

# Otto Jelinek kicks off campaign with question period

Citing his strong track record against powerful Liberal incumbents and his position as minister of small business in the federal conservative shadow cabinet, Otto Jelinek began his campaign for the Conservative nomination in Halton Saturday with a wine and cheese party and question session at St. Alban's.

Mr. Jelinek, whose Toronto riding has been eliminated by the redistribution of ridings,

has decided to contest the nomination in his home riding. He has lived in Oakville for the past 30 years.

He was critical of the Trudeau government's handling of the economy, and the key word in all his answers to economic questions was "incentive." "We used to have a country built on freedom of enterprise and the marketplace. Since Trudeau there has been a total reversal of this."

He called the government

socialist oriented and accused it of creating a welfare state. "That may be harsh, but it is fact."

His platform, which because of his position in the party is the official party platform, would be to provide tax incentives to small business. "Basically on one hand I will remove bureaucratic stranglehold government has on business and replace it with tax credits for investment in small business. Too many

Canadians invest abroad."

"One of my main concerns is to develop a secondary manufacturing industry in Canada," Mr. Jelinek added. He pointed out Canada is the wealthiest nation in the world in terms of natural resources, but most of these are exported, then reimported as finished products. If secondary manufacturing were to grow in the country, we could still have high wages and yet be competitive with imports,

because we would not have to import the raw materials, he claimed.

He supported quotas on foreign textiles and shoes, but said he was introducing a bill in Parliament to make small businesses exempt from the quotas because they depend on imported goods.

He condemned the NDP for wanting to raise the minimum wage without careful thought. "They're a socialist party, for goodness

sake" he said. "Minimum wages have to be looked at in terms of productivity" he pointed out.

Canada now leads the world in man-hours lost through strikes, asserted Mr. Jelinek, and he would take away the right to strike from essential services.

"The threat of separation hinges on economics" he told the audience. "Even Levesque saw this. In his campaign he stated his main platform was better government regarding economics."

He said Trudeau has not been firm enough with the PQ. "My position is simple. Levesque wants to separate but continue to have his transfer and equalization payments coming from Ottawa. I say 'No such thing.' Trudeau has not said that."

If Quebec separates, Mr. Jelinek believes the Atlantic provinces will be lost "way out there" and the western

provinces will join the United States.

Indexed pensions for civil servants and MP's came under fire as he proposed a series of steps to reduce the government payroll. First he would remove the indexed pensions, then freeze the hiring of civil servants, then reduce the service by what he called the sunset law: "When a new agency is needed it is created, when it is no longer needed, it is dropped to zero again."

With the controversy that is now revolving around MP Tom Cossit and his confidential papers, Mr. Jelinek stated he, Cossit and Elmer McKay have been directing questions to Trudeau about his inability to deal with matters involving national security. "The RCMP have been frustrated by their inability to act to remove the criminal elements from the country, and they have begun leaking information to MP's" he asserted.

"Tom Cossit will get support from me" he said.

Following the revelation that two men on trial for the murder of Emmanuel Jaques would not have murdered the boy if the death penalty had existed Jelinek stated his support for the death penalty, saying "who killed the boy? Trudeau killed the boy inadvertently!" by removing the death penalty. He pledged to make the death penalty an issue in every constituency across Canada.

Mr. Jelinek began his political career working on the Diefenbaker campaign, and was asked to run in Toronto by former leader Robert Stanfield who wanted to get some Tory representation in the traditionally liberal Metro area. He won in 1972, and the Liberals sent in deputy postmaster Murray McBride against him in the next election. Jelinek withstood the challenge and has, been, by his own admission, a

thorn in Trudeau's side since he arrived in Ottawa.

He insists that whoever wins the Conservative nomination will have to work hard to beat Frank Philbrook, the incumbent Liberal. "There's a feeling among constituents in this area that Philbrook's been so bad that whoever is nominated will win. This is not true. We will be fighting Trudeau and the Liberal government." Trudeau, he said, is not dumb. "His thinking may be a little warped but he knows how to win an election."

Mr. Jelinek claims his 20 years of experience make him better able to win against Philbrook. His opponents for the nomination are Toronto civil servant Tristan Lett and Oakville physician Dr. Arthur Ross.

He closed the question period by introducing his wife, Leala, and announcing their intention to buy land in the North Halton area where they can settle down.

## Our readers write

### Bouquet on story

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my thanks to your papers for the interest shown in part of the past Halton County—re The Whitesides of Ballinacree, one of the few unsolved murders of Ontario's first Provincial Detective, John Wilson Murray.

The Acton Free Press is one of the few papers to have the complete trial of 1876 which ran for seven weeks. When one reads the complete trial and then the Whiteside story in "Memoirs of a Great Canadian Detective", one sees discrepancies but it makes for most entertaining reading.

My thanks to Mrs. Margaret Carhart and Mrs. Doris Lindsay who first gave me information in 1975. To George De Kleer and

son George who allowed me to visit the old landsite and who also gave me a copy of the original story from the 1904 publication of "Memoirs."

Special thanks to Miss L. Campbell who I finally contacted after a wait of three years. Miss Campbell gave me a wealth of information. Many thanks to all who have contacted me and given me more facts and wonderful humorous incidents of the past.

To reporter Eric Elstone, a special thanks for showing interest in the past and writing about it.

Sincerely  
Mrs. Donna Robin  
(nee Whiteside)

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Yours sincerely  
Dr. Frank A. Philbrook  
Member of Parliament  
Halton

### Castle or cottage

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My cottage is my castle,  
It holds my treasures rare,  
I shed no tears about the years,  
While rocking in my chair.

In this little happy corner,  
With my toys and aged pup,  
As we take our stride, we watch with pride,  
The youngsters growing up.

But, I wonder of the future  
As this old world passes by.

Will the progress side, be worth the ride,  
We're making in the sky?

Will our science men of wonder,  
Then come back to find,  
That in their haste they've made a waste,  
Of all they left behind?

In these castles and these cottages,  
Will humanity end its trail?  
Will our human pleasure be just a treasure,  
Left in a vapor-trail?

Victor Smith  
R.R. 2, Rockwood.

### Thanks for publicity

Thank you for the publicity you have given to our Guiding activities over the past year.

Ann Chesworth  
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Eden Mills

### Pork producer of year speaks

By Mark Leahy

Halton-Peel Pork Producers held their annual meeting at Hillcrest United Church on Monday, Feb. 6 at 12 noon. President Charles Fines chaired the meeting. A delicious hot pork dinner was served by the ladies of the Hillcrest Church.

Guest speaker for the program was Harold Giesel, R.R. 2 West Rose, Ontario's pork producer of the year. Mr. Giesel showed slides of his hog operation. He led an interesting discussion on problems encountered in setting up his hog operation and explained his success with using artificial insemination.

Councillors were elected for a three year term to the Zone Ontario Hog Producers' Board, as follows: Halton, Tom Foster and Bob Merry; Peel, Clare Carberry and Jim Johnston; Alternates, Lance Pocock and Charles Fines.

Directors, to the Halton-Peel Pork Producers' Association were elected as follows: Halton, Casey Boss, Garry Brown, Tom Foster, Dennis McClure, Bob Merry, Lance Pocock, Bill Robertson and Bob Thompson. Peel,

Harry Brander, Clare Carberry, Ken Coffey, George Ezard, Charles Fines, Dave Gardhouse, Jim Johnston and Bryan Speers. New officers will be elected at the next meeting on Feb. 23.

Howard Malcolm, Director from the Ontario Pork Producers' Association, explained some of the Board's programs for the coming year. Gerry Blume, Secretary of the Ontario Pork Producers' Association, introduced an advertising tape which will be used this year in the promotion of pork.

T-shirts promoting pork production are available through Bob Thompson, Secretary of the Halton-Peel Pork Producers' Association, at a cost of \$3.

### Car-tractor in collision

A collision involving a farm tractor and an auto resulted in a total damage figure of \$550 on the First Line, February 27.

Damage to the farm tractor and snow blower driven by Peter Martinello of R.R. 4, Acton is estimated by police to be \$100.

Halton Region Police state the tractor was reversing from the road into a private driveway.

Damage to the auto driven by David Swetman, 114 Elizabeth Dr. is put at \$450 by police. The Swetman vehicle was southbound.

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### Marks rebukes Hill

Councillor Peter Marks took Mayor Tom Hill to task, Monday night, for his handling of the council meeting. His reproach came during the lengthy debate on the plaza next to Gordon Alcott arena.

Marks stated, "You have wandered far beyond your jurisdiction, and given your personal opinion when you're

supposed to be chairing the meeting. We would like to vote on a motion without biased comments from the chair. I would like to see debate without emotional outbursts, that don't accomplish anything but someone blaming someone else."

The mayor did not respond, but simply called the vote.

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