MPP Reed has riding office

bridge the communication gap between citizens and their government, Halton-Burlington Liberal MPP Julian Reed Monday opened a riding office in Milton.

"I hope to do most of my constituency work here, while my Toronto office handles the legislative load," he told this newspaper Monday morning as he and secretary Donna Hume set up files and got the office at 225 Main St., Milton organized for business.

There were the usual firstday problems, including a mix-up in the telephone system and a Bell Canada workman was wandering in and out as Reed and Mrs. Hume worked and chatted with first-day visitors.

'Construction' Ironically, the typewriter had arrived in a carton labelled "Julian Reed Construction Office" (it should have read "Constituency" Office) and the affable Member for

Doing his best to help Burlington felt that sort of summed up the way the office was running at that point.

He's located in two rooms, part of a suite of rooms that once was occupied by Halton Region Conservation Authority, upstairs over Milton Hardware at Milton's Main-Martin St. intersection. "This office will be

available to everyone in the Halton-Burlington riding," he said. It has a Milton telephone number (878-1729) which is toll-free from all his constituents, plus a second phone line linking his Milton riding office with his Toronto office at Queen's Park. Information too

The MPP said he also hoped his riding office would serve as a government in-formation office. He plans to have all types of government literature available for con-

Secretary Donna Hume is married to George Hume and lives at the Hume farm, R. R. 5. Milton. Her background is

in banking, accounting and office work. Her last position was as secretary to the vicepresident of a typesetting firm in Toronto.

Mr. Reed said he chose Donna from 56 applications he received for the advertised opening. "She's not just a secretary, she's also going to have to do some public relations work," he said, adding "she's really my general manager.'

Her intial work hours will be 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. but the hours will be changed if a need is shown. The MPP plans to be available in the riding office at certain times of the week, again depending on the need.

Secretary Mrs. Philomena Andrews remains as secretary in his Toronto office.

LOCAL MEMBER Julian Reed Monday morning opened his first riding office at 225 Main St. in Milton, to give constituents better access to him and the provincial government. He's pictured getting settled into the office with full time secretary Donna Hume.



Police need funds for communications

A battle between Halton and Queen's Park could be brewing over a difference of opinion about grants for the Halton Police Communications Centre.

The province says the re-gion has already received money for the police communications centre but Hal-ton says it hasn't.

Chief Ken Skerrett told Halton Police Commission, Thursday, he would like to see the problem straightened out so there won't be hassels over funds for police such as there have in other regions.

He noted region council says it doesn't have money in its capital project budget for the \$500,000 communications centre. Mayor Harry Barrett, however said Queen's Park said the money for the communications centre was included in the region's start-up grants.

Halton Hills councillor Ric Morrow, who was sitting in for regional chairman Allan Masson at the meeting, noted the project is about to go to the tenders and there isn't any money to pay for it.

Commission chairman Judge William Warrender suggested the police simply put the communications cen-tre in the budget and leave it up to the region and province to come up with the money.

Barrett said the province claims the money it was to contribute for the communications centre was part of the unconditional start-up grants but if the region was supposed to spend some of the money on the police then it was a conditional grant. He said the region simply doesn't have the money so Halton will have to go to the province to

Morrow suggested Halton check with other regions to see where they got money for regionalizing police forces. He said investigation will likely show Halton got a raw deal. He felt the region would have to prove to Queen's Park it has been treated unfairly,

Judge Warrender reminded the commission the communications centre is essential and it isn't the police commission's job to find the



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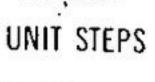
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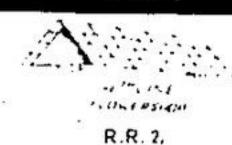
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