

Julian Reed makes maiden speech to House

Following is the full text of Halton-Burlington M.P. Julian Reed's maiden speech to the Provincial Parliament. Mr. Reed is the first Member from the new riding, formed prior to the provincial election of September, 1975.

It is a particular privilege for me to address this house since I am a new member representing a brand new riding. It is interesting too, to note that Halton-Burlington with its particular geographic situation, stands in the forefront of the change and evolution of this great province. And as such, it is probably more sensitive to the policies of government than most other areas. Indeed, may I say that the government policies on land use, the Parkway Belt and Niagara Escarpment, presented as they were, devoid of imagination and vision, probably contributed as much to my strong rural support as any other single thing. I believe that a program of land use planning, necessary as it is, must also be accompanied by a program of compensation to the farmers and landowners whose life-styles have been upset by government policy.

The Niagara Escarpment which runs the length of my riding, poses one of the more difficult problems for this government. On it, we find farmers, homeowners and industrialists who all use the assets of the Escarpment in one way or another. As well, environmentalists and naturalists see the escarpment as a place of natural beauty within a short distance of a large metropolitan area. The creation of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, which was formed to preserve the natural state of this land formation, is laudable in its intent. However, its application leaves much to be desired, since the regulations imposed have been so strict in some cases, as to be unreasonable. If steps are not taken immediately to correct this situation, those landowners and farmers who live on the escarpment, and who could be its highest boosters, will be alienated for years to come and I call upon this government in fact now, to ensure that the regulations imposed on these people are fair and contain the elements of justice which will make a friend rather than an enemy.

The problems of the Parkway Belt parallel Escarpment problems insofar as they represent government interference in the lifestyles of those people unfortunate enough to be caught because of geographic location.

The subject of energy is also of great interest to my riding, not only from the traditional point of view of the rise in prices of fossil fuels, but more important, as a result of the expansion plans of Ontario Hydro. Plans which will set the course toward the development destiny of this province for the next 50 years. Many of my constituents are concerned about the now famous Bradley-Georgetown Hydro Corridor. A corridor not yet built but planned to carry 50 kV power from the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station into the southern part of this province. The government has been asked to provide an independent study to determine the feasibility of this corridor. And, I am pleased to say that after a direct confrontation during the election campaign between a constituent and the premier of this province, the premier made a commitment to provide an impartial and independent look at this difficult situation. And I will be following with great interest, the developments that occur as the premier keeps his word to the people of my constituency.

This controversy, however serious in its own right, is only a symptom of things to come if we allow Ontario Hydro to continue with its incredible plans for the future. I seriously question the management of an organization that has not taken all possible steps towards the wise use of the product it produces; towards a pricing policy that will help to level out the high and low's of the demand curve. I question the plunge into nuclear power that still carries with it so many unanswered questions, not the least of which is the storage of plutonium, with a half life of 24,000 years, which will be contaminating the environment of our children's children and their children's children for hundreds of thousands of years. Is it a question which Ontario Hydro is dealing with? Or, is it really a question that Ontario Hydro does not know the answer to and would sooner avoid? I question the management of a corporation who, in the name of economy and efficiency, would close power sources of the non-polluting and renewable type. When their engineering staff knows full well that we now have the technology which will allow these stations to run on remote control and compete successfully, with other forms of power generation.

I questioned the management of an organization that has committed itself so blindly to one form of production of its product that it cannot seriously consider the alternatives that are so easily available to it, such as allowing the private generation of in phase synchronous power by industries during their peak hours. If we in this province are ever going to get out from under the weight of imported energy, that weight which will press more heavily upon us as the years roll on. Then, we must start now. (Already at least a decade behind) to develop those energy sources which we have available to us. And it's interesting to note that last year, the Ministry of Energy in Ontario, spent a grand total of \$50,000 on the development of solar power.

The direct use of solar energy, Mr. Speaker, is the ultimate power on this planet. And we might as well face the fact that in Ontario, we do not have an abundant supply of traditional forms. We might as well face the fact that our system of nuclear power generation while being bound to be with us for many years to come, is not the final answer. I challenge the Minister of Energy to remove his rose colored glasses and to develop a vision of the future in this province based on the ideal of non-polluting, renewable resources and with the practice of sensible conservation. Let us put an end, once and for all to this concept that nuclear power is the only power and that nuclear power will save us, because it won't.

I would like to address the subject of Education for a few minutes, since education was one of the major issues in the election campaign so recently fought and so recently won. I am not an educator and am not qualified to speak as one. But I am a parent and I represent, in my riding, many parents who look upon the recent thrusts of education with much reserve and I refer to the loosening of standards across this province and the failure of the Ministry of Education to provide standards of achievement at all levels. It is my feeling and the feeling of my constituents that students at the present time are being handicapped across this province because they are graduating from high school with differing sets of standards in those subjects we consider to be core subjects. I would be the last person to urge any return to the so-called elitist system of education. But I would like the Minister to know that my constituents support the imposition of provincial standards of achievement in those core subjects such as English, Mathematics and History. We do not understand bureaucratic double talk which continually tries to sell us on the idea that we have a core curriculum at the present time. What we have is a hodge podge of achievement standards applied differently from school to school, from region to region, all across this province. And we are deeply concerned that students from different parts of the province will enter the same class in the same university, on being improperly prepared in one core subject and another being improperly prepared in another.

My riding, Mr. Speaker, is also blessed with that questionable imposition called "regional government". Regional government, we were told, would provide economies and efficiencies that could not be achieved in any other way. And yet, in reading the most recent financial statement for the region which my riding serves, we see the necessity for a continuing increase in the amount of provincial government financial participation in the affairs of Halton region. Is the government

simply trying to bail out a system that is not working well? I call on the government of this province to immediately take steps to reform the regional system, continuing to utilize those areas of regional government which are practical and efficient and economically sound. But to turn back to the municipalities those areas of jurisdiction which the municipalities can handle in a superior manner. It is interesting to note, Mr. Speaker, that this morning, municipal workers in the Town of Acton which is part of the Halton region, drove nine miles to the Town of Georgetown to punch-in and then returned nine miles to Acton to begin their day's work. All this in the name of "Regional Efficiency".

When our region was formed, each of the municipalities, whether they were rural or town, had their own body politic. They had their own pride. They had their own sense of responsibility. Many of my constituents tell me they feel they have lost that sense of community and that sense of identity. It may not seem important to a big government ostensibly dealing with big problems but people are still individuals and people still relate to communities and the interest in community and the sense of community has not altered in size. It would do well for the government when attempting reforms of this nature, that they consider that people are individuals and that they live in communities and that practical politics should relate directly to those communities. I stand 100 percent behind the concept of local autonomy for local decisions but the regional system is not an application of local autonomy. The regional system is the creation of a mini province and people simply cannot relate to that. I am very proud to say, Mr. Speaker, that I come from a small community, the Village of Norval located in the Credit River Valley, on the east side of the Halton-Burlington riding. It is a community that is closely knit and contains many families who have lived in the valley for generations.

I suppose it was one of those communities the premier referred to in 1971 in his speech in Kapuskasing when he said, "If I become the leader of the Conservative Party, I will see to it that small communities in Ontario remain small and vital". That was the same year his beloved regional school system undertook to close the school in our small and vital community. (On no more profound an argument than department policy. The words of his speech have a cavernous and hollow ring. Words, Mr. Speaker, must be backed by

the depth of commitment. I was elected to a riding area that has been traditionally Conservative for over 30 years. Surely the mere fact of my election should tell this government that their

thrust has been, at the very least, badly mis-directed and that the time has come for a government not so arrogant but creative, strong and responsible, to lead the people of this province into the future.



NATURE GARLANDED its own Christmas tree and set it amid the wide open spaces just in time for the holidays. The sun became its spot light and the clean white blanket of snow its base. This photograph was taken in the Speyside area.

Band concert fills high school auditorium

Acton Citizens Band performed as both musicians and singers during their annual Christmas concert. Acton Legion Chorale members were missing from the program this year and instead the band members sang carols as a choir. Barbara Pratt, who is studying music at the University of Guelph, undertook her first conducting role as she led the choir. Jim Coles sang a solo part impressively.

There were of course marches and Christmas music. Huckleberry Flute was a novelty selection enjoyed by the crowd. George Elliott was joined in conducting duties by Dave Sale. A couple of hundred people enjoyed the program at the high school. The band's numbers were somewhat depleted by illness and conflicting events.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS
We'll take this opportunity to greet friends old and new and to wish them Happy New Year!

Swetman's Shoes

Compliments of the Season from the ACTON CHAMBER of COMMERCE

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO MAKE THE "CHRISTMAS BUS" A REALITY AND A HUGE SUCCESS.

- Bank of Nova Scotia
- Toronto Dominion Bank
- Bank of Commerce
- Bank of Montreal
- Acton IGA
- A & B Supermarket
- Toddlers to Teens
- Swetman's Shoes
- Most Pro Hardware
- Royal Cafe
- Nielsen's Clothing
- Jacques's Smoke Shop
- Acton Home Hardware
- Family Pool Sales
- C. K. Browne Variety
- Acton Pharmacy
- The Music Stop
- Fashion Trend West
- Watson's Restaurant
- Carpet Corner
- Acton's Canadian Fried Chicken
- Glenn's Drugs
- Ed's In and Out Variety
- Olympia Drive In
- Halton Hills Furniture
- Canadian Tire
- Huonun Holland Shop
- Acton Restaurant
- Gordon Dawe Real Estate
- Acton Delicatessen
- Foodland
- Gal's Pal
- Profile Beauty Salon
- Lovell Bros. Meat Market
- Acton Home Furnishings
- Robertson's Flower Shop
- The Looking Glass
- Acton Bowling Lanes
- Mackenzie Building
- Lakeview Centre
- Blue Springs Flower Shop
- Watson's Music Store
- Eaton's of Canada
- Marilyn's Boutique
- Denny's Insurance
- Tyler Transport

Kitchener radio call letters change

The call letters of CHYM-FM Radio in Kitchener will be officially changed as of midnight, December 31, to CKGL-FM. The announcement was made today by John Larke, vice-president and general manager of CHYM Radio. Mr. Larke emphasized, however, that the listeners will not be affected by the change, which is being made at the suggestion of the Canadian Radio and

Television Commission. The change will not affect the station's AM sister, 1490 CHYM.

The call letters stand for "Kitchener-GreatLakes", the parent company of the station. CHYM Radio was begun in 1929 by two Kitchener businessmen and went through several ownership changes over the years until the acquisition of the station by Maclean-Hunter Limited, in April of 1968, as a wholly-owned subsidiary. The original call letters—CKCH Radio—were changed in May of 1965. The FM station was one of the first in Canada, beginning in June, 1949. In recent years, the FM station has switched to a contemporary listening audience.

Recreation in rural areas

The rural areas of Halton Hills have not been overlooked by the town recreation department.

Something for everyone has been provided at schools in Pineview, Limehouse and Speyside and at Ballinafad and Hornby community halls.

Women in the area of Pineview school can sign down at an exercise program. Monday nights, from January 12 to March 15. Children between eight and 12 can learn the beginnings of gymnastics Tuesday nights, while younger children have the same chance Saturdays. Men have Wednesday night for basketball, volleyball or other sports.

At Limehouse school, children can learn arts and crafts, play games, see films and hear stories every Saturday morning. Mondays creative stitchery will be taught by Mrs. McEnery to all age groups.

At Speyside school, gymnastics will keep children flexible, and start them on the basics, every Monday night, while cake decorating will be available Wednesday nights to any age group of either sex. Monday nights women will keep in shape with an exercise program and Thursday nights men can play basketball.

At Ballinafad a yoga program will be introduced by the YM-YWCA if there is sufficient interest shown.

At Hornby eucbre parties will be held every Saturday night.

Those who got skis, toboggans and snowmobiles for Christmas found lots of snow for trying them out.

GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

May all your fondest hopes come true

This New Year. We have enjoyed serving you and knowing you. With sincere appreciation, "thanks".

FIRST LINE TV TELEVISION SALES

Plan dances on Wednesday

Special dances are planned for New Year's Eve. The arena, Legion hall, music centre and curling club are all expecting crowds.

The New Year bells ring out... our hearty wishes for a prosperous New Year!

VAN'S WELDING

1976 A.D. Use of the notation A.D. in the year of our Lord was initiated by Charles III of Germany, who affixed the symbolism to his reign in 879. The system of retroactively dating the years prior to the Savior's birth and dedicating the succeeding years to His Glory was invented by a Monk about 522 A.D. This marked the beginning of what is termed the Christian Era.

McCAll STYLE SIMPLICITY PATTERNS

HINTON'S
5c to \$1.00 STORE

HEARING AID CENTRES

—GEORGETOWN—
Marketplace Optical
Market Place Plaza
877-3562

ACTON
John Ross Opticians
22 Main St. S.
853-1211

Having A Hearing Problem? Problems With Your Hearing Aid?

Mr. F. L. BURKE will be in Georgetown, Friday, January 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

In Acton, Friday, January 2nd from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bellone HEARING AIDS SERVICE

CANADIAN LEGION BR. 197
ACTON, ONTARIO

LAKER AIRWAYS

CHARTER ON THE "GENTLE GIANT" TO LONDON

Departure July 9, 1976 for 16 - 23 - 30 Days

WITH OPTIONAL SIDE TRIPS TO SCOTLAND or EUROPE, ETC.

NOTE: You Do NOT Have To Be A Member To Fly With Us . . . ALL WELCOME

★ SPECIAL MEETING LEGION AUDITORIUM ★
Thursday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. for Details

OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM GORD McCUTCHEON or BOB ANGELL at 853-0910.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS BY:

TYLER TRAVEL SERVICE
ACTON, ONTARIO

Tel.: 853-1553-Acton
364-1034 Toronto