

O'Connor undecided

# Jelinek seeks Halton Tory ticket

Halton's Federal Tories could well be in for one of the toughest and unusual nomination meetings ever next time around. Toughest because it could feature two experienced members of parliament and unusual because it will be the first time in recent history that two men who have sat in the House of Commons vie for the Halton ticket.

Otto Jelinek, who currently represents High Park-Lumber announced his intention to seek the Conservative nomination on the weekend. Mr. Jelinek's Toronto riding is expected to disappear once the redistribution of federal ridings becomes final.

His decision to run in Halton comes as a surprise to some local Tories who have anticipated Terry O'Connor's return as the Tory banner holder in the next race.

Mr. O'Connor lost his Halton seat in 1974 in a Liberal sweep. His defeat was generally attributed to the public's animosity towards price and wage controls as opposed to a personal rejection. Jelinek was one of only two Toronto area Tories

to be re-elected in the last election. The other was Jim Gillies and he has had his riding split in two as a result of redistribution.

O'Connor active

In a brief interview Mr. O'Connor said he was considering running once again but had not made a final decision. He indicated that the nomination meeting wasn't apt to be held within the next year and a half or two years.

O'Connor has remained very active in party politics at the riding level and took two months off his law practice to work as Flora MacDonald's campaign manager in the leadership race last winter. He is active in a host of community and charity organizations in the region.

In making his announcement to seek the nomination Mr. Jelinek said he had conferred with Mr. O'Connor about three months ago. Jelinek said that after that time had passed and Mr. O'Connor remained undecided he felt he had to make a decision himself.

He said the decision to run in Halton was sort of like



Terry O'Connor  
Most natural  
"It is most natural for me to run here. I know the people, I know the local issues and my family and business roots are here."

His brother owned Jelinek Sports. Both companies were acquired by Canadian Management Corporation after Jelinek went into federal politics.

First elected in 1972 Mr. Jelinek chose the Toronto riding because it was felt his ethnic background and knowledge of small business would fit in well in that riding.

Mr. Jelinek was the subject of bad press recently when details of his application for a home ownership grant were splashed in the headlines of Toronto newspapers.

According to Mr. Jelinek his solicitor placed the application along with a number of other documents in front of him at the time he purchased a home in Ottawa.

He said he didn't feel he was taking advantage of a situation but simply applying himself of the benefits available to all Canadians.

Stunned  
The incident became

controversial when an Ontario member of the New Democratic Party claimed Mr. Jelinek to be ineligible because he had once owned and lived in a dwelling that was his principal place of residence.

Mr. Jelinek argues that he is lawfully entitled to the grant. The Ontario government supports that view of the situation.

However after what he refers to as harassment from the media he donated the \$1,000 grant to a charity of his choice and has instructed his accountant not to consider it as tax deductible.

Discussing the matter during an interview on the weekend he agreed there should be a maximum value to the homes which qualify for the grant.

"I feel there should be an upper limit. I don't agree that E. P. Taylor should receive the old age pension. I don't think Margaret Trudeau

should collect baby bonus. But it's the law and they do. But it is not all over the front pages."

Upsetting  
The MP made no attempt to hide the fact that he was both disappointed and angry with the press he got over the matter.

Jelinek describes his political philosophy as something to the right of centre. That is evident by the fact he supported Claude Wagner in the leadership race. Wagner was tagged as one of the foremost right wing Tories in the caucus.

Mr. Jelinek claims Wagner had the best chance to offer a definite alternative to the Trudeau administration. Wagner had assured Jelinek and other supporters that Quebec would be treated just as other provinces are and would come to an abrupt halt under his leadership.

Mr. Jelinek said he personally was tired of watching Quebec being catered to on every issue and at every turn.

"I find myself to the right of centre on all issues. I believe that right of centre is the alternative the people are looking for. I don't know that for sure but I believe it."

Stams Philbrook  
Jelinek was critical of Halton Liberal MP Frank Philbrook for his decision to vote to abolish capital punishment after conducting a survey to determine the wishes of the constituents.

"I find it disgraceful when an elected official on either side of the house votes against the wishes of the constituents on an emotional issue."

Jelinek claimed that Philbrook was like the typical Liberal back benches who followed along with wishes of cabinet instead of the wishes of the constituents.

"I've found him quite an

unassuming individual. He blends into the back benches very nicely. I don't know him well, he's probably a very nice guy," Jelinek said as he chuckled a little.

Recently married  
Mr. Jelinek is 36 years old, born in Prague, educated in Oakville and later Switzerland and was married two years ago.

He is the party spokesman on small business, the opposition critic on the Olympics, former P.C. chairman on physical fitness, sports and recreation and serves on a number of standing committees of parliament.

Mr. Jelinek says he intends to begin setting roots in the riding and attending functions when he can.

Yoga  
An international yoga conference was held at Blue Springs scout reserve last weekend.

## Many services offered by Canada Manpower

Canada Manpower is involved in more fields than just finding work for the unemployed person, says councillor Nancy Evans.

The federal government agencies also provides courses for the unskilled applicant, provided he or she has been out of school for more than one year.

Services offered  
During the summer months, Student Manpower provides jobs for those still attending school. Most of the Acton applicants, Mrs. Evans says, received jobs this summer.

Canada Manpower also has a job creation program, and they supply the job and labor market with information. If a company was considering moving to Acton, and they needed a staff of 35 people, ten of whom were welders, Manpower would check for them to see if there is an abundance of welders in the area. In this way, Manpower can help the company decide if this would be the right area.

Manpower is also a service to employers in helping them find qualified workers, and help upgrade the skills of the present employees.

gister at Manpower, yet get jobs through their own efforts. Some people on Manpower files have already got jobs and have not notified the office, and some people have registered in two or three Manpower offices in the area, and each time their name is registered, it is counted as a person seeking a job. In reality, if 33 people registered at three different offices, statistics would show that 99 people were looking for jobs.

One-third  
Mrs. Evans says that one third of the people on file from Halton Hills are from Acton, but that does not necessarily mean that is all the people from Acton looking for work.

In this area, there are more carpenters, plumbers, machinists and restaurant jobs than anything else, Mrs. Evans points out. She says at the present time, jobs such as office workers, bank tellers and secretaries are not in too great a demand. Once again,

the councillor stresses that not all employers approach the Manpower offices. Some prefer to seek out employees on their own.

One day a week  
The Acton office is manned Fridays only. Anyone wishing to register on days other than Friday must go to the Georgetown office, which also offer jobs in Brampton and Bramalea.

Mrs. Evans did say, however, that 13 to 14 people visit the Acton office in the five and a half hours it is open. They also get more telephone inquiries than personal visits.

Employers or potential employees can find assistance at the nearest Canada Manpower. They offer a wide range of programs to help both parties, and most important, the offices want to help the applicant find employment. "The more people we can find jobs for, the easier it is on the person already working," Mrs. Evans commented.



NANCY EVANS is one of the councillors who mans the Acton office of the Canada Manpower office above the Credit Union, every Friday.

First step  
The process of acquiring a job through Canada Manpower can range from a few hours to several weeks, depending on the applicant. The first step is to go to the nearest office and register. While at the office the applicant discusses with the councillor what skills he or she has and what the applicant is interested in. The councillor also discusses different variables which affect a job such as transportation and babysitting problems.

The next step is to go over the jobs which are available at that time. If there is a suitable match-up, the applicant will be referred to the employer, who always has the last word.

The applicant will either get the job or will be back to the Manpower office looking for something else, when the whole process is started again.

If an applicant keeps coming back again and again with no success at getting a job, Manpower will recognize they have a problem. This is the time when they may send the applicant back to school to learn a trade, or send him or her to a course in Brampton called Creative Job Search Technique.

In many cases, according to Mrs. Evans, the applicant has gone into the office of a prospective employer wearing blue jeans for a job in which this apparel would be totally inappropriate. In this case, the applicant is taught how to dress for an interview, how to write a resume and how to write a covering letter.

Great improvement  
The job situation in Acton has improved greatly over last year, according to Manpower statistics. There has been an increase of 325 per cent in persons from Acton placed in jobs this April, May, June and July, over the same months last year.

Mrs. Evans stressed that all Manpower figures cannot be completely accurate for a number of reasons. Some unemployed persons do not re-

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