farming and it was essential they did because the average age of farmers in Canada was 60. He contended there should be no election now, but responsible legislation aimed at improving the lot of farmers, among others.

"Never has there been a time when the opposition had more time and authority in Parliament," he said, "and they chickened out." Whalen claimed NDP leader David Lewis couldn't stand the responsibility and Conservative leader Robert Stanfield welcomed the election because the party was breaking up in front of his eyes.

Turner's budget would have collected another \$800 million in corporation taxes, he said, along with reductions in footwear and clothing.

Whalen flew into the Erin fair grounds in a helicopter, while the two area Liberal candidates waited for him at a small airfield outside Erin where he was supposed to land because of the supposed inability of the copter to land in the park. He grandstanded and met local people during his stay. He is the second Trudeau cabinet minister to visit Halton as well as the prime minister himself.

Liberal officials ran races for the children during the warming-up process with Kent Techer and his buddy on drums supplying music for the occasion.

Whelan to visit H-W

Canada's Minister of Agriculture Eugene Whalen, who spent part of his Sunday at a Liberal picnic in Erin meeting voters from the northern area of the Halton riding, will be visiting farmers in Halton-Wentworth riding next Sunday.

Halton-Wentworth Liberal candidate Eric Cunningham reports Whalen will be at the Marian Hall in Freelon from 4 p.m. on Sunday June 30. "The purpose of the visit will be to meet with farmers in the Halton-Wentworth and Wellington ridings, to explain the federal government's agriculture policy," Cunningham said. A picnic will be held in conjunction with Whalen's visit.

Whalen, a federal member for Essex since 1962, has been Minister of Agriculture since November of 1972. He earlier served as parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry.



CANADIAN BEEF without cancer causing hormones tastes pretty good to federal Minister of Agriculture Eugene Whalen, Halton Liberal candidate Frank Philbrook and Wellington Liberal candidate Frank Maine at the party's picnic in Erin Sunday. Whalen defended Government policies on the importation of U.S. beef with possible injurious chemicals and said they wouldn't give in to pressure because anything the U.S. did would be circumventing international law.

Picnic attracts 200 elderly

The Halton and district zone of the United Senior Citizens of Ontario held their annual picnic in Oakville on June 11.

The picnic, originally planned for Coronation Park, was moved to the Royal Canadian Legion Normandy Hall because of rain. The affair was attended by around 200 people.

Among the guest speakers were the mayor of Oakville, the President of the Legion, and the Halton Zone President of the U.S.C.O.

Games were held and a sing-song of tunes from the Twenties were enjoyed by all.

Summer services

Beginning Sunday, June 20 there will be joint services of the Presbyterian and United congregations in Knox church at 10 a.m., ending July 28. Then from Sunday, August 4 to Sunday, Sept. 1, there will be joint services at 10 a.m. in the United church.

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All three federal candidates have demanding schedules these days, visiting all the parts of the riding. Each day sees Terry O'Connor, Dr. Philbrook and Archie Brown in some part of their spacious territory, and some days they hit several centres in succession.

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MR. AND MRS. JEAN MARCOUX of Acton were among those at the Liberal picnic in Erin, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Marcoux, a plastics manufacturer, cornered Halton Liberal candidate Dr. Frank Philbrook with some questions on price and wage controls.

Stewarttown graduation held at Georgetown

By E. Grant
A crowd of around 1,200 people attended graduation exercises for year eight students of Stewarttown Senior school last Wednesday. Graduation is usually held outdoors at Stewarttown however this year, because of the heavy rains experienced lately, it was held at Georgetown High School.

Bill Lawson, Halton Board of Education Trustee presented Neil Price-Jones with the Centennial Senior Proficiency Trophy for the highest academic standing. Price-Jones had 82.3 percent. Linda Broadfield and Cheryl Hauser were the co-winners of the Stewarttown Senior Proficiency Trophy for the student with the second highest marks. The award was presented by Stewarttown principal Jack Reed.

Leonard Plant was the recipient of the Stewarttown John Lenz award for the boy who showed the greatest improvement between year seven and eight. The D. R. Magwood award for most improvement by a girl went to Sandra Sanderson. Edgar Thatcher, Dale Brinklow and Sharon Greenside were the winners of the Citizenship awards. The following students were the winners of the individual subject proficiency awards: Brenda Carroll, Art; Linda Broadfield, Jackie Stephen, Karen Gregson and Brenda Hearn, English; Cheryl Hauser, French; Richard Hewart and Paul Lawson, Geography; Vance Youmann, History; Brenda Hagerson, Home Economics; Mike Spitzer, Industrial Arts; Neil Price-Jones, Mathematics; Debbie Ayre, Music and Jennifer Bushner, Science.

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